

## **Minutes of a meeting of Scarning Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 19 January 2009.**

### **Present**

All councillors.

### **In attendance**

Mr N Hartley

Six members of the public

### **1. Welcome**

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that apologies had been received from Mrs E Gould.

A moment of silence was observed for Mrs Margaret Newton-Cox, the wife of former parish councillor, Brian Newton-Cox.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Mr Glistler declared a personal interest in all items on the agenda. Mr Eagle declared a personal interest in items six and eight.

Mrs Hudson declared a personal interest in the cheque to A Hudson and in item 9, as a member of the Bowls Club.

### **3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2008 were confirmed and signed.

### **4. Matters arising from the minutes**

None.

### **Public Participation**

The meeting was formally closed for public participation. See attached.

### **5 Finance**

The clerk informed the meeting that the current balances are as follows: Current Account, £3,974.50 Scottish Widows £25,751.14

Payments made and approved in accordance with budget

Cq 100915 Scaming Pre School, grant for purchase of climbing frame, £2,000

Cq 100916 Scaming Playing Field Committee, grant re pavilion rebuilding, £4,000 Cq 100917 Norfolk Association of Local Councils, subscription to Norfolk Link, £27 Cq 100918 A Hudson, general maintenance works, £296.68

Cq 100919 N Hartley, reimbursement of expenses, £90.53

Cq 100920 Town & About Magazine, newsletter delivery, £45

Cq 100921 Citizens Advice Bureau, donation to running costs, £200 Cq 100922 Dereham Meeting Point, donation to running costs, £200

Cq 100923 Viking Direct, stamps, photocopier ink & computer ink cartridges, £94.17 Cq 100924 A Mobbs, repairs to Water Meadows play area, £15.89

Cq 100925 E-on, unmetered supplies, £90.01

Cq 100926 Eastern Office Equipment, laminating Freedom of Info sheets/sundries, £12.82

Mr Glistler noted that Mr Steward of the Playing Field Committee had agreed to accept the £6,000 designated to Scaming Playing Field Committee in two payments of £3,000, the first in May, the second in October/November.

Payments Received

S Faulkner, photocopying re Freedom of Information request, £2.10 EDF Energy, wayleaves, £20.53

Reconciliation of Accounts

The clerk confirmed that the accounts balance to 31 December 2008.

## **6. Scaming United Charities**

The council approved the reappointment of Mr K Steward and N Eagle as trustees of Scaming United Charities.

## **7. Highway Surveyors Land**

Not considered, as lease does not expire until March 2010.

## **8. Village History**

A proposal for funding a village history was presented by Mr Hartley and Mrs Eagle. It was agreed to give £1,000 to cover the publication costs and the cost of hiring the Village Hall for a 'Heritage' Day. The proceeds from the sale of the book will be paid back to the Parish Council and used, if necessary, to fund any reprinting of the book.

## **9. Bowls Club**

The council approved £2,000 to Scaming Bowls Club for the purchase of a new mower and twenty four chairs.

## **10. Community Car Scheme**

In response to its piece in the newsletter the council had received four letters supporting a new car scheme. Concern was expressed at making an open ended financial commitment to the proposed scheme. It was agreed to ask Breckland Council if it would approve the scheme and to consult Mattishall Parish Council as to how it runs a similar scheme.

## **11. Outdoor Sports Equipment**

It was agreed to purchase six of the seven pieces suggested by Norfolk Games & Frames, so that the financial figure comes within the £10,000 budgeted.

## **12. Planning**

a. Parish Council comments sent to Breckland Council

Mr M Whitehead, The Grange, Dereham Road, Alterations and extensions to outbuildings

No objection

b. Breckland Council Decisions

Caring Homes, Oak Manor, Dereham Road

Addition on single storey extensions to create day spaces

Approved

Mrs R Marsh, Archdene, Podmore Lane The siting of a pre-fabricated mobile home

Refused

Mr & Mrs M Reavey, Riversdale, Dereham Road

Demolition of bungalow & construction of residential development

Refused

Mr & Mrs A Sneddon, Brook Farm, Podmore Lane Extensions to house

Approved

Scaming Playing Field Committee, Scaming Playing Field, Shipdham Lane Rebuild pavilion & bowls clubhouse

Approved

### **13. Parish Website**

It was agreed that any advertisements would have to be connected with the village. The clerk is to consult Richard Allen about a sliding scale of fees depending on the size of the ad. The revenue will be used to fund the website.

### **14. NCC & Breckland Matters**

The clerk asked for any suggestions for the Pride in Breckland Awards 2009.

### **15. Correspondence**

The council accepted a quote from Cartledge for another three year contract to maintain the street lights at £680 for year one, £479 year two and £504 in year three.

The council accepted Mr Allsop's quote of £2,060 for hedge and grass cutting.

The council agreed to purchase a sign for the Water Meadows noting that a contact number of the equipment is faulty. The cost of the sign is £19.86, plus fitting costs.

The council had received a request for fencing around the small play area on the Water Meadows. It was noted that Adventure Playgrounds had quoted £5,400. to fence the area. It was agreed to write to Breckland Council in this respect.

The council noted the resignation of councillor Paul Wadsworth, although it was also noted that Mr Wadsworth may put his name forward to stand again as a councillor.

### **16. Any other Business**

It was agreed to write to Norfolk County Council regarding the unsafe fencing outside the former Riverside Garden Centre.

It was agreed to write to Breckland Council regarding the condition of the Water Meadows and rubbish on Draytonhall Lane and near the Chestnut Road bus stop.

It was agreed to write to the Highways Agency re the slippery road sign near the junction of the A47 and Dale Road.

It was agreed to write to Norfolk County Council regarding the erosion of the banks and the condition of Dale Road.

It was agreed to write to Norfolk County Council regarding potholes at the A47 junction with Fen Road and regarding reinstating the white lines on Fen Road.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.12pm.

### **Public Participation**

Mr Perkins noted that the Bowls Club has only once asked for funds from the Parish Council. Due to the fire it has extensive costs that need to be met.

Mr Steward noted that there had been no progress regarding works at the front of the Village Hall.

Mrs Eagle asked the council for its support in funding the village history project

Mr Walker noted the amount of litter on the Water Meadows and the areas where the footpath is sinking.