

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in the Village Hall on 17 July 2017.**

Present Cllrs W Brown (Chair), F Bradford, S Dickerson, C Farnham, S Faulkner, C Hewson,
J Magrath, P Page, M Steward. Mr W Richmond (Norfolk County Councillor)
In attendance Mr N Hartley (Parish Clerk). One member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Turner, who was attending another meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Faulkner declared an interest as Case Officer at Norfolk County Council regarding the Vattenfall proposals for wind turbines.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2017 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

Cllr Hewson will oil the bench on the playing field.

5. Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned for Public Participation. Cllr Richmond noted that he has a Highways budget of £6,000 if the parish has any work it needs doing. He noted that the Water Meadows may qualify as a local nature reserve.

It was noted that the vandalism on the Water Meadows has been reported to the Police. It was noted that there is a pervasive weed growing in one of the scrapes. This has been introduced into the scrape. The Conservation Volunteers are meeting Norfolk County Council and other experts regarding how to rid the scrape of the weed and to ensure that it does not get into the stream.

6. Finance

a. Current balances

Barclays £3,543.74 Scottish Widows £17,870.59

b. The Council resolved to approve the following payments:

Cq 101877 Cheque not used

101878 R Allan, website maintenance costs, £250

101879 NALC, attendance at Spring Conference by Cllr Faulkner, £55

101880 N Hartley, reimbursement of expenses, £151.41

101881 Thinking Rural, payroll services, £12

101882 N Hartley, clerk's reimbursement of part phone/internet costs, £83.15

101883 L F Everett & son, newsletter printing, £206

101884 Eon, unmetered supplies, ££153.66

101885 Norfolk County Council, Parish Partnership sum re moving bus stop on Dereham Road, £8,000

7. Seckar Trust

It was unanimously resolved to re-appoint the clerk to represent the Parish Council on the Seckar Trust.

8. Vattenfall Proposals for Wind Turbines

It was noted that preliminary investigations/reports are being carried out. A formal consultation will be carried out before the end of this year and formal applications will be made in Spring 2018.

9. Planning

a. Application considered

Mr & Mrs Bulman-Page, Scarning Lodge, Dereham Road

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Proposed side extension

Approved

10. Correspondence

The clerk had received a request for a solar lamp near the junction of Dereham Road and Draytonhall Lane. It was noted the Council does not have the funds for this at the moment, but will discuss the proposal as part of its Budget meeting for next year.

The clerk read a letter of complaint from Scarning PCC regarding the quality of grass cutting in Scarning churchyard. It was noted that since the complaint the quality of the work had improved.

The clerk was asked to write to Norfolk County Council about the danger

The clerk was asked to write to the occupants of the Black Horse to cut back their hedge.

11. Items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

Breckland Council's Local Plan

Vattenfall's proposals for wind turbines.

12. Next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 18 September 2017 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8pm.