

**Minutes of a meeting of Scarning Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on 19 November 2012.**

Present Mrs W Brown, Mr M Steward, Mr C Farnham, Mr N Horwell,
Ms J Magrath, Mrs P Page, Mr R Walton.
In attendance Mr N Hartley. Five members of the public

1. Welcome and apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mr Faulkner, due to work commitments, and Mrs Gould, who was attending another meeting.

2. Resignation of Mrs J Hamling

The resignation of Mrs Hamling was noted.

3. Declarations of Interest

Mrs Brown in the payment of cheques to herself and Mr T Brown.
Mr Walton in the payment of a cheque to himself.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2012 were confirmed and signed.

5. Matters Arising

None.

6. Finance

a. The clerk informed the meeting that the current balances are as follows:-
Current Account £6,703.23 Scottish Widows £20,891.06

b. Payments made and approved in accordance with budget

Cq 101270 Lights 4 Fun, lights for Christmas Tree Fair, £169.74
101271 Lights 4 Fun, additional lights and transformer for Christmas Tree at Scarning Church, £60.85
101272 Kilted Christmas Tree Ltd, stands for Christmas Tree Fair, £299.50
101273 N Hartley, reimbursement re cost of Christmas Tree lights for Christmas Tree Fair, £251.68
101274 Corners Nursery, Christmas trees for Christmas Tree Fair, £432
101275 Berry Hall Woodlands, two Christmas trees, £120
101276 N Hartley, reimbursement re cost of first class postage for Christmas Tree Fair letters, £6
101277 LF Everett & son, leaflets for Christmas Tree Fair, £110
101278 M Wabe, storyteller at Christmas Fair, £70
101279 N Hartley, reimbursement of cost of Raffle Tickets for Christmas Tree Fair/Craft Fair, £3.50

101280 Bellfolk Handbell Ringers, fee for ringing at Christmas tree Fair, £50
101281 LF Everett & son, printing newsletter, £519
101282 W Brown, newsletter delivery, £10
101283 R Walton, newsletter delivery, £10
101284 N Hartley, newsletter delivery £10
101285 J Hamling, newsletter delivery, £10
101286 C Eglon, newsletter delivery, £10
101287 A Protheroe, newsletter delivery, £10
101288 E Winterbone, newsletter delivery, £10
101289 M Hammond, newsletter delivery, £10
101290 T Brown, newsletter delivery, £50
101291 Jemco, sign for Ted Ellis Way play area, £35.41
101292 Norse Commercial Services Ltd, play equipment inspection report, £114
101293 Mansfield Fencing, new fence and gates at small Water Meadows play area, £1,240
101294 NGF Play Ltd, cut off beacon and resite, £900
101295 NGF Play Ltd, maintenance and work re Outdoor Fitness equipment, £179.14
101296 P Yaxley, grass cutting in Scarning churchyard, £166
101297 N Hartley, reimbursement re prizes for Lucky Dip for Christmas Tree Fair, £19.72
101298 Rudds, advertising boards for Christmas Tree, Fair, £130
101299 Cash, float for Parish Council run stalls at Christmas Tree Fair, £50
101300 W Brown, Chairman's Allowance, £46.92
101301 W Brown, reimbursement of expenses re Christmas Tree Fair, £107.15

c. Payments received

CDT (Dereham) Ltd, donation to Christmas Tree Fair, £100
Scarning Village Hall, donation to Christmas Tree Fair, £100
Music and Movement, newsletter advert, £10

d. Report of Actual Expenditure against Budgeted Expenditure

The meeting received a report of Actual Expenditure against Budgeted Expenditure to 31 October 2012.

7. Public Participation

Mr Walker hoped that progress would soon be made regarding management of the Water Meadows. He was advised that members of the Parish Council are meeting Breckland Council at the end of the week.

The Council was asked whether it had taken the Environment Agency into consideration regarding the proposed management of the Water Meadows. The Council noted that its management of the Meadows will depend on the basis under which it is let.

8. Zip Wire

A letter from the complainants regarding the Zip Wire was read. The complainants have offered to pay the cost of moving the Zip Wire. It was noted that morally and ethically the Parish Council cannot accept such a payment. It was noted that the Parish Council is still waiting for the report of the Noise Monitoring Officer. The complainants noted that noise from children on and near the Zip Wire has diminished due to the weather and the shorter evenings. They were asked how they would feel about a noise baffling screen

between their property and the playing field. They said they had been advised by the Noise Monitoring Officer that this could cause more noise, as children use them to kick balls against.

It was requested that the clerk chase Breckland Council regarding anti social behaviour on and near the Zip Wire. It was also requested that the clerk write to the Monitoring Officer for an update on his report and to send with this a copy of the complainants' letter to the Parish Council. The complainants said they had no objection to the letter being sent to the Noise Monitoring Officer.

9. Play Equipment Inspection Report

It was noted that the two urgent items noted in the report (a broken swing and a trip hazard) have since been resolved. It was agreed to write to the Dog Warden re the suggestion in the report of additional No Dog Fouling signs in the play area. It was also agreed to obtain a quote re the recommended algaecide of some pieces of equipment.

10. Village Games

The Village Hall Trust has proposed that the Parish Council might like to cooperate with it regarding the Village Games. It was agreed that the Parish Council will contact the Village Hall Trust and the Playing Field Committee in this respect.

11. Dispensations

It was agreed to grant the clerk the authority to grant a dispensation for councillors to be able to speak regarding the Budget. It was agreed that the future issue of dispensations should be considered when this matter has been satisfactorily resolved.

12. Budget and Precept

The Parish Council set its precept at £32,000. (See budget). It was questioned why the Parish Council has to pay for hiring the Village Hall for village events, such as the Horticultural Show. The clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall Trust. The clerk was also asked to contact the Playing Field Committee re cutting the grass following the death of the groundsman. A member of the council has requested funding for the CILCA qualification. The Council requested more information.

13. Planning

a. Breckland Council Decisions

Domino Pizza UK & Ireland Ltd, 4 Bridge Court, Old Swaffham Road
Internally illuminated fascia & projecting sign and internal window sign Approved

Mr & Mrs N Nethercote, 13 Sedge Road
Conversion of garage to living accommodation, single storey extension & garage Approved

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.40pm.