

**Minutes of a meeting of Scarning Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on 14 March 2011.**

Present Mr A Glister, Mrs W Brown, Mr N Eagle, Mr C Farnham,
Mr A Horwell, Mr J McSkimming, Mr M Steward, Mr R Walton.
In attendance Mrs D Irving, Mrs E Gould, Mr N Hartley
Five members of the public

1. Welcome and apologies for Absence

The chairman noted that apologies had been received from Ms J Magrath, who was working.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr Glister declared a personal interest in all items on the agenda.

Mrs Brown declared an interest in the cheque to her husband, Mr T Brown.

Mr Farnham declared an interest in the Planning Application of Ms J Magrath, as his land borders her property.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2011 were confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

It was noted that the old parish records have been lodged in the Village Hall and that a letter has been sent to Norfolk Record Office identifying the items held.

5. Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned for Public Participation.

6. Finance

a. The clerk informed the meeting that the current account balances are as follows:-
Current Account £ Scottish Widows £17,422.05. Barclays £8,203.11

b. Payments made and approved in accordance with budget

- Cq 101086 Mansfield Fencing, fencing of small play area on Water Meadows, £1,965
 101087 Norfolk County Council, purchase of Vehicle Activated Sign, £5,107.40
 101088 Scarning Village Hall, hire of village hall 2010/11, £101.25
 101089 N Hartley, reimbursement of expenses, £180.34
 101090 Viking Direct, office supplies, £155.53
 101091 L F Everett, newsletter printing, £79
 101092 T Brown, newsletter delivery, £40
 101093 Norfolk Rural Community Council, annual subscription, £15
 101094 Pearce & Kemp Ltd, street lighting maintenance, £216

c. Payments received

- Scarning Parochial Church Council, refunded monies in respect of churchyard, £759
 Mr R Allsop, rent for land known as Broadway Allotments, £282.86
 Mrs E Bush, rent of former Highway Surveyors Land, £1
 Mr N Eagle, rent of former Highway Surveyors Land, £5
 Mr T Rudling, rent of land at Fir Acre, Scarning Fen, £1
 Scarning Playing Field Committee, annual rent of playing field, £0.05

7. Site Specifics Policies & Proposals Development Plan Document

It was noted that the Parish Council was being asked to comment on the soundness of the policies. There were no comments in this respect. Mrs Gould noted that the policies can be revisited in the future.

8. Amendment to Budget

The clerk noted that the figure of £1,000 originally allocated for grass cutting the churchyard had been left in the budget for the next financial year. It was noted that as Breckland Council has decided the Parish Council is responsible for cutting the grass on the Water Meadows play areas, the money can be allocated toward this payment.

9. Grass Contractor at Water Meadows Play Areas

Quotes to cut and strim both play areas and grass were as follows. CGM, £952pa, Norse, £870.75pa, Serco, £1,148.21. The council appointed Norse.

10. Path at Water Meadows

Quotes to lay down a path to the Outdoor Fitness equipment were as follows:-MW Surfacing, £3,350. S J Douglass & son, £4,270. Whiterod Surfacing, £2,110. The council appointed Whiterod Surfacing.

11. Planning

Applications considered

Miss J Magrath, Scarningdale, Dale Road Conversion of former wedding room to holiday unit	No objection
Mr M Whitehead, The Grange, Dereham Road Minor Material amendment to pp 3PL/2008/1650/F	No objection

12. Wensum Valley Trust

The clerk noted he was awaiting clarification regarding the proposal for funds.

13. Newsletter

The current cost of printing the village newsletter is £79. Everetts will produce a full colour version for £125. It was agreed to remain with the newsletter as it is.

14. War Memorial Officer

It was noted that Breckland Council is encouraging villages to appoint a War Memorial Officer. Mr R Walton put his name forward and was accepted.

15. Caring about Rural Speeds Campaign

Yaxham Parish Council had asked the council if it wanted to purchase Speed Awareness signs to go on householders' bins. It was agreed not to pursue.

Mr Glister drew attention to the forthcoming elections. This will be included in the report of the meeting in the Dereham Times.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.45pm.