

## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Scarning Village Hall on 19 July 2021**

Present: F Bradford (Chair), S Bunn, C Farnham, C Geary, C Hewson, T Mallard, M Steward. In attendance: N Hartley (Parish Clerk) Cllr W Richmond (Norfolk County Council). Four members of the public.

### **1 Public Participation**

It was noted that the plants in the flower boxes have been eaten. It is too late to replace them for this year. The Council will ask its contractor to cut in front of the new flower box. Cllr Farnham offered to paint the boxes.

It was noted that during functions in the church and the Village Hall vehicles park in front of the Hall Cottages. Consequently, there is limited accessibility. The Council will write to the Village Hall Trust to ask if traffic cones can be put out when functions are held.

It was noted that some people are walking their dogs on the Shipdham Lane playing field and refusing to clear away after their dogs.

The Council was asked about the recent cutting back of trees near the Ted Ellis play area. The clerk explained that the resident had sought permission for the work from Breckland Council.

The Council was asked about parking outside the school. It was noted that the Council has requested a visit from Parking Enforcement and this will take place next term.

It was noted that the solar light near Black Horse Close is on 24 hours and is shining into one of the residents' gardens.

### **2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs T Abel and Druce, and Cllrs P Hewett and L Turner (Breckland Council).

### **3 Report from Norfolk County Councillor**

Cllr Richmond noted the footpath will be resurfaced by Norfolk County Council from Black Horse Close to the Beacon lay by. The works have been programmed for 2022/23.

### **4 Declarations of Interest**

None.

## 5 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2021 as a true and accurate record.

## 6 Matters Arising

A parish tour was set for 6pm on 3 August.

## 7 Planning

### 7.1 Breckland Council decisions

Willow Pond Farm, Church Farm Lane  
Single storey side extension 3PL/2021/0723/HOU  
Approved

Asam Investment Ltd, 3 Scarning Fen 3PL/2021/0851/HOU  
Double storey side extension, installation of septic tank at rear of property Approved

### 7.2 Application considered

21 Park Lane, Scarning 3PL/2021/0906/HOU  
Single storey front porch No objection

## 8 Finance

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

Chq 102276 HMRC, clerk's PAYE/NI, £258.28

### Online Payments

N Hartley, clerk's salary, £729.65

SCS Accounting Solutions, payroll services, £18

Norfolk Parish Training & Support, new councillor training courses, £80

N Hartley, reimbursement for Council printer/scanner and paper, £72.35

N Hartley, reimbursement of expenses, £248.83

T T Jones Electrical Ltd, street lighting maintenance, £57.54

S Goldsworthy, reimbursement for flowers in flower boxes, £11.96

Mansfield Fencing, supply/fit new gate at Ted Ellis play area/remove graffiti, £310

N Hartley, reimbursement of Microsoft subscription, £59.99

E-on, unmetered street light electricity, £215.62

8.2 The meeting received a report of Actual to Budgeted expenditure.

## **9 Clerk's Report**

The meeting received the clerk's report.

## **10 Water Meadows Sub Committee**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs Bunn and Mallard to the Water Meadows sub committee.

## **11 Lighting Contractor**

This was held to the next meeting as a quote was awaited from the contractor.

## **12 Parish Council Surgeries**

Cllr Mallard proposed holding Parish Council surgeries. It was **RESOLVED** to host an event to be called Scarning Vision in the Village Hall on September 18 from 10.30am to noon. This will allow councillors to seek the views of residents regarding changes/facilities they would like to see in the parish.

## **13 Social Media Policy**

The clerk was asked to take over posts to social media on behalf of the Parish Council.

## **14 Advertising Policy**

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt an Advertising policy in respect of the Beacon.

## **15 Speed Watch Group**

Cllr Hewson noted that he is sending off the forms regarding a Speed Watch group.

## **16 Parish Partnership 2022/23**

The Council considered proposals for the Parish Partnership 2022/23. It was **RESOLVED** to apply for three new Scarning signs at the following locations -

- Draytonhall Lane at junction with the A47.
- Fen Road at junction with the A47.
- Fen Road/Stone Road.

The Council will obtain a quote from Norfolk County Council.

## **17 Connection Point for Electric Vehicles**

The Council had been asked about installing a connection point for electric vehicles in the parish under a scheme being run by Norfolk County Council. The Council has written to the Village Hall Trust and is awaiting a decision from them.

## **18 Update on Planting Trees**

The following locations to plant trees were noted.

- Shipdham Lane (near the walnut trees).
- Podmore Lane (near Arch Farm).
- Spring Cottage layby.

The Council is compiling a list of locations.

## **19 Tree at the Beacon**

This was held over to the next meeting as Cllr Abel was not at the meeting.

## **20 Items for inclusion in the next agenda**

A committee for the Queen's Jubilee.

## **21 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on September 20 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.55pm.