

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Scarning Village Hall on 18 October 2021

Present: S Bunn (Chair), T Abel, C Farnham, C Geary, C Hewson, T Mallard, M Steward. In attendance: N Hartley (Parish Clerk) Cllr L Turner (Breckland Council). Three members of the public.

1 Public Participation

The condition of the swings at the Blackthorn Drive play area was noted, together with the condition of the youth shelters. Both matters will be assessed by the Water Meadows Committee. Cllr Farnham will trim the tree in the beacon lay-by. The condition of the bushes opposite Chestnut Road was noted, as was a blockage in the stream at the Water Meadows. The Council will contact Norfolk County Council about this and about possible drainage problems in the lay-by next to the church and cutting back the hedges in the same location.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Bradford, Cllr Richmond (Norfolk County Council) and Cllr Hewett (Breckland Council).

3 Report from Norfolk County Councillor

Cllr Turner (Breckland Council) noted Maxine O'Mahoney has been made the new Chief Executive Officer at Breckland Council. With regard to the Maui Wauai Festival, she urged members of the public to log any complaints with Breckland Council so that there is evidence of complaints. She noted that she had asked for the planning application for Asam Investment to be heard by the Planning Committee.

Cllr Richmond (Norfolk County Council) sent a report in which he noted that Norfolk County Council's only substantial land holding in Scarning, other than public highways, is at Scarning Primary School. The report also noted that in order to support the Community Speed Watch he has requested that missing 30 and 40mph speed roundel road markings be installed on Dereham Road, Draytonhall Lane and Fen Road.

4 Declarations of Interest

All councillors as trustees of Scarning Fuel Allotment Charity regarding the planning application of Asam Investments Ltd.

Cllr Bunn, as a resident, in the planning application of Asam Investments Ltd.

5 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2021 as a true and accurate record.

6 Matters Arising

None.

7 Planning

7.1 Applications considered

Asam Investments Ltd, 3 Scarning Fen
Erection of dwelling - Proposal changed by the applicant to a detached dwelling

3PL/2021/1260/F

The Council objected on the basis of overdevelopment of the site, problems with drainage (one drain is by a neighbour's fence), concerns about potential flooding to neighbours' properties and that there is no parking. It was noted that the original application was for one dwelling. The Council also questioned the quality of the work on the current property for which planning permission has already been granted.

Scarning Grange, Dereham Road
Change of use of land to garden, relocation of tennis court with timber building. Proposed extension to building to form drive through/porch pavilion

3PL/2021/1330/F

No objection

Scarning Grange, Dereham Road
Change of use of land to garden, relocation of tennis court with timber building. Proposed extension to building to form drive through/porch Listed Building Consent

3PL/2021/1331/LB

No objection

Chestnut Lodge, Dereham Road
The conversion of barn and part of dwelling to provide two dwellings, inc rear extensions. And cart lodge to be converted to provide further accommodation in association with existing dwelling, together with infill extension between dwelling and cart lodge, including new access
Amendment Turning head added

3PL/2021/1064/F

No objection

It was asked whether permission had been given for the child minding service sign outside Hope Springs on Dereham Road. Concerns were raised about the possible amount of traffic in and out of the property, and whether the property needed planning permission for change of use.

8 Finance

8.1 It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments in accordance with the Budget:-

N Hartley, clerk's salary, £729.65
SCS Accounting, payroll services, £18
Lights4Fun, replacement lights for Christmas tree, £87
Scarning Playing Field Committee, maintenance grant, £3,600
T T Jones Electrical Ltd, street light maintenance, £57.78
Scarning Parochial Church Council, refreshments from litter pick, £37.25
N Hartley, reimbursement of the difference between the cost of a new photocopier and refund on the old photocopier, £40.50
N Hartley, reimbursement for cost of repairs to parish laptop, £60
TOP Garden Services, grasscutting in churchyard (Aug), £270 (Section 137)
TOP Garden Services, verge cutting & meadows (Aug), £796.50
TOP Garden Services, grasscutting in churchyard (Sept), £180 (Section 137)TOP
Garden Services, verge cutting & meadows (Sept), £531
D Bracey, play area safety report (Blackthorn Drive) and Accessibility reports for Blackthorn Drive play areas and Shipdham Lane playing field, £456
Earth Anchors Ltd, litter bin for Blackthorn Drive play area, £249.54
Eon, unmetered supplies for street lights, £228.60

8.2 The following payments had been received:-

Norfolk County Council, Parish Partnership Scheme payment toward new bus shelter on Dereham Road, £1,766.70
Breckland Council, balance of Precept, £19,000
A Buckingham, rent re former Broadway Allotment site, £311.14

9 Clerk's Report

The meeting received the clerk's report.

10 Budget Committee

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Geary to the Budget Committee.

11 Play Safety Report for Blackthorn Drive Play Area

It was **RESOLVED** to carry out the works recommended in the safety report. The work to be carried out by NGF Play Ltd.

12 Accessibility reports for Blackthorn Drive play area & Shipdham Lane Playing Field

There were no major issues arising from the Accessibility reports for either playing field. The conclusion is that the Parish Council is providing equipment that can be used by disabled and disadvantaged users. The access is good for most users. One recommendation at the Blackthorn Drive play area is that, if the swings are changed, to replace one of them with a basket swing that can be used by all ages and the disabled.

13 Outdoor Table Tennis Table

This was held to the November meeting.

14 Charitable Donations

It was **RESOLVED** to make the following donations:-

Age UK, £100 (Section 137)

Big C, £100 (Section 137)

Dereham Cancer Care, £100 (Section 137)

East Anglian Air Ambulance, £100 (Section 137)

East Anglian Children's Hospice, charitable donation, £100 (Section 137)

Norfolk Accident Rescue, £100 (Section 137)

Priscilla Bacon Lodge, £100 (Section 137)

Revitalise, £100 (Section 137)

Dereham Meeting Point, £150 (Section 137)

Norfolk Citizens Advice, £150

15 Street Light Maintenance Contractor

The Council received quotes from two companies. It was **RESOLVED** to re-appoint T T Jones Electrical Ltd for a three year contract.

16 Bright Ideas for Scarning

The Council made an initial assessment of the results of the Bright Ideas for Scarning event. It was **RESOLVED** to write to Breckland Council to see if the Council can seed an area/s with wild flowers and also to write to Scarning Church. The Council will apply for a Green grant and will look to seed areas with wild flowers on the former Broadway Allotment site. Cllr Hewson will look into whether the Playing Field Committee will agree to an area/s of wild flowers. It was **RESOLVED** to request Deer Warning signs at the entrance to the older part of the village near the church lay-by. The Council will consider other ideas at its next meeting/s.

17 Defibrillator/First Aid course

It was **RESOLVED** to ask Dee Jackson to carry out a defibrillator/first aid course every six months in the Village Hall. The courses will be open to all residents.

18 Beacon Logo

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Cllr Farnham's design of a Beacon logo for the Scarning village signs.

19 Beacon

It was **RESOLVED** to look into the cost of printing a small number of copies of the Beacon.

20 Queen's Jubilee 2022

Cllr Mallard provided an update on proposals for the Queen's Jubilee to be held 2-5 June 2022. The next meeting is in the Village Hall on October 25 at 7.30pm.

21 Speed Watch Group

Cllr Geary noted that the eleven volunteers had all been checked by Norfolk Constabulary and that the Police will assess the area on 28 October, with training for the group to follow.

22 Items for inclusion in the next agenda

Update on the Jubilee

Update on the Speed Watch group

Update on printing costs for the Beacon

Budget 2022/23

23 Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be at 7.30pm on November 15 in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.