

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held in the Village Hall on 18 September 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). Six members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Turner.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2017 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned for Public Participation. The meeting was attended by Jack Sharpe of Carter Jonas regarding item 8 on the agenda. Cllr Brown set out the Council's position regarding the former Broadway Allotment site. It was noted that the Parish Council would need permission from the Secretary of State to sell the land and would need to demonstrate a good reason for selling the land. If the land was to be sold, then suitable land would need to be found elsewhere in the parish in compensation for the loss of this land. The Parish Council is concerned that Scarning does not have the sufficient infrastructure to support further development on a large scale. The school is near full capacity and there is minimal employment in the village. The junction at Draytonhall Lane causes serious problems as it is and would need to be altered at great expense. It was also noted that the land is near to Scarning Fen, a site of special scientific interest and that consultation would need to take place.

Mr Sharpe asked for a copy of the above comments to be sent to him.

It was noted that the Parish Council had been asked to join the consortium some twelve months ago and that it had not wished to sell the land. It was questioned if

anything had materially changed.

Cllr Richmond noted that he was meeting the Highways Engineer. He was asked for any items the Parish Council would like noted. The speed limit outside the school was noted and whether it could be lowered.

## 6. Finance

### a. Current balances

Barclays £1,340.23    Scottish Widows £9,870.59

### b. The Council resolved to approve the following payments:

- Cq 101886 Mansfield Fencing, moving goals on Water Meadows, £85
- 101887 A Newton, demolish bus shelter on Dereham Road, £420
- 101888 Mazars, annual audit fee, £360
- 101889 Thinking Rural, payroll services, £12
- 101890 Ruth Tudge, newsletter deliveries for May and July 2017, £20
- 101891 Thinking Rural, payroll services, £12
- 101892 A Newton, cut hedge from Black Horse Close and laybys, £216
- 101893 Cheque not used
- 101894 SLCC, Autumn Conference (part cost), £12.50
- 101895 A Newton, grass/verge and Water Meadows grass cutting, £1,224
- 101896 A Newton, grass cutting in Scarning churchyard, £756
- 101897 L F Everett & son, printing September newsletter, £206

### c. Payments received

- Ben Burgess, newsletter advertisements, £210
- Cash, sale of War Memorial book, £5
- Scottish Widows, interest paid, £26.90

### d. The meeting received a report of Actual Expenditure to Budgeted Expenditure

## 7. Completion of Annual Audit

The clerk noted that the Annual Audit was complete.

## 8. Proposal re the former Broadway Allotment site

The above comments under Public Participation were noted and agreed.

## 9. Planning

### a. Applications considered

NR20 Developments, The Woodlands, Rushmeadow Road 2017/0938/F	3PL/
New conservatory to partly constructed new dwelling objection.	No
Professor P Bulman-Page, Scarning Lodge, Dereham Road 2017/1062/CU	3PL/
Change of use from agricultural land to garden land. A covenant against any building development on the land will be put in place. objection.	No
Mrs H Hudson, Fenacre, Draytonhall Lane, 2017/1072	3PL/
Removal of agricultural conditions that occupation of the property should be limited to persons employed or last employed locally in agriculture No objection.	

#### 10. Proposals under the Local Member's Highways Budget

It was resolved to put forward the following proposals:-

- Slow signs to be placed on the road near the school.
- Cut back the Washbridge footpath and improve drainage.
- To improve the drainage on Dereham Road near the allotments to prevent flooding.
- To cut back the lower part of the hedge from Black Horse Close to Hill Rise.

#### 11. Pre submission publication of the Local Plan

Cllr Faulkner noted there were no significant issues in the Plan that affect Scarning. The Parish Council had broadly supported the previous version of the Plan. It was resolved to support the pre-submission publication of the Plan.

#### 12. Vattenfall Wind Turbines

It was resolved to invite a representative of Vattenfall to make a presentation to the next Parish Council meeting.

#### 13. Scarning Water Meadows

Mr Walker noted that he is meeting Sam Brown of Norfolk Wildlife Trust and a contractor, Pat Simmons, to assess what is to be done regarding the presence of the pervasive weed, crassula, in the scrapes. He will obtain costings.

#### 14. Correspondence

It was noted that Aon will not be offering Council insurance from renewal next year.

#### 15. Items for Inclusion in next Agenda

Scarning Water Meadows regarding progress re the weeds in the scrapes.

Parish Partnership submissions.

#### 16. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 16 October 2017 at 7.30pm.