

**Minutes of a meeting of Scarning Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on 15 November 2010.**

Present Mr A Glister, Mrs W Brown, Mr N Eagle, Mr C Farnham,
Mr A Horwell, Ms J Magrath, Mr M Steward.

In attendance Mr N Hartley
Twelve members of the public

1. Welcome and apologies for Absence

The chairman noted that apologies had been received from Mr J McSkimming, who was working.

Acceptance of Office

Mr A Horwell signed the Declaration of Office as a new councillor.

2. Draytonhall Lane

The meeting was addressed by Tim Edmunds, Highways Networks Manager, at Norfolk County Council, regarding Draytonhall Lane. Mr Edmunds explained that the marker posts at the side of the road will be replaced. The surface dressing on the road will be improved to help with skid resistance. The speed limit signs near the A47 will be moved to make them more conspicuous. The road markings will be renewed. He said the County Council will not be installing crash barriers or raising the surface of the road. He said there was no funding available for a flashing speed sign.

Speed Warning Sign at Draytonhall Lane

It was proposed and agreed to purchase a Speed Warning Sign for Draytonhall Lane. As this item was not on the agenda, it was agreed to formally consider the matter at the next Parish Council meeting. It was agreed to spend the money from the excess in the Parish Council's bank account this year. The approximate cost is between £5,000 and £8,000.

3. Declarations of Interest

Mr Glister declared a prejudicial interest in item 13 on the agenda as he is a churchwarden.

Mr Steward declared a prejudicial interest in item 13 on the agenda as his wife is a member of Scarning PCC.

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

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2010 were confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

None.

6. Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned for Public Participation.

7. Finance

a. The clerk informed the meeting that the current account balances are as follows:-
Current Account £3,464.19 Scottish Widows £30,422.05

b. Payments made and approved in accordance with budget

- Cq 101058 BT Payment Services, part payment of clerk's phone/internet costs, £51.52
- 101059 Scarning Parish Council, transfer to Scottish Widows account, £15,000
- 101060 Scarning Primary School, £1,500
- 101061 Scarning Pre School, payment of grant, £1,000
- 101062 L F Everett & Son, printing newsletter, £79
- 101063 Keith Graver, delivery of newsletter, £35
- 101064 T Brown, delivery of newsletter, £40
- 101065 N Hartley, reimbursement of expenses,
- 101066 N Hartley, backdated pay from April to November 2010, £112.35
- 101067 E-on, unmetered street light supplies, £90.01
- 101068 Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, charitable donation, £40 (Section 137)
- 101069 East Anglia Children's Hospice, charitable donation, £40 (Section 137)
- 101070 Norfolk & Norwich Association for the Blind, charitable donation, £40
(Section 137)
- 101071 Dereham Cancer Care, charitable donation, £40 (Section 137)
- 101072 Norfolk & Norwich Diabetics, charitable donation, £40 (Section 137)
- 101073 Vitalise, charitable donation, £40 (Section 137)
- 101074 Citizens Advice Bureau, donation towards running costs, £250 (Section 142)
- 101075 Dereham Meeting Point, donation towards running costs, £200 (Section 137)
- 101076 A Hudson, fitting two litter bins and removal of one bin, £58.75
- 101077 Norse Commercial Services Ltd, play equipment inspection report, £111.63

c. Payments received

Breckland Council, part payment of precept, £15,000

Scarning Parochial Church Council, refunded monies in respect of the maintenance of the closed part of the churchyard, £1,862

d. Actual expenditure against budgeted expenditure

The clerk presented a report of actual expenditure against budgeted expenditure (copy attached)

8. Risk Assessment of Assets Report

The clerk presented the report to the meeting. He noted that there were no urgent works to be carried out.

9. Play Inspection Report

The clerk noted the one area of Norse's report needing urgent attention was the bare grass areas near the football goals. He had spoken with Mr Reeder of Norfolk Games and Frames, who suggested matting under the grass. It was agreed to move the goalposts. The clerk will seek a response from Breckland Council regarding the existing surface and the hazard it presents.

10. Appointment of Grass and Hedge Contractor for 2011/12

Quotes were read from Norse Commercial Services, G & T Lake, and CGM. It was agreed to accept CGM.

11. Appointment of Contractor to fence small children's play area

Quotes were read from Mid Norfolk Fencing, Mansfield Fencing and Yarco. It was agreed to accept Mansfield Fencing.

12. Safety Surfacing for Outdoor Fitness Equipment

A proposal for additional safety surfacing and a path for Outdoor Fitness equipment was considered. It was noted the area is very wet and boggy. It was agreed to obtain quotes for a path running to the equipment.

13. Scarning Churchyard

Mr Glister and Mr Steward left the room. Mr Farnham took over as chairman. It was agreed

to obtain quotes for cutting the grass in the whole of the churchyard and to ask NALC if this is acceptable. It was proposed that the Parish Council should pay the bills, rather than giving monies to Scarning PCC.

Outdoor Fitness Equipment on Village Playing Field

It was noted that the Playing Field Committee did not want Outdoor Fitness Equipment on the Village Playing Field. The Playing Field Committee is seeking a grant to lay down a path between the Pavilion and the Village Hall. If not successful, the committee will approach the Parish Council for funds.

Mr Horwell left the meeting as he had to work.

14. Budget 2011/12

The precept was agreed at £32,000 (see attached).

15. Planning

a. Parish Council Comments sent to Breckland Council

Mr & Mrs S Buckingham, Corner Cottage, New Inn Lane Erection of cottage style dwelling	No objection
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Mr & Mrs R Curl, 7 Park Lane Two storey side extension and front porch	No objection
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b. Breckland Council Decisions

Mr N Walpole, East Oaks, The Broadway Provision of dormer windows for loft conversion	Approved
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There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.56pm.