

MEETING OF SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

of the Scaldwell Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 3rd June 2026 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Scaldwell

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

In attendance: Rachael Ball (Clerk), 13 members of the public.

47/2027	To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence: RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr Angus and Greene
48/2027	To confirm minutes of the ordinary meeting held on the Wednesday 6th May 2026: It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes. <i>Duly signed by the Chair.</i>
49/2027	To receive any dispensations or declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business items on the agenda: None
50/2027	Public address: A resident thanked Cllr Vann and Nick for their help with scanning all the newsletters and adding them to the website.
51/2027	To agree to fill the vacancy on the council by way of co-option. It was RESOLVED to do so. No applications have been received.
52/2027	To receive an update on the additional streetlights on Old Road and West End. The faults to the two streetlights have now been fixed. We are still awaiting a quote for adding additional lights.
53/2027	To receive an update on Greenhill Solar Farm and Suez Solar Farm and make any decisions that are applicable: • Greenhill Solar Farm is currently with Ed Miliband MP. • Suez Solar farm all documents that have been submitted will be added to the PC website shortly. • New submission recently from highways – access has not been sorted yet • Water sample test should be received in the next few days and submitted to WNC. Test has been done as there is a risk of contamination which could be made worse by the panels being added. May rupture the cap. • If a planning application does go to appeal, then no new information can be added so it is important that everything is added before it goes to committee. • Cllr Booth and the clerk have a meeting with Stephanie Gibrat on the 22nd June. <i>After the item had been discussed the Chair allowed a member of the public to speak on the item as they had recently joined the meeting. Each solar farm must provide community benefits grants of between £1k- £5k per megawatt per year. Communities can apply for them even if they are objecting. Apply to DESNZ.</i>
54/2027	Planning: None
55/2027	Parish Assets a) Playing Field Report and Working Party Updates – Thank you to Richard for removing the laurel. Work to start on the stump. Thank you to Becky, Mark and Rob for their help with the Hassetts delivery. The boxhead needs to be removed but they have plenty of plants to plant in its space. Cllr Booth has created a Scaldwell Green Spaces Whatsapp for keeping residents

	informed. b) Kiosk and Defibrillator Update and agree actions accordingly: The defib has been checked. c) Village Green and grass maintenance works i. Update and agree actions accordingly: Clerk has confirmed with the mowing contractor the dates for the open gardens so they can mow before that date. Thanks to Joan with her help with the bus shelter. Cllr Booth to move the books from the bus shelter to the church. d) Tree Management i. Update and agree actions accordingly: No response from Lamport re the tree that was reported to them. Clerk to call Lamport. e) Highways, Speed Sign and Grit Bins i. Update and agree actions accordingly: Signs to be rejigged around the village shortly. f) Street lights i. Update and agree actions accordingly: Reported day burns have been fixed.																																																		
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	K Booth	Expenses for annual meeting	53.30	0.00	53.30	LGA 1972, Section 137
	M Hillyard	Mowing at the Church yard	150	0.00	150.00	LGA 1972, Section 214
	Eon	Replaced photo cell	39.00	7.80	46.80	Parish Council Act 1957, Section 3
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	Clear Council Insurance	Insurance 2026/2027	1046.17	0	1046.17	LGA 1972, Section 111
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	R Ball	Expenses for planning application	396.00	0.00	396.00	LGA 1972, Section 137
			3,416.83	207.82	3,624.65	
	d) It was RESOLVED to approve the payments made up to 27 th May 2026					
	13-May-26	Kelly Booth	Bleed kit	51.72		
	13-May-26	Eon	6018817644	218.40		
	13-May-26	Mark Hillyard	Churchyard	150.00		
		Scaldwell Village				
	13-May-26	Hall	Parish Council	60.00		
	08-May-26	Yu Energy	267PR001873322410	24.50		
	e) To receive an update on the RBS account – RBS have confirmed on the 2 nd June that the mandate is now update and we should have online access by the next meeting.					
57/2027	To consider a response to the following consultation – The parish council will share the national conversation details with the residents and encourage them to complete it. Cllr Booth and Kelly will respond to the traffic survey on behalf of the council					
58/2027	Safety Signage for the playing field – Deferred to the next meeting. The parish councillors will go to the playing field in between meetings.					
59/2027	To receive a report from external meeting: Cllr K Booth attend the CAN online meeting, the speaker was dialogue matters, who encourage communication and inspire action. They spoke about how to get					

	people more engaged. Also, Cllr Booth attended the community energy session by WNC. Which spoke about solar panels on council buildings. Which would not be relevant to Scaldwell. They also spoke about helping vulnerable residents with their energy bills. This is to be added to the next newsletter.
60/2027	Policy – It was RESOLVED to agree to the CCTV policy
61/2027	To consider the safer road policy to West Northamptonshire Council – Cllr Booth gave a report as to why she is in support of the proposal, with increased traffic, speeding cars and lots of development in the villages. Currently the 60MPH is too dangerous for the bend. Following the success of Maidwell speed limit from 60MPH, down to 40MPH approaching the village, down to 30MPH through the village the PC would like to apply for the same at all entrances of the village. Cllr Booth and Masterson – Jones have met with Highways and Cllr Angus has met with Northamptonshire police. The advice the council received are included in the report. As there is no path between Brixworth and Scaldwell, slower traffic may make it safer for pedestrians. 2-3 bollard throughout the village may not slow the traffic but to stop vehicles mounting the pavement. Making it safer for people walking throughout the village. If the PC ignores the advised from highways, what would this mean? Would the PC be negligent? In the near future WNC will be allowing PC to apply for a 20MPH speed limit. Highways will not extend the white line, or shorten the pavement RESOLVED to agree to send the Safer Road proposal to Highways that was attached to the agenda
62/2027	To receive an update on the Flagpole: Planning application has been sent to WNC planning department. Payment has been authorized.
63/2027	To agree to the insurance for the council – It was RESOLVED at the insurance policy is correct with adequate cover and agreed to the payment for Clear Council Insurance.
64/2027	To receive an update on the WNC local plan update (rural areas) – Cllr Masterson – Jones attended the call on the 2nd June. Currently in the planning stage at the moment. The local plan will be until 2043. They need to build 47,000 new houses and create 32,000 new jobs. In the rural areas approx. 3,800 houses need to be built. Rural areas have been split into 3 areas. Primary service villages (11), Secondary villages (47), Other (79). Scaldwell is in the other category. Each village was given a score. Scaldwell received 12 points, 10 village hall, 1 playing field and 1 for the allotment. Which means we are 21st out of 79 from the bottom. Some housing development will be outside the village confines in certain villages. Infrastructure such as dentists and doctors will come from central government.
65/2027	To agree to apply for the £528.82 mowing grant from WNC – It was RESOLVED to agree to apply for

	the WNC mowing grant.
66/2027	Correspondence received: None
67/2027	Items for information only: Planning has been given for a caravan park for up to 124 caravans on the outskirts of Brixworth. Cllr Booth has emailed Lamport about the potential for changing a stile into a kissing gate for great accessibility. No response. A member of the public spoke to Cllr Angus that the streetlights were on too long and could be turned off at 11pm. To be discussed at the next meeting. A member of the public commented that the standard of mowing had decreased this year. Cllr Kelly to speak to them.

Meeting closed at 20.50pm

Chair Signature:

Date: