

**Minutes of a meeting of Scarning Parish Council  
held in the Village Hall on 18 March 2013.**

Present Mrs W Brown, Mr M Steward, Mrs F Bradford, Mr C Farnham, S Faulkner,  
Ms J Magrath, Mr R Walton.  
Mrs E Gould. In attendance Mr N Hartley. Eleven members of the public

1. Welcome and apologies for Absence

A moment of silence was observed for Greta Eagle, who died earlier this month.

Apologies were received from Mr A Horwell, who was attending a funeral, and Mrs P Page, who had another engagement.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mrs Brown in the cheques to herself and Mr T Brown.  
Mr R Walton in the cheque to himself.  
Mrs F Bradford in the Planning Application of Mr & Mrs Norton.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2013 were confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

Speed control measures on Allwood Avenue need to be chased.  
Mr Eagle has been sent a letter regarding the hedge near Blackhorse Close and a response is awaited.

5. Finance

a. The clerk informed the meeting that the current balances are as follows:-  
Current Account £1,835.51 Scottish Widows £18,891.06

b. Payments made and approved in accordance with budget

Cq 101316 Jemco, signs for Water Meadows Play Area, £22.68  
101317 Scarning PCC, use of Scarning Church for Christmas Tree Festival, £100  
101318 L F Everett, printing newsletter, £338  
101319 W Brown, newsletter delivery, £10.00  
101320 R Walton, newsletter delivery, £10.00  
101321 N Hartley, newsletter delivery, £10.00  
101322 J Hamling, newsletter delivery, £10.00  
101323 C Eglon, newsletter delivery, £10.00  
101324 E Winterbone, newsletter delivery, £10.00  
101325 A Protheroe, newsletter delivery, £10.00  
101326 M Hammond, newsletter delivery, £10.00  
101327 Cheque Cancelled  
101328 Glasdon UK Ltd, purchase of two litter bins, £411.67  
101329 Norse Commercial Services Ltd, padlock for small play area on Water Meadows, £20.40  
101330 N Hartley, reimbursement of expenses, £282.75  
101331 Viking Direct, office supplies, £193.59  
101332 Scarning Village Hall, hire of Village Hall for 2012/2013, £127.50  
101333 Pearce & Kemp, street lighting maintenance, £221.40  
101334 Mansfield Fencing, install litter bins and dog lead hooks, £75  
101335 A Glister, collecting Christmas trees for Christmas Tree Fair, £20  
101336 T Brown, newsletter delivery, £50  
101337 BT Payment Services Ltd, part clerk's phone/internet costs, £52.62

c. Payments received

Qecs Electrical Contractors Ltd, newsletter advert, £10  
R B Allsop, rent of former Broadway Allotments, £282.86  
Mrs E Bush, rent of former Highway Surveyors Land at Daffy Green, £1

Mr N Eagle, rent of former Highway Surveyors Land, £5  
Scarning Playing Field Committee, rent for Scarning Playing Field, £0.05  
Mr T Rudling, rent of land at Fen Road, £1  
Scarning PCC, return of money not used re grant for path in churchyard, £50  
Mandrake Ltd, newsletter advertisement, £10

#### d. Report of Actual Expenditure against Budgeted Expenditure

The meeting received a report of Actual Expenditure against Budgeted Expenditure to 28 February 2013.

#### e. Report from ICO and Financial Risk Assessment Review

Mr Walton reported that he had carried out a check of six cheques and two receipts, and that everything was in order. A copy of his report is attached to the minutes.

#### 6. Interim Audit Report

A copy of the Internal Auditor's report was submitted to the meeting.

#### 7. Public Participation

Mrs Gould noted that from now on Breckland Voice will only be available online.

With regard to the Zip Wire, Mrs Gould noted that Breckland Council will not carry out any further monitoring of the noise. The District Council acknowledges that the noise of the equipment has been rectified, but believes that the noise of children on the equipment is unacceptable. She suggested that members of the Parish Council meet officers of Breckland Council.

The Council decided that as the novelty factor has probably worn out, it will wait to see what happens regarding noise in the spring/summer. It was also decided to put a sign on the equipment warning users that it might be removed if behaviour on it is not improved.

Mr Glister, churchwarden, thanked the Parish Council for its support of the church. He noted that the £100 paid by the Parish Council for the Christmas Tree Fair was not a charge for the use of the church, but was to cover the cost of heat and electricity.

Mr Glister noted that whilst £50 has been returned to the Parish Council, there is still £50 worth of work to lay down shingle on the path at the front of the church. The Council agreed that the £50 could be spent in this manner.

It was noted that there are potholes on Park Lane, Draytonhall Lane, Fen Road and New Inn Lane.

#### 8. Proposed Footpath from Chestnut Road to Cooper Terrace

Responses had been received by the four householders whose driveways would be crossed by the proposed footpath. Mrs Bradford noted that Norfolk County Council will now provide 75% towards the cost of projects agreed under the Parish Partnership. The Parish Council would fund the remaining 25%. It was agreed to submit a proposal.

#### 9. Dereham Road Speed Limit/Traffic Calming

It was agreed to see if the Parish Council can relocate its speed activated sign currently on Draytonhall Lane to a position closer to the school and possibly at a future date to Dereham Road, closer to the border of Scarning and Dereham.

#### 10. Grit Bins at Soames Place and School Plain

It was agreed to seek volunteers to spread the grit in the next newsletter and then discuss again whether to purchase bins in the above locations.

#### 11. Horticultural Show and Christmas Tree Fair

It was agreed to set a date for the Horticultural Show in September and to establish a committee to run the event. Mrs Page, Mrs Brown and Mrs Bradford are to be on the committee.

It was agreed that the Christmas Tree Fair should not be run by the Parish Council. It was agreed that a committee should be established to run the event and that the Parish Council should give the cost of the Christmas trees to this committee. It was agreed to put a request in the next newsletter seeking members for a committee.

#### 12. Section 106 Funding

Mr Ken Steward, chairman of the Scarning Playing Field Committee, noted that last year's fete had made a profit of around £700. He said that the Committee's project for this year was to lay down a footpath to join the back of the Village Hall to the pavilion for wheelchair users. He noted that when the footpath has been laid, the Committee could see whether to install some items of Outdoor Fitness equipment.

With regard to an application for a grant, it was agreed to keep the matter in abeyance for the time being.

#### 13 Planning

##### a. Breckland Council Decisions

Mr & Mrs A Taylor, Court House, 41 Dereham Road Single storey extension to side and rear to provide ancillary accommodation	Approved
Mr & Mrs J Watson, 1 Fen Road, Demolish conservatory and erect side extension	Approved

##### b. Comments sent to Breckland Council

Mr S Archer, Manor Farm, Manor Road Removal of conservatory and replace with single storey garden room extension	No objection
Mr M Matthews & Miss J Thorogood, 11 Miller Close Single storey front and rear extensions	No objection

##### c. Application considered

Mr & Mrs G Norton, Twyford, Washbridge Demolish conservatory and erect side and rear extension	No objection
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#### 14. Emergency Plan

It was agreed to distribute copies of the Emergency Plan amongst council members.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.35pm.