

**Minutes of Scarning Parish Council Meeting  
held in the Village Hall on 17 June 2019**

Present: P Page (Chair), T Abel, F Bradford, C Hewson, P Page, N Parsons, M Steward.

In attendance: Cllr W Richmond (Norfolk County Council) Mr N Hartley (Parish Clerk).

Three members of the public.

The meeting commenced with a period of Public Participation. It was noted that the flower boxes have been re-stained and planted with new flowers. The noticeboards will be re-stained and around the village sign will be weeded.

Cllr Richmond noted that there had been a favourable reaction from residents for a bus shelter near the Village Hall. The Council will consider pursuing the installation of a shelter at its next meeting.

### **1 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Farnham and Magrath, and Cllr L Turner (Breckland Council).

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hewson declared an interest in the planning application of Dereham Water Supplies Ltd and the telephone box outside Scarning Village Hall.

### **3 Minutes**

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2019 as a true and accurate record.

## 4 Matters Arising

Mr Eagle will cut the hedge between Black Horse Close and Hill Rise at the end of the bird nesting season.

## 5 Finance

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

Chq 102069 Mansfield Fencing, fitting signs and repair of gate on Water Meadows, £75

102070 BHIB Ltd, annual insurance premium, £650.92

102071 Top Garden Services, grass cutting Scarning churchyard, £180 (Section 137)

102072 S Goldsworthy, reimbursement re costs of plant boxes, £69.91

## 6 Planning

6.1 Application considered

Former Dereham Water Supplies Ltd, Bradenham Lane  
3PL/2019/0056/F

Conversion of existing office to a dwelling and erection of garage; conversion of existing workshop building to three dwellings and erection of garage; erection of two houses & garages

Plan amended to include additional parking and turning

The Parish Council objected due to overdevelopment of the site and concerns about access and exiting from the site.

## 7 Bench on Playing Field

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a plaque to the Wright family for one of the benches on Scarning Playing Field. The wording

for the plaque was agreed.

## **8 Scarning Playing Field**

It was noted that there is an overhanging ash tree that needs to be felled. The Council discussed planting ornamental trees, putting railings round them and plaques to two other residents with long standing connections to Scarning Playing Field. This is to be discussed in more detail at the July meeting.

Cllr Hewson addressed the meeting as Chairman of the Playing Field Committee. He noted that monies from the football team from last season have been collected and he is having a meeting with the team representatives regarding this year's terms and conditions. He noted that consideration is being given to more car parking on the Playing Field. The income from the tennis courts is being considered with a view to possibly removing one of the courts and making it car parking.

Cllr Hewson noted that the Playing Field Committee will need to buy a new gang-mower. It was noted that it had been suggested to his predecessor that the Committee should apply for match funding/grants.

## **9 Telephone Box**

The Council had received a counter proposal from Scarning Village Hall Trust regarding the use of the telephone box for a defibrillator and housing it outside the Village Hall. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Trust's proposal, but the Council would like to know the amount the Trust is proposing as a contribution to the annual maintenance costs.

It was **RESOLVED** to donate the bookshelves to the Village Hall.

## **10 Planting Trees**

A number of locations were proposed. Cllr Parsons will carry forward and report back to the next meeting.

## **11 Scarning Water Meadows**

It was **RESOLVED** to re-stain the existing equipment. The zig-zag on the adventure trail needs replacing. There is also a loose beam in need of replacement and some repairs needed to the Youth Shelter.

It was **RESOLVED** to carry out a rolling programme of repairs.

The standard of the grass cutting was noted and that the small play area had not been strimmed. The contractor will be asked to deal with as a matter of urgency.

The Council also discussed the standard of the grass cutting in the churchyard, as this was not considered satisfactory.

## **12 Items for Inclusion on Next Agenda**

An update from Scarning Playing Field Committee.

An update regarding planting trees.

## **13 Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday July 15 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9pm.