

MEETING OF SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES

of the Scaldwell Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 6th May 2026 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Scaldwell

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Present: Cllrs M Kelly (Chairman), D Masterson-Jones (Vice- Chairman), L Angus, R Vann, P Greene and K Booth.

In attendance: Rachael Ball (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

23/2027	Election of Chair and signing of Acceptance of Office: It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Kelly Chair of Scaldwell Parish Council. <i>The acceptance of office was duly signed.</i>
24/2027	Election of Vice Chair: It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Masterson – Jones Vice Chair of Scaldwell Parish Council.
25/2027	To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence: None
26/2027	To confirm minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the Wednesday 8th 2026: It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes. <i>Duly signed by the Chair.</i>
27/2027	To receive any dispensations or declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business items on the agenda: 36/2027 Cllrs Kelly, Masterson – Jones, Angus, Vann and Booth are members of the village hall committee.
28/2027	Public address: None
29/2027	To note the disqualification of Cllr. Ryan Harris as per the Local Government Act 1972, Section 85: It was NOTED by the council. WNC have been notified.
30/2027	Review and appoint roles and responsibilities for the council: It was RESOLVED to appoint the roles and responsibilities: Defibrillator: Cllr D Masterson-Jones Noticeboard: Cllr D Masterson – Jones Highways and Speed Signs: Cllr K Booth Mowing: Cllr M Kelly Play Area: Cllr K Booth Street Lighting: Cllr D Masterson-Jones Police Liaison: Cllr L Angus Internal Control: Cllr R Vann Footpaths: Cllr L Angus Trees: Cllr D Masterson Jones Welcome letters: Cllr D Masterson Jones Planning application letters: Cllr Masterson Jones Newsletter: Cllr M Kelly Thomas Roe Charity: Cllrs L Angus and M Kelly Scaldwell Charity: Cllrs M Kelly and D Masterson Jones
31/2027	To review the following policies i) Standing Orders ii) Financial Regulations

	iii) Code of Conduct iv) Equality and Diversity Policy v) Health and Safety Policy vi) Complaints Procedure vii) Data Protection Policy viii) Data Breach Policy ix) Safeguarding Policy It was RESOLVED to agree the following policies
32/2027	To receive an update on the additional streetlights on Old Road and West End. The faults to the two streetlights have been reported. Awaiting date for the repair works. Eon are due to send through a quote for the additional streetlights.
33/2027	To receive an update on Greenhill Solar Farm and Suez Solar Farm and make any decisions that are applicable: • The council is still awaiting the water testing results • The mercury test needs to be done, Cllr Kelly to do this. • Brixworth Solar Farm does not have a date yet that it will be going to the planning committee. Cllr Kelly to speak to Nigel Ozier to see if he can find out any further information.
34/2027	Planning: None
35/2027	Parish Assets Playing Field Report and Working Party Updates - Thank you Rob, Nick, Martin, Becky, Mark and Andy for attending the clear up event on the 19th April. A Whatsapp group has been set up to arrange further dates. The village green might need a further tied up on the back pathway on the green once the grass has been cut. The Hasset's delivery is due soon; it will be stored until it is required. Some plants may need to be re potted until they are required. A weed killing session will take place on the 31st May 2026. Notices will be displayed at the playing fields, a notice is on the website and has been added to the village Whatsapp Group. Kiosk and Defibrillator Update and agree actions accordingly: The defib has been checked. Bleed kit is now in the phone box Village Green and grass maintenance works Update and agree actions accordingly: Village green needs cutting. Clerk to follow up. Tree Management Update and agree actions accordingly: No response from Lamport re the tree that was reported to them. Clerk to follow up. Highways, Speed Sign and Grit Bins Update and agree actions accordingly: Signs to be rejigged around the village shortly. Street lights Update and agree actions accordingly: Reported day burns on East End and The Rectory awaiting a date from Eon for them to be fixed
36/2027	Finance & Administration

a) It was **NOTED** the bank balance as of the 31st March 2026

Unity Bank	£20,641.36
RBS Saving	Unable to confirm
RBS Current Account	Unable to confirm

b) It was **NOTED** the below receipts

WNC (1 st precept)	£9192.00
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c) It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following invoices

Payee	Purpose	Cost £	VAT £	Total Amount £	Power
R Ball	Clerk salary (May's salary)	514.80	0.00	514.80	LGA 1972, Section 112
HMRC	Employer NIC	151.30	0.00	151.30	LGA 1972, Section 112
R Ball	Working from home allowance – May	26.00	0.00	26.00	LGA 1972, Section 112
Unity Trust	Service Charge	7.00	0.00	7.00	LGA 1972, Section 111
Yu Energy	Electricity supply for street lights,	29.41	1.55	30.96	Parish Council Act 1957, Section 3
K Booth	Expenses for bleed kit	51.72	0.00	51.72	Public Health Act 1936, Section 234
M Hillyard	Mowing at the Church yard	150	0.00	150.00	LGA 1972, Section 214
Eon	Annual maintenance charge	180.00	36.40	218.40	Parish Council Act 1957, Section 3
Village Hall	Meeting hire May to September	60.00	0	60.00	LGA 1972, Section 111
				1210.18	

d) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments made in April 2026

30-Apr-26	Rachael Ball	Salary - April	514.8
30-Apr-26	HMRC	Tax and NI - April	151.3
14-Apr-26	Northants CALC	INV 2932	554.64
14-Apr-26	Mark Hillyard	Churchyard Mowing	150
09-Apr-26	Yu Energy	2000181865002	30.96
07-Apr-26	N Masterson-Jones	EXPENSES - D RING	21.31
07-Apr-26	Hassetts	INV Z0001T01-5489	671.16

	07-Apr-26 HMRC 267PR001873322410 172.67 07-Apr-26 Rachael Ball SALARY – MARCH 563.75 07-Apr-26 Kelly Booth EXPENSES – WEED 23.99 2854.58 e) To receive an update on the RBS account – RBS have confirmed by telephone on the 6th May that they have the information that they require and that the mandate change should be processed in the next 48 hours. f) To approve the direct debit payment for Yu Energy in 2026-2027 – It was RESOLVED to accept the direct debit g) To approve the standing order for the Clerk’s salary and relevant HMRC payments for tax and NI in 2026-2027- It was RESOLVED to accept the standing order h) To approve the standing order for the service charge to Unity in 2026-2027 It was RESOLVED to accept the standing order i) To agree to the mandate for Unity Bank – It was AGREED to not make any changes to the Unity Bank mandate j) To agree to the mandate for Royal Bank of Scotland – It was AGREED to not make any changes to the Royal Bank of Scotland mandate. k) To note the bank reconciliation for April 2026- Unable to confirm, deferred to the next meeting.
37/2027	To obtain consent from councillors the receipt of agendas by email under section 8 of the Electronic Communications Act 2000 – It was AGREED to receive agendas by email.
38/2027	To confirm Ncalc as the Councils Data Protection Officer – It was RESOLVED to confirm Ncalc as the Data Protection Officer for the council.
39/2027	To consider a response to the following consultation – It was AGREED for Cllr Angus to respond to the West Northamptonshire Road Safety Strategy on behalf of the council.
40/2027	Safety Signage for the playing field – The only sign that the council can add is already being displayed. The parish council can buy signs from online to add to the road. There is a temporary sign there now that has received positive feedback. It was AGREED to buy a sign to be attached to the entrance of the playing field.
41/2027	To receive a report from external meeting: Cllr Masterson -Jones and Kelly attended the charity meeting of the Thomas Roe Foundation. None of the applications that were received were from Scaldwell residents. Cllr Kelly to add it to the newsletter to remind the residents of Scaldwell about the charity.
42/2027	To receive an update on road safety on Brixworth Road: The representatives from WNC and Kier were very concerned about the bend approaching Scaldwell on Brixorth Road. They had suggested reducing the speed limit before the bend to 40MPH to slow the traffic down. The change of speed limit would need to go before a panel for approval.

	The PC also believe that a 40MPH speed limit coming into the village from Old would be useful. Rumble strips are not normally added to roads, only to housing estates due the high maintenance cost. The PC will meet this weekend to visit the sites and discuss the options they believe are best to suggest to the Highway Panel. The action plan will be brought to the next council meeting.
43/2027	To receive an update on the Flagpole: Cllr Masterson – Jones will send through the picture of the flagpole to add to the planning application.
44/2027	Correspondence received: None
45/2027	Items for information only: The Perspex on the noticeboard is cracked. It has been temporarily repaired. Cllr Booth has contacted people about repairing it as it needs new Perspex. Cllr Booth will carry on overseeing the repair to this. The parish council has been in receipt of all the newsletters since 1983. They are all in paper format. Cllr Vann will arrange for them to be scanned so they can be kept, as they are wonderful resources in recording village events over the 40 years. Cllr Kelly has been looking into a camera for the fly tipping and the model that has been suggested is the Rio Link Camera at a cost of £149.99 plus £3.00 per month for the storage of the files. The clerk will bring a draft CCTV policy to the next meeting. To be added to the next agenda the agreement between the new owners of the house has one of the parish councils' streetlights attached. One of the hedges in the playing field has had a caterpillar infestation. Cllr Angus tried as best as she could to remove as many as she could. However, it may need spraying to stop the hedge being destroyed totally.
46/2027	Date and Time for the next meeting: Annual Parish Meeting – Friday 1st May 2026 at 7pm Wednesday 6 th May 2026 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 20.33pm

Chair Signature: *Martin Kelly*

Date: 03/06/2026