

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 19 February 2018

Present Cllrs C Hewson (Chair), S Faulkner, J Magrath, P Page, M Steward.
Mr W Richmond (Norfolk County Councillor) Mrs L Turner (Breckland Councillor)
In attendance Mr N Hartley (Parish Clerk). Three members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Brown and Bradford, who were unwell and Cllr Farnham, who was on holiday.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2018 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

The clerk noted that to date he has received no applications for the vacancy on the Parish Council.

The clerk noted that to date he has received comments from four residents regarding the newsletter. The comments were in favour of keeping the newsletter.

It was noted that the road sign at the junction of Shipdham Lane and Dereham Road should be cleared by the beginning of April and rebuilding the bank carried out in the new financial year.

5. Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned for Public Participation. Cllr Richmond will be meeting a representative of the Highways Agency regarding the Draytonhall Lane junction with the A47 on 2 March. The Council was invited to send a representative.

It was noted that the litter bin at Podmore Ford had no lid.

It was noted that the bin at Ted Ellis Walk/the small play area needs hardcore around it to improve accessibility.

The Council was asked if Norfolk County Council can sort out the flooding/general

condition of Grange Road and if in the longer term HGVs can be prevented from using this road.

6. Planning

a. Breckland Council decisions

Mr & Mrs S Calvert, Blackdown Cottage, Rushmeadow Road 3PL/
2017/1626/HOU
Extension to front of property, demolish conservatory and construct single story extension

Approved

b. Application considered

Director of Children's Services, Norfolk County Council Y/
3/2018/3001
Scarning VC Primary School, Dereham Road,

Provision of new stand alone classbase block to provide two reception sized classrooms, group room, unisex toilets, disabled WC, cleaner's cupboard, cloaks area and plant room. External hard play, soft play and covered area, circulation paths, ramps and steps. Extension to existing car park to provide 6 additional car parking spaces.

No objection, but the Parish Council is concerned by the resulting increase in traffic and thus the continuing problems of parking outside the school. The Council would like to see improved provision for car parking as part of the application and requested that the school's Travel Plan should focus on reducing the number of vehicles outside the school.

7. Finance

a. Current balances

The Council's current balances were noted as follows:

Barclays £2,363.83 Scottish Widows £11,897.49

b. The Council resolved to approve the following payments:

Chq 101933 S Mansfield, repair and reinstall Information Board at Lucy's Meadow, £75

101934 Thinking Rural, payroll services, £12
101935 NGF Play Ltd, install new elliptical cross trainer at Water Meadows,
£630.60
101936 Colin Walton, repairs to church clock, £128
101937 Poppy Catchpole, refund from newsletter advertising, £75
101938 Littleproud Funerals, refund from newsletter advertising, £15
101939 Ben Burgess, refund from newsletter advertising, £105
101940 E Fox, refund from newsletter advertising, £75
101941 L F Everett & son, newsletter printing, £206
101942 S Bradford, newsletter delivery, £50
101943 J Hamling, newsletter delivery, £50
101944 M Hammond, newsletter delivery, £50
101945 N Hartley, newsletter delivery, £350
101946 A Protheroe, newsletter delivery, £50
101947 N Protheroe, newsletter delivery, £50
101948 J Roberts, newsletter delivery, £50
101949 J Wright, newsletter delivery, £30
101950 Realise Futures, replacement seat supports for Water Meadows picnic
bench,
£119

c. The meeting received a report of Actual Expenditure to Budgeted Expenditure

8. Information Boards

The Council considered a request from the Scarning Conservation Volunteers to add the three Information Boards on the Water Meadows as assets of the Parish Council. It was unanimously RESOLVED to add the Information Boards to the Council's Asset Register.

9. Flagpole

The clerk had obtained quotes for a flagpole, but the costs exceeded the £500 grant available from the Norfolk Community Foundation. The Parish Council had been advised that it cannot obtain a grant and then pass the funds to the PCC. The PCC needs to apply for a grant.

10. Grit Bin

The Council considered a request to move the Grit bin at the junction of Chapel Lane and Dereham Road to the junction of Soames Place and Chapel Lane. It was unanimously RESOLVED to make this request to Norfolk County Council for consideration.

11. Scarning United Charities

The Council has not yet heard back from Mr Steward regarding his request that the Parish Council assume responsibility for the charity.

12. Health and Safety Risk Assessment of Assets Report

The Council received a Health and Safety Risk Assessment of Assets report. It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the report without amendment.

13. Correspondence

The Council had received letters of thanks from the charities to which it had made donations towards their running costs.

The Council had received a letter asking for support of a Norwich Western Link. The Council supports the development of a Norwich Western Link and in order to minimise disruption would like to see that any work runs contiguous with the dualling of the A47 between Tuddenham and Easton.

14. Next Agenda

None.

15. Next Meeting

The date and time of the next Parish Council meeting were confirmed as 19 March at 7pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.55pm.