

Draft for approval

Minutes of a meeting of Scarning Parish Council held in the Village Hall on 19 January 2015.

Present Mrs W Brown, Ms F Bradford, Mr C Farnham, Mr S Faulkner,
Ms J Magrath, Mrs P Page, Mr M Steward, Mr D Wood.
Mrs E Gould, Mr W Richmond, Mrs L Turner.
Two members of the public. In attendance Mr N Hartley.

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mr N Horwell.

2. Declarations of Interest

Mrs Brown in the Planning Application of Mr D Smith.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2014 were confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

A letter was received from Scarning PCC thanking the Parish Council for its continued support in relation to the upkeep of the churchyard and the maintenance of the church clock, as well as providing the Christmas tree again this year.

5. Finance

a. Current balances

Barclays Current account £1,826.57 Scottish Widows £33,150.70

b. Payments made and approved in accordance with budget

Cq 101557 Berry Hall Woodlands, Christmas tree, £140
101558 S Mansfield, to erect Christmas tree, £20
101559 Wensum Valley Electrical, to install Christmas lights, £78
101560 A Newton, dig out pond and scrape and clear ditches, £330
101561 N Hartley, reimbursement of cost of part phone/internet, £73.21
101562 Dereham Meeting Point, donation towards running costs, £150 (Section 137)
101563 Citizens Advice Bureau, donation towards running costs, £150 (Section 142)
101564 N Hartley, non-consolidated payment in respect of salary increase, £27.40
101565 J Pearce, purchase of shed for storage of Conservation Volunteers equipment, £480
101566 Eon, street lighting supplies, £90.74
101567 Pearce & Kemp Ltd, repairs to street lights, £189.01
101568 Abacus Copiers, repair to council photocopier, £42

c. Payments Received

Sale of First World War book, £35
Sale of First World War book, £10
UK Power Networks, bayleaves, £29.34

d. Report of actual expenditure against budgeted expenditure

e. Report from Internal Control Officer

Mr Farnham confirmed that he had carried out the necessary checks.

6. Interim Auditor's Report

The meeting received the Interim Report from Auditor stating that he was satisfied all requirements are being met.

7. Public Participation

Mrs Turner noted there is funding available from Breckland Council for up to £1,000 for community groups.

Mrs Gould encouraged residents to use the Breckland Council website to report flytipping, dog fouling and so on. She noted there are dance classes at Litcham High School for 5 to 16 year olds, costing £25 for ten weeks. She also noted the first turf had been dug for the new Biomass Plant at Snetterton.

It was asked if a letter could be sent to one of the residents of Blackhorse Close, as his hedge overhangs the footpath, making it awkward for people using the path.

8. Planning

a. Comments sent to Breckland Council

Mr & Mrs P Fox, Cattle Arch Cottage, Fen Road
Two storey extension No objection

Easterly Wind Energy Co-operative Ltd,
Erection of single wind turbine/ancillary infrastructure between Wending & Longham No objection

Mr P Brunton, Fordway, Podmore Lane
Raising of roofline to incorporate rooms in roof with dormer windows in front No objection

Mr C Druce, 1 Park Farm Cottages, Park Lane
Erection of detached 3 bay cart shed style garage No objection

b. Breckland Council decisions

Mr N Parsons, erection of timber framed open-fronted 2 bay garage Approved

Mr & Mrs P Fox, Cattle Arch Cottage, Fen Road
Two storey rear extension & single storey extension Approved

c. Applications considered

Mr D Smith, 8 Jessopp Close
New dwelling No objection

Mr & Mrs G Sutton, Beech Croft, Shipdham Lane, Daffy Green
Single storey rear extension to existing annex No objection

Mr & Mrs K Doughty, Brookside Barn, Chapel Lane,
New cartshed No objection

NR20 Developments, adjacent 65 Dereham Road
Erection of cottage style house inc demolition of garage No objection

9. Village Newsletter

It was agreed to produce an A5 black/white newsletter six times a year. Advertising costs to be £90 pa for a quarter page, £120 for a half page and £210 for a full page.

10. Black Horse Close Hedge to Hill Rise

It was agreed to appoint Mr A Newton to cut the hedge from Black Horse Close to Hill Rise.

11. Appointment of Contractor to Rebuild Youth Shelter

It was agreed to appoint Mr A Newton to rebuild the Youth Shelter on Scarning Water Meadows.

12. Defibrillator

A letter from Scarning Village Hall Trust was read regarding the proposed purchase of a defibrillator to be installed outside the Village Hall. The Village Hall Trust would like the telephone box to be moved back in line with the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Village Hall Trust

should investigate the cost of moving the phone box and telegraph pole, and also to confirm ownership of the land on which these stand.

13. Signage on Water Meadows

With regard to the two new scrapes on the Water Meadows, it was agreed that the Parish Council will carry out a Risk Assessment and that it was not considered necessary to put up signage. The Conservation Volunteers are to meet with regard to having two new Information Boards erected, on which users of the meadows would be encouraged to keep to the designated footpaths.

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