Minutes of a meeting of Scarning Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 15 September 2014.

Present Mrs W Brown, Mr C Farnham, Mr S Faulkner, Mr M Steward, Mr D Wood.

Mr W Richmond. Three members of the public. In attendance Mr N Hartley.

1. Welcome and apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Ms Bradford, Ms Magrath, Mr Horwell and Mrs Page, who were working.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mrs Brown in the cheques to herself and Mr T Brown, her husband.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2014 were confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

The clerk noted that Mr Allsop, tenant of the former Broadway Allotments had been given until 30 September to clear the rubbish from the site.

5. Finance

a. Current balances

Barclays Current account £5,661.08 Scottish Widows £23,150.70

b. Payments made and approved in accordance with budget

Cq 101507 Norfolk Games & Frames Ltd, repairs to equipment and service contract, £363.91

- 101508 P Yaxley, grass cutting in churchyard, £270
- 101509 P Yaxley, grass cutting in churchyard, £180
- 101510 Viking, purchase of photocopier ink cartridges, £75.98
- 101511 Mazars, payment for external audit, £240
- 101512 Eastern Office Equipment, new staple gun for noticeboard use, £37.95
- 101513 L F Everett & son, printing newsletter, £212
- 101514 T Brown, newsletter delivery, £50
- 101515 W Brown, newsletter delivery, £10
- 101516 N Hartley, newsletter delivery, £10
- 101517 S Bradford, newsletter delivery, £10

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101518 C Eglen, newsletter delivery, £10
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101519 J Hamling, newsletter delivery, £10

101520 M Hammond, newsletter delivery, £10

101521 A Protheroe, newsletter delivery, £10

101522 N Protheroe, newsletter delivery, £10

101523 RBL Poppy Appeal, wreath for Remembrance Day Service, £50

101524 A Newton, weedkilling on Scarning Water Meadows large play area, £192

c. Payments Received

Norfolk County Council, refund from Parish Partnership Scheme re footpath from Chestnut Road,

£1,076.59

Cash and cheque, purchase of First World War booklet, £10

Scottish Widows, interest on account, £95.31

d. Report of actual expenditure against budgeted expenditure

A copy of the report was submitted to the meeting.

e. Report from Internal Control Officer

Mr Farnham confirmed that the necessary checks had been carried out from April to the end of August.

6. External Audit

The clerk noted that the Audit was complete. It was noted that the Council Tax Support Grant should have been recorded in a different box.

7. Public Participation

It was noted that Norfolk County Council is investigating the positioning of the 20mph sign on Dereham Road in relation to Manor Road.

It was noted that a return bus ticket to Norwich on the X1 from the stop at Black Horse Close was £10, whereas at the next stop - at Chestnut Road - it is £4.20. The clerk will contact the bus company.

It was noted that the chevron sign on Fen Road needs reinstating, as does the ditch next to the footpath at Washbridge.

The clerk will chase the reinstatement of Scarning on the signs on the A47 and the Fakenham

sign at the end of Draytonhall Lane. The clerk will check if a new drain has been installed near the allotments on Dereham Road.

8. Dispensation for Mr D Wood

It was agreed to grant a Dispensation to Mr D Wood re the former Highway Surveyors Land at Daffy Green and Chapel Lane, and the Scarning Fuel Allotment charity.

9. Outdoor Fitness Equipment

It was noted that three responses had been received. These were read to the meeting. Two were in favour of the equipment, one against.

It was agreed to get quotes from other companies.

10. Matting and Goalposts on Water Meadows Play Area

It was agreed to keep the goals in place and to put down new matting and seed the area. Instruct Mansfield Fencing.

11. Distribution of Charitable Donations

It was agreed to make payments of £100 each to Big C, Dereham Cancer, Air Ambulance, East Anglian Children's Hospice, Vitalise, Dereham Blind Club and Norfolk Accident Rescue. The remaining £300 budgeted to be retained for future use, as required.

12. Pre Budget Discussions

It was agreed to investigate the purchase of more play equipment for older children on the Water Meadows playing field.

It was proposed to have boxes of flowers under the Scarning signs at either end of the village.

13. Hedge from Blackhorse Close to Hill Rise

It was agreed to cut the hedge as it is next to a public footpath. It was agreed to pass the bill to Norfolk County Council.

14. Parish Council Land

It was noted that Mrs Bush may be interested in purchasing the land at Daffy Green. No

response had been received from Mr Rudling. The clerk was awaiting a response from the Charity Commission.

As no response had been received, the matter is deferred to the next meeting.

15. Sale of Former Highway Surveyors Land at Chapel Lane

It was noted that Mr Eagle may be interested in purchasing the land. As no response has been received from the Charity Commission, the matter is deferred to the next meeting.

16. Planning

a. Comments sent to Breckland Council

None

b. Breckland Council decisions

Ms T Walpole, 2 Rose Cottages, Dereham Road Addition of first floor bedroom with ensuite bathroom Approved

Mr C Amos, 54 Swaffham Road Erection of illuminated front forecourt fascia boxed sign Approved

Mr & Mrs P Baldry, The Homestead, Dereham Road Change of use of holiday let to residential dwelling Approved

Mr A Dawson, 5 Steward Way Erection of fence to enclose side/front garden & erection of garden shed Refused

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm