

**Minutes of a meeting of Scarning Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on 21 September 2015.**

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dickerson, who was attending a new Councillor training course.

2. Declarations of Personal or Business Interest

Cllr Brown in the cheques to herself and Mr T Brown, her husband.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2015 were confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Finance

a. Current balances

Barclays £12,875.29 Scottish Widows £29,766.56

b. Payments to be made and approved in accordance with the budget

- Cq 101633 Aon Services, grasscutting verges and Scarning Water Meadows, £2,400
- 101634 Aon Services, grasscutting verges and Scarning Water Meadows, £966
- 101635 Breckland Council, fee re uncontested elections on 7 May 2015, £75
- 101636 S Mansfield, install dog bin on Dereham Road/repairs at Water Meadows, £70
- 101637 N Hartley, reimbursed charge for Spires to witness signature re Parish Council land deeds, £20
- 101638 Mazars, audit fee, £240
- 101639 David Bracey, Water Meadows play area inspection report, £120
- 101640 Commonwealth War Graves Commission, donation of sale proceeds re First World War book, £255
- 101641 NPTP, councillor training course for Mrs S Dickerson, £45
- 101642 RBL Poppy Appeal, Remembrance Day wreath, £50
- 101643 Viking, stamps, £66.70
- 101644 L F Everett & son, printing September newsletter, £309
- 101645 W Brown, delivery of September newsletter, £10
- 101646 T Brown, delivery of September newsletter, £50
- 101647 A Protheroe, delivery of September newsletter, £10
- 101648 N Protheroe, delivery of September newsletter, £10
- 101649 C Eglon, delivery of May, July and September newsletters, £30
- 101650 P Yaxley, grasscutting in Scarning churchyard, £190
- 101651 Richard Allan, website costs, £188.80
- 101652 Jemco, signs for scrapes on Water Meadows, £39.65

c. Payments Received

SCS Accounting, newsletter advertisement, £90
Breckland Council, funding for Outdoor Fitness equipment, £9,000
Cash, sale of War Memorial books, £10
Scottish Widows, interest received, £115.86

d. Report of actual Expenditure Against Budgeted Expenditure

6. Internal Control Report

Cllr Farnham confirmed he had carried out all relevant checks.

7. External Audit

It was noted that the External Audit has been completed.

8. Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned for Public Participation. It was confirmed that Cllr Steward will lay the Remembrance Day wreath.

Mrs Turner noted there will be grants available for street parties/tree planting and so on in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday next year.

Mr Richmond noted the deadline for Parish Partnership scheme applications is 15 December 2015. The Parish may like to apply for a Speed Activated sign for Dereham Road. Also that the next Safer Neighbourhood Area Partnership meeting is on 30 September. It was noted there had been a number of burglaries recently on Draytonhall Lane estate.

The clerk was asked to write to the landowner re cutting the hedge on Dereham Road opposite the cottages.

The clerk was asked to write to the school as some parents are parking near the junction of Dereham Road and Draytonhall Lane. Also to ask parents not to let their children out onto the road side of Dereham Road.

9. Dispensation for Cllr Dickerson

It was agreed to provide a dispensation for Cllr Dickerson in respect of former Highway Surveyors Land at Daffy Green and Scarning Fuel Allotment Charity.

10. Grant Application for Scarning PCC

It was agreed to give a grant to Scarning PCC for grass cutting in the churchyard. A new contractor will be appointed as Mr Yaxley is retiring.

11. Charitable Donations

It was agreed to donate £100 each to the same charities as last year and £150 each to Dereham CAB and Dereham Meeting Point.

12. Sign for Outdoor Fitness Equipment

It was agreed to purchase a sign for the new equipment.

13. Blackthorn Drive pond

It was agreed to ask Bloor Homes if they will contribute an annual grant if the Conservation Volunteers agree to maintain the pond on their behalf.

14. Scrapes on Water Meadows

It was agreed to accept Angus Newton's quote to re-dig the scrapes and clear the vegetation.

15. Pre Budget Discussions

It was agreed to obtain costs for new play equipment for both ends of the village.

The clerk had received a request for a street light near the bus shelter at Dereham Road/Chestnut Road. It was proposed to obtain the cost of a solar lamp. Also the cost of a lamp in the shelter itself. And to consider thereafter.

Cllr Hewson asked if the Council would consider the installation of a dog bin between the 30mph sign on Shipdham Lane and Park Farm Cottage. The Clerk will see if Breckland would empty a bin in this location.

16. Daffy Green Former Highway Surveyors Land

It was agreed to increase the rent to £5pa.

17. Water Meadows play Area

It was agreed to accept NGF Play's quote to replace the beam holding the swings. It was agreed not to replace the broken Springy, but to obtain more details of play equipment to improve both the Water Meadows play area and the Village Playing Field.

18. Replacement Dog Bin

It was agreed to purchase a new bin, as the lid is broken and it is not possible to purchase a new lid on its own.

19. Foundation Status

It was agreed to apply for Foundation Status and to increase the Training budget.

20. Planning

a. Breckland Council decisions

Ms C Frost, 1 Dereham Road
Single storey rear extension and garage

Approved

Mr & Mrs J Piotrowski, 2 School Plain

Two storey side extension and single storey front extension

Approved

b. Comments sent to Breckland Council

Ms C Frost, 1 Dereham Road
Two storey rear extension and garage

No objection

Mr & Mrs J Piotrowski, 2 School Plain
Two storey side extension and single storey front extension

No objection

c. Application Considered

Mr & Mrs S Parkinson, 12 Riverside Close
Single storey rear extension to property

No objection

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