

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

Present Mrs W Brown, Mr M Steward, Miss F Bradford, Mr C Farnham, Mr S Faulkner,
Mr N Horwell, Ms J Magrath, Mrs P Page, Mr Walton.
Mr W Richmond. 11 members of the public. In attendance Mr N Hartley.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

All members of the Parish Council attended the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mrs Brown in the cheques to herself and her husband.
Mr Walton in the cheque to himself.
Ms Magrath in her Planning Application.
Mrs Brown in the Grant Application by Scarning Parochial Church Council.
Mrs Bradford in the cheque to her daughter.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2013 were confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Finance

Bank balances. Current account £3,456.60. Scottish Widows £26,555.39

a. Payments made and approved in accordance with budget

Cq 101410 Eon, unmetered supplies, £90.74
101411 P Yaxley, grass cutting in Scarning churchyard, £176
101412 L F Everett, newsletter printing, £390
101413 T Brown, newsletter delivery, £50
101414 W Brown, newsletter delivery, £10
101415 R Walton, newsletter delivery, £10
101416 N Hartley, newsletter delivery, £10
101417 J Hamling, newsletter delivery, £10
101418 M Hammond, newsletter delivery, £10
101419 C Eglon, newsletter delivery, £10
101420 A Protheroe, newsletter delivery, £10
101421 S Bradford, newsletter delivery, £10
101422 N Hartley, reimbursement of expenses, £128.70
101423 NGF Play Ltd, maintenance of Outdoor Fitness equipment, £332.40
101424 Randells, purchase of brush cutter for use at Scarning Water Meadows, £100
101425 Scarning Conservation Volunteers, part payment for flotation wheels for mower, £113.80
101426 NGF Play Ltd, maintenance of Outdoor Fitness equipment, £90
101427 Berry Hall Woodlands, Christmas tree for Scarning churchyard, £130
101428 P Yaxley, grass cutting in Scarning churchyard, £176
101429 Viking, photocopier ink cartridges, £130.17

b. Payment Received

Scarning Parochial Church Council payment for Christmas lights and tree stands, £336

c. Income & Expenditure Report

6. Public Participation

The junction of the A47 and Chapel Lane needs repairing.

It was noted that the side of the road/ditch on Fen Road is dangerous and needs repair/rectification.

Comments were made re the Planning Application by Mrs Herne. These included the danger of setting a precedent if the application is approved; drainage problems on the site; problems with the road/track; the application is for a bungalow which is not in keeping with the row of cottage; the area is rural, not urban.

It was questioned whether the phone box outside the Village Hall could be used to house a defibrillator.

7. Planning

a. Comments sent to Breckland Council

Mr & Mrs Dack, 7 Park Lane
Single storey extension No objection

b. Breckland Council decisions

Miss J McGrath, Scarning Dale,
Change of use of former kitchen to holiday bungalow Approved

Mrs J Herne, 1 Scarning Fen
New dwelling Refused

Mrs Dack, 7 Park Lane
Single storey rear extension Approved

c. Application considered

Mrs J Herne, 1 Scarning Fen,
New dwelling

The Parish Council objected for the same reasons set out at its meeting on 7 October 2013, as well as the precedent that would be set if the application was approved.

8. Grant Applications

The Grant Application from Scarning Pre School was not considered as more information was awaited.

Mrs Brown left the room as she wished to make no comment on the application from Scarning Parochial Church Council. The application was for £1,500 to cut the grass in Scarning Churchyard. It was questioned whether the Parish Council has a statutory obligation to cut the grass. It does not. A grant of £1,500 was agreed for 2014, but the Parish Council will review its Grant procedure with a view to placing an upper limit on Section 137 payments.

9. Scarning War Memorial Booklet

It was agreed to print 100 copies.

10. Hedge Cutting from Black Horse Close to Hill Rise

The hedge has now been cut on the top and the field side. It was agreed to cut the pavement side of the hedge and to pursue a solution regarding demarcation of the boundary.

11. Parish Council Budget and Precept 2014/15

The Precept was set at £32,000. See attached Budget.

12. Former Highway Surveyor's Land at Daffy Green

No action taken as the location of the land was questioned.

13. Grit Bins at Chapel Lane/Soames Place

Norfolk County Council will only allow one Grit Bin. It was agreed to place a bin at the junction of Dereham Road and Chapel Lane.

14. Sustainable Communities Act response

It was questioned whether there could be a Community Car Scheme in the village.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.30pm.