

At the 2008 Annual Parish Meeting, Scarning Parish Council Chairman, Alan Glister, noted that the highlight of the past year for him was to be invited to the official opening of the extended and refurbished Scarning Primary School. The opening, he said, was 'a very memorable occasion for the village' and he extended his congratulations to all those involved. The school, he said, 'is now a real asset to the village and surrounding district, and will serve them for many years to come.'

In his report, he noted that the Parish Council had successfully lobbied Norfolk County Council for a speed restriction of 50mph between the two 40mph areas on Dereham Road. The Parish Council, he said, will continue to lobby for a 20mph outside the school.

He said that after much deliberation the Parish Council had decided to grant aid many village groups, notably the Village Hall Trust & Estate, Scarning Church and the Playing Field Committee. He said that 'this financial support from the Council precept is essential to the long term future of these village assets if we are to remain a viable parish moving forward together in harmony.'

He noted that he was disheartened by the lack of progress on the Water Meadows. The area, he said, was suffering from the lack of maintenance and he expressed his hope that something positive will soon be done regarding the site. He said that he would like to see a Committee established to run the site.

In conclusion, Mr Glister gave a vote of thanks to all the village organisations 'for what they give to make our village such a special place to live'.