

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in the Village Hall on 15 October 2018**

Councillors Present: W Brown (Chair), T Abel, F Bradford, S Faulkner, J Magrath, Pat Page, Philip Page, M Steward. Mr W Richmond (Norfolk County Council)
In attendance Mr N Hartley (Parish Clerk). Five members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Farnham, who was unwell and Cllr Turner (Breckland Council) who was attending another meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record without amendment.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned for Public Participation. Mr Glister asked for a date for when the phone box would be removed from outside the Village Hall. He also noted a tree near the

junction of Podmore Lane needs to be cut back to improve visibility

Cllr Richmond noted that he would support the Council's application under the Parish Partnership Scheme.

6. Planning

a. Planning Application considered

Mr & Mrs Watson, Bobtail Cottage, 1 Fen Road
3PL/2018/0964/F
Proposed annexe for ancillary use only
No objection

7. Finance

a. Current Balances

The Council's current balances were noted as follows:

Barclays £19,270.96 Scottish Widows £14,898.84

b. The following payments were made in accordance with the Budget:-

Chq 102004 Thinking Rural, payroll services, £12
102005 A Newton, grass and verge cutting, £1,296.00
102006 N Hartley, reimbursement of expenses,
£308.41
102007 HMRC, clerk's PAYE to 30 September 2018,
£25
102008 Eon, unmetered street lighting, £176.56
102009 T T Jones Electrical, street lighting
maintenance contract, £54
102010 N Hartley, part clerk's phone/internet costs,
£100.80

102011 PKF Littlejohn, annual audit, £240
102012 RBL Poppy Appeal, Remembrance Day
wreath, £50
102013 TOP Garden Services, grass cutting in
Scarning churchyard, £180
102014 Scarning Parish Council, transfer to Scottish
Widows account, £14,000

c. Payments Received

A Buckingham, rent for former Broadway Allotment,
£311.14
Breckland Council, part precept, £17,499.50

d. The report from the Internal Control Officer was held to the next meeting.

e. The completion of the External Audit was noted.

8. Preliminary Budget for 2019/20

It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the preliminary budget for 2019/20.

9. Parish Partnership Scheme

The Council considered a proposal for the Parish Partnership Scheme for gateways into the village to help reduce speeding. The County Council cost is £4,000. It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Parish Council will ask Norfolk County Council if it can install the gates itself.

10. Appointment of a contractor to cut the verges and Scarning Water Meadows playing field

It was unanimously RESOLVED to appoint Angus Newton to cut the verges and Scarning Water Meadows playing fields in

2019

11. Application for funds to cut the grass in Scarning churchyard

It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve a grant to cut the grass in Scarning churchyard in 2019. The Council unanimously RESOLVED to appoint TOP Garden Services.

12. A proposal to move the five a side goals at Scarning Water Meadows

This was deferred to the November meeting as not all costs had been submitted.

13. A proposal to change street lights to LEDs

It was unanimously RESOLVED to seek costs.

14. Chairman's Allowance for 2019/20

It was unanimously RESOLVED to set the amount of the Chairman's Allowance at £100

15. The maintenance of Scarning Playing Field

It was unanimously RESOLVED to defer this to the November meeting.

16. Charitable donations for 2019/20

It was unanimously RESOLVED to budget £1,500 for charitable donations.

17. The future maintenance of Scarning Water Meadows

It was noted that the Scarning Conservation Volunteers is to disband. The Parish Council will consult Norfolk Wildlife Trust and other groups with regard to the future maintenance of the Water Meadows.

18. Representatives' reports

a. Scarning United Charities (Allotments)

The charity has a cost for the installation of water. The allotments have been cleared of scrap and levelled. The rents are due.

b. Scarning Playing Field Committee

No meeting held.

19. Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 19 November at 7.30pm.