

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES - Scaldwell Parish Council

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2020. 6.00 pm**

This meeting took place remotely using ZOOM

**Chairman:** Mr Eugene O'Leary

**Parish Clerk:** Hayley Cawthorne; **Address:** Rose Cottage, Station Road, North Kilworth, Lutterworth, LE17 6ER

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Councillors present: Cllr E O'Leary (Chairman)  
Cllr D Cross (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr M Vinton  
Cllr D Masterson Jones  
Cllr S Thorne  
Cllr P Long

Clerk to the Parish Council: Hayley Cawthorne (Clerk until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020)

Fiona Young (Clerk from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020)

District Councillor Kevin Parker

Scaldwell Residents 3 parishioners

1	<b>No apologies received</b>
2	<b>RESOLUTION to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>
3	<b>Report from Scaldwell Parish Council Chairman covering the activities of the Parish Council for the year to 31 March 2020</b>  <u>Chairman's Annual Report. June 2020</u>  The role of the parish council is to represent the needs of the village and to seek to improve the quality of village life. My report is a summary of the council's activities during this past year, but should you wish to learn more about the role and work of the Council, further details may be found on the village website.  <u>Meetings and general activities</u> The Council held 9 statutory meetings during the year including the Annual Parish Meeting. In addition, we also had a series of extraordinary meetings throughout the year to consider various planning applications. All our meetings were, up to the introduction of the Lockdown in March, held in the Village Hall and were open to all parishioners who wished to attend. We always provide an opportunity for questions, concerns, or comments to be raised. At present, all our meetings are taking place remotely, via 'Zoom', with access details available on all published agendas. This situation looks likely to continue for quite a while  We are very grateful to our District Cllr Kevin Parker and Cllr Johnathon Harris who attend meetings whenever they are able and are a vital link for us with Daventry District Council. At a county level, we extend our gratitude to our County Councillor, Cecile Irving-Swift.  Cllr Wharton stepped down from the council at the end of his term in May but has agreed to remain as the Co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch and the related WhatsApp group. On behalf of Council, I would like to express our sincere thanks to Matt for his commitment to the council during his term of office and wish him well.  Our present clerk, Hayley Cawthorne is leaving us at the end of July. On behalf of Council, I would like to express our sincere thanks to Hayley for her commitment to the council over the past two years and wish her well in the future.  In the meantime, we have appointed a new clerk, Fiona Young, who will be taking over in July. Welcome Fiona! Over this past year, the much awaited updating of the street lightning was completed as well as the work to repair

and protect The Green. Work to install a defibrillator in the phone box is, however, taking a little longer than we anticipated due to unforeseen delays. It is, however, hoped that the defibrillator will be in place later this year. We are also committed to the maintenance of landscaping within the village.

Members of the Council continue to liaise with the county Highways Department looking at possible and realistic solutions to the problems faced by the ever-increasing traffic flow and inconsiderate and at times extremely dangerous driving through the village. Much to the credit of Cllr Thorne's persistence, Highways finally repainted the Slow signs and main road line markings through the village.

The council continues to stay abreast of developments within Brixworth regarding planning developments. For example, the recent application to the rear of Mercedes which the Parish Council, along with a number of surrounding councils, opposed.

#### Playing Field

Our close working relationship with the 'Friends of the Playing Field' group continues to thrive ensuring the playing field remains well kept and maintained for the benefit of all. A very big thank you to all those villagers who devote so much of their time to the upkeep of the playing field and for their very successful fundraising efforts.

The council is sincerely grateful to all who help at the playing field.

At time of writing it is still closed due to Lockdown restrictions, but it is anticipated that we will be able to open it sometime soon.

#### Membership and representation

The council remains a member of the National and County Association of Local Councils and our Clerks have been members of the Society of Local Council Clerks. These organisations offer help and support to Clerks and Councillors and are invaluable in keeping us up to date with developments and legislation. As a village with a conservation area and with increasing development within the County, we are also members of CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) and ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England). We also have representation on the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Trust, the Relief in Need Charity, the Thomas Roe Foundation and Neighbourhood Watch.

Finally– Council would like to express an enormous thanks to all those involved in the Scaldwell Helping Hands Whats App group. It is heart warming to see so many people willing to help out during this lockdown and says a lot about the warmth and generosity of the people of Scaldwell.

I would also like to thank my fellow Councilors for all their hard work during the past year and especially to Dudley Cross for all his support and commitment.

Eugene O'Leary  
Chairman. Scaldwell Parish Council.

#### 4 **Report from the District Councillor Kevin Parker**

There were three main Capital Projects which DDC approved last year as Legacy projects for the residents of DDC.

1. Mulberry Place which provides a cinema and Resaturant at a cost of 13M and will open in Easter 2021.
2. Reach for Health which is a Rehabilitation Trust charity at a cost of 1.5M and will open in the summer of 2020.
3. Moulton Leisure Centre has been purchased at a cost of 8.5m formerly the Chris Moody Centre which provides a swimming pool and gym for the residents in the East of the district.

The opening dates are subject to the Covid 19 situation.

As you are aware the District elections were postponed this year until May 2021, this has resulted in 134 Councillors now part of the 'West Shadow Authority'. The first meeting took place in June with a further three planned for this year.

A Executive has been formed with two councillors from the districts and two from NCC. The aim is now for the Unitary to be safe and legal from April 1st.  
 Working groups have been formed to look at different aspects of the NCC budget/departments to ensure the Unitary meets the aim of safe and legal.

As a District Councillor I have attended numerous meetings at District and Parish level to numerous to mention in addition to offer help and advice on various matters to residents.

**5 Reports from the village groups and organisations as follows:**

- **The Foundation of Thomas Roe.**
- **The Scaldwell Relief in Need charity**

Annual Report for period 1st February 2019 to 31st January 2020

The Scaldwell Relief in Need charity is constituted by a Scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 3rd February 1977 and is registered with them under No. 205281. The current address for the Charity is The Old Barn, High Street, Scaldwell, Northampton, NN6 9JS

The Trustees of the Charity are:-

Co-opted Trustee	Mrs. S.M. Thorne (Chair) Mr. R. Morgan Mrs C.J. Monk Mr. D. Keir	Co-opted Oct 18 Co-opted Mar 17 Co-opted Nov 17 Co-opted Nov 18
Nominative Trustees	Mrs. M.E. Vinton Mrs. P.M. Long	Nominated May 2018 Nominated May 2018

The Clerk to the Charity is Mrs. S.K. Dodds-Smith

The Scaldwell Parish Council has the right to nominate two trustees who serve for a period of four years. Other Trustees are co-opted for a period of five years.

After paying the expenses of the charity the Trustees are to apply the income towards the relief of persons in need who are resident in the Parish of Scaldwell. They may also make donations to other organisations which themselves provide services for people in need in the village. The Trustees should also pay for the holding of the annual Bread Service. At the end of the year, if there is spare income then this may be used for projects for the benefit of the village.

The annual Christmas Gift to Senior Citizens was distributed and a grant awarded to Scaldwell Sports Club for £750 towards the maintenance of the court surfaces and £500 to Scaldwell Playing Field the maintenance to the equipment

There continues to be a lack of grant applications from individual parishioners which the Trustees have tried to alleviate by advertising the Charity in the Newsletter distributed to all households.

The value of investments as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 was £22,936 has compared to £20,850 as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

- **Scaldwell Parish Trust**

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	Mr. R. Morgan	Co-opted Mar 17
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After paying the expenses of the running of the Charity, the Trustees are to apply the income of the Charity as they think fit for any charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Scaldwell.

During the year the Trustees have made grants of £100 to the Men's Breakfast Club, £500 Scaldwell Club towards the Party in the Park and £154 towards the Firework Display. £800 was awarded to Scaldwell PCC for churchyard maintenance and £20 to Sue Dodds-Smith towards the cost of paper for the newsletter.

The value of the investments as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 totalled £29,997 compared to £29,609 on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

- **Friends of the Playing Field**

- **Scaldwell Club**

This has definitely been a year of two halves.

The summer of 2019 was marked by another superb party in the park; local bands, including Unpredictable and Backbeat, provided entertainment that kept the village dancing late into the night.

There was another treasure hunt which proved remarkably challenging to the club chairman and his wife although everyone else who took part found it pretty easy.

The Club put on the annual fireworks display which unfortunately had to be moved due to high winds. The event

was held on the Sunday rather than the traditional Saturday and was warmly received albeit with a much smaller crowd than normal. We'd like to thank the various village charities who gave so generously to fill the ensuing hole in our finances.

The Club really comes into its own in December and 2019 was no exception; Pensioners Dinner, followed by Scaldwell's very own Christmas Starters. This year, to mark the decennial, there was a New Year's Eve ball with a James Bond theme. All these events take a tremendous amount of hard work and I would like to thank the committee and all those associated with the club that put in such tireless hours to make events possible. I'd also like to thank the many people who work behind the bar and have kept the club such a welcoming place.

Unfortunately this year we had to close our doors in the middle of March and are currently still marking time. I'd like to thank our Landlords, the Village Hall, who have generously given us a rent holiday in this period of zero bar sales.

We have a plan to reopen when we get the ok from the Village Hall; when we can re-open we will have our AG on the opening day so that a new committee can be elected as some of the officeholders, including myself, have reached their term limit.

- **Village Hall Management Committee**

Chairman's Report. June 2020.

I would like to start by thanking all the members of the committee for their continuing support and hard work to ensure that the hall is maintained to a level appropriate to the needs of all who use it.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank Kelly Booth who has taken on the role of secretary from Dara and a big thank you to Dara for her time as secretary.

Charlotte Neale and David Keir have both stepped down from the committee. A big thank you to them for all their contributions.

The committee has continued to be very successful in letting the hall on a regular basis. This is in no part due to the high standard to which the hall is maintained as well as to the time and effort put in by our booking's secretary, Diane.

The annual 100 Club, which is the only fund raising scheme for the hall and runs from Christmas Starters in December for 12-weeks, with two weekly cash prizes of £30 and £20 proved very successful this year with 61 entries at £20 per entry. A big thank you to Rob for organising it.

The committee continues to work hard to ensure the hall is maintained to a level appropriate to the needs of all its users and is always open to new ideas of how it can be used by residents of Scaldwell.

The major investment in maintenance carried out in previous years has resulted in a relatively low level of necessary maintenance during this past year.

However, the committee did agree to two major items of investment. One was the installation of an HDR 4K Ultra HD Smart 65" screen TV with soundbar for the use of the club and hirers. The second was to replace the entrance door to the club and those between the club and the hall.

Thank you to Phil for his work on researching and purchasing the TV and to Nev and Chris Risely for researching, purchasing and fitting the doors!

This year's AGM has been postponed, for the moment, in the light of the Coronavirus lockdown which has led to the closure of the Hall since the last week of March 2020. At the time of writing, this closure remains in place. The committee is resolved in preparing the Village Hall for re-opening once the lockdown restrictions have been lifted and we feel it is safe to do so.

Eugene O'Leary  
Chairman

- **Parochial Church Council.**

Today co- incidentally is the feast of St Peter and St Paul and the good news is that the church has been open for private prayer with the flag of St Peter and St Paul flying in the breeze.

The major Benefice initiative this year has been to run two Alpha courses. For those not familiar with Alpha , it is a course on what Christians believe and why which involves a shared meal, an instructive DVD and small group discussions .Some Scaldwell parishioners attended both the Wednesday evening and Friday lunchtime courses .Unfortunately both courses had to pause due to the Corona virus lockdown but will resume when possible.

The lockdown also meant that for the first time since 1213 the churches were locked and no services were held in them. Sunday services however have continued online on the benefice website -walgravebenefice.org – with "attendances" ranging from 40 to 150+. A Thought for The Day is also put up 6 days a week, attracting over 1000 views since it commenced in April. The plan is to return to return to a service in the church as soon as possible with a recording being put online for those who won't initially be able to attend. Bible study on Tuesday night in Scaldwell has continued on Zoom.

The Food Bank collection box was moved to the Green following lockdown and Scaldwell residents have been very generous in keeping it topped up for its fortnightly collections. Feedback from the Trussel Trust Foodbank in Kettering has been very positive.

I think everyone who came out to clap on Thursdays for the NHS enjoyed the accompanying church bells which were also run on Easter Sunday and to mark V E day.

In terms of the church building itself the smart water marking on the lead has been renewed and a new roof alarm fitted.

With no services being held recently and therefore no collections it is planned to start a Friends of Scaldwell Church Fund for those parishioners who although not churchgoers may wish to support the maintenance of our lovely historic building.

Dara Masterson-Jones  
Chairman Scaldwell Parochial Church Council.

- **Neighbourhood Watch**

Before I start this report, I hope that I find everyone on the Parish Council and their families safe and well.

At this present moment in time we currently have 35 members on the Scaldwell Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp Group.

During the past twelve months we have had twelve crimes occur, that have been reported in Scaldwell to the police. If you would like a further breakdown of these crimes, you can visit the [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) website and enter the NN6 postcode and click on the crime map tab.

I would just like to remind the parishioners that during this pandemic the amount of scam e-mails and scam phone calls as increased considerably. So if you are unsure of any cold callers, end the phone call straight away and delete any e-mails that you are unsure of.

Something that I have noticed in the last few weeks, is the amount of cars that have mounted the pavements along the High Street, when other cars are approaching from the opposite direction just so they can get by. I'm afraid that one day someone walking along the pavement may get hurt. I just thought that I would inform the Parish Council that in the next couple of days I am going to ask members of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme if they could be vigilant and if possible to note down any car registration plates that mount the curb.

It also seems we have had more incidents of fly-tipping in the local area during the last few months. I would like to say thank you to everyone that has reported these incidents and Daventry District Council for their cleaning-up process.

Stay safe and well.

Matt Wharton – Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

- **Scaldwell Sports Club**

Scaldwell Sports Club – Annual Report 2020

Chair	Margaret Vinton
Vice-Chair	Rob Thorne
Secretary	Sue Dodds-Smith
Treasurer	Sue Dodds-Smith
Member	Michell Wharton
Member	Dudley Cross

Following the re-formation of the Sports Club Committee in 2019, works to repair and improve the courts have been completed to include the repair of fencing to both the courts and surrounding field, landscaping to the perimeter of the courts, cleaning of the court surfaces, replacement of the nets, securing of the courts and the installation of improved signage.

A maintenance regime has been established and the areas around the court are now mown and maintained throughout the year.

In addition, the Club were responsible for instigating re-surfacing works to Holcott Lane to improve the condition of the track between the High Street and the tennis courts.

The provision of coaching was investigated but not taken-up due to a lack of interest. The Club intend to investigate this further in 2020.

The courts were closed for a number of weeks from April 2020 in line with government advice relating to C-19. The courts have subsequently re-opened and are proving to be popular with a small increase on 2019 membership numbers.

The committee have sought to raise finances via grants and donations to facilitate re-surfacing of the playing surfaces. Due to the significant sum involved in re-surfacing the playing surface it will only be possible to complete works to one court at a time.

Notable grants from Daventry District Council and the Scaldwell Parish Trust have been received thus far along with a number of donations from within the village and it is hoped to complete the re-surfacing of the original court in the autumn of 2020.

The facility remains for the principal benefit of villagers but an 'out of village' category of membership is available and the use of the refurbished courts is being promoted.

	<p>The committee would like to recognise the work of Michelle Wharton who was instrumental in re-forming the committee in 2019 and in the years prior to this, worked alone in maintaining membership details and managing the finances of the Club.</p> <p>Michelle stepped down from her role as treasurer in June 2020 but remains a member of the committee. She is thanked by both the committee and the membership for her efforts.</p> <p>Dudley Cross June 2020</p>
6.	<p>Comments made from parishioners regarding Scaldwell Parish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consequence of cars parking on the high street was discussed. In doing this, cars driving through the village are driving on pavements to enable two way traffic on the roads. The concern is that this is a tragedy waiting to happen</li> <li>• Parking on Cross Hill (the green) continues to be an issue. A parishioner has asked that the council consider installing more bollards along that part of the green to prevent parking there.</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>The meeting closed at 6.38 pm.</b></p>

**Signed:** Hayley Cawthorne

Clerk to Scaldwell Parish Council

**Dated:** 30/07/2020