

**Minutes of a meeting of Scarning Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on 16 March 2009.**

Present Seven councillors.

In attendance Mr N Hartley
 Mrs E Gould
 Five members of the public

1. Welcome

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that apologies had been received from Mrs J Magrath, who was working.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Bridget Hill, the village's former vicar, who died recently. .

2. Declarations of Interest

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

Mrs Brown in the cheque to Mr T Brown.

Mr M Steward in his Planning Application.

Mr N Eagle in the payment for Highway Surveyor's Land and as a member of the Playing Field Committee in item 10.

Mr C Farnham as a member of the Playing Field Committee in item 10.

Mrs H Hudson as a member of the Bowls Club in item 10.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2009 were confirmed and signed.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

None.

5. Public Participation

The meeting was formally closed for public participation. The flooding of the road near the allotments was raised, as were the barricades beside the road near Budgens.

6. Finance

The clerk informed the meeting that the current balances are as follows:-

Current Account, £1,207.14 Scottish Widows £20,751.14

Payments made and approved in accordance with budget

Cq 100927 Scarning Bowls Club, grant for new mower and chairs, £2,000

Cq 100928 L F Everett & Son, publication costs of village history (section 137), £890

Cq 100929 Scarning Village Hall Estate, cost of hiring hall for local history event,
(section 145) £22.50

Cq 100930 Viking Direct, purchase of photocopier & ink cartridges, £202.96

Cq 100931 N Hartley, reimbursement of expenses, £100.37
Cq 100932 Scarning Village Hall Trust & Estate, annual hire of Village Hall, £135
Cq 100933 Jemco, purchase of sign for Water Meadows play area, £26.29
Cq 100934 A Mobbs, erection of sign at Water Meadows play area, £5
Cq 100935 L F Everett & Son, newsletter printing, £79
Cq 100936 T Brown, newsletter delivery, £40
Cq 100937 Town and About Magazine, newsletter delivery, £45
Cq 100938 N Hartley, backdated pay from April 2008, £15.20
Cq 100939 Norfolk Rural Community Council, annual subscription, £15

Photocopier

The Chairman noted that the Parish Council's photocopier had broken beyond economic repair. He and the clerk had used their power to authorise the purchase of a new photocopier and ink cartridges.

Clerk's Salary

The payment of £15.20 to the clerk was following receipt of the final salary increase agreed with NALC.

Payments Received

N Eagle, rent of former Highway Surveyor's Land, £5
E Bush, rent of former Highway Surveyor's Land, £1
T Rudling, rent of ditch at Fir Acre, £1
Scarning Playing Field Committee, rent of playing field, £0.05

7. Local Development Framework

The additional sites (083)012 to (083)014 were considered. The following observations were agreed. The Council is not in favour of urbanisation in rural areas. The Council believes the land in question would constitute too large a development. It also believes that were there to be a development it would create more traffic congestion around the school.

8. Community Car Scheme

It was agreed to precept for a car scheme in the budget in November.

9. Website

It was agreed to charge £10 for each advertisement on the website

10. Playing Field

There is no formal lease between the Parish Council and the Playing Field Committee. It was agreed to seek advice from NALC.

11. Outdoor Sports Equipment

The wording for the sign near the equipment was approved.

12. Planning

a. Parish Council comments sent to Breckland Council

Mr M Steward, Broadway Farm House, The Broadway
Demolition of outhouse to construct lounge & ensuite extension No objection

R Woodgett and son, land adjacent Westholme, Chapel Lane
Removal of condition 4 from 3PL/2008/1367/F re roof tiles No objection

b. Breckland Council Decisions

Gorgate Ltd, Riverside Garden Centre, Old Swaffham Road
Provision of 615sq m retail/commercial space with 14 flats above (over 2 floors) and
14 car parking spaces to rear Approved

Mr M Whitehead, The Grange, Dereham Road
Alterations and extensions to outbuildings Approved

Mr M Riley, Garden Cottage, Dereham Road
Detached annex to Garden Cottage (amended scheme) Approved

Mr M Steward, Broadway Farm House, The Broadway
Demolition of outhouse to construct lounge & ensuite extension Approved

c. Planning Application Considered

Mr & Mrs M Reavey, Riversdale, Dereham Road
Demolition of bungalow & construction of residential development

The council did not believe the resubmitted application was substantially different from previous applications and objected for the same reasons as previously stated. It also agreed to point out that there was a lack of affordable housing noted in the proposal.

13. Water Meadows

It was noted that a new Asset Manager is to be appointed at Breckland Council and that if the Hawk & Owl Trust does not take up the site, the site will be re marketed.

Regarding the proposed fencing around the small play area, it was agreed to look at this on the Village Tour.

14. Code of Conduct

Councillors agreed to have training on the Code of Conduct.

15. Any other Business

Potholes on the A47 near Manor Road and Podmore Lane bridge. Ridges in the road near Draytonhall Lane junction. Litter near Chapel Lane. Potholes at Bushy Common Road and

Park Lane. Bright light bulb on Draytonhall Lane. Flooding problems near the Broadway and on the slip road to Fen Road.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.11pm.