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Scaldwell Newsletter

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SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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Pam Long, Orchard House, West End

Dara Masterson-Jones, Home Farmhouse, The Green.,

Margaret Vinton, The Old House, East End

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Since the last newsletter, the council has been very active and has met on 5 occasions, all via 'Zoom'. Two were extraordinary meetings covering planning applications. We sent flyers out advising people of these applications due to difficulties being encountered accessing information either on the DDC website or the parish council website, and, in the case of the potential development on land behind Mercedes, we felt, as a council, parishioners needed to be made aware of the possible consequences for the village. We hope to have the council website up and running again very shortly.

In future, notification of planning applications will appear on the Parish Council noticeboard (on the bus shelter) and on the website.

In recent months, two of our Parish Councillors have stepped down: Sally Thorne, and Matt Wharton. Council would like very much to thank them for all their valuable contributions to the council's work. We welcome Richard Wilson.

Following further easing of lockdown restrictions, the playing field has been reopened, though we must stress that users take note of the Covid 19 guidelines. Posters, outlining the guidelines, have been placed at the entrance and other places on the Playing Field

Council is very aware of the serious fly tipping problem we are experiencing on some roads in the village. We are in contact with Highways and DDC to see what can be done including the installation of signage and the potential for CCTV. This is a Daventry District wide problem and DDC are considering various measures to tackle it.

May we remind those dog walkers still not disposing of their dog poo bags to please do so! Once again, the issue of bonfires has been brought to our attention.

If bonfires have to be lit, then may we remind you not to do so when it is windy, and that due consideration is given to neighbours!

On a very positive note, it is hoped that the Defibrillator will finally be installed in the old BT phone kiosk on The Green in the very near future.;

Sadly, our new clerk has resigned her position, but our outgoing clerk, Hayley Cawthorne, has very kindly offered to stay on until the end of August, by which time we hope to have a new clerk in place.

The next scheduled meeting will take place, via Zoom, on Thursday 30th July. Information on how to access the meeting will be found on the agenda.

In the meantime, please keep safe!

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, Ride and Stride, Saturday 12th September 2020.

This event is going ahead as usual this year which means we can expect to see more walkers and cyclists in our village on that day. The church will be open between 10 and 6 for visitors. For more information please see their website www.nhct.org.uk.



SCALDWELL PLAYING FIELD

Many thanks to all those villagers who helped on Sunday 5th July to get the playing field ready for reopening. Our volunteers worked hard all morning to clear weeds, dangerous overhanging trees, willow and hedges. The cricket nets were mended. All the equipment was safety checked and everything in the field was scrubbed clean.

Visitors will see that we have safety notices explaining the guidelines and why some play equipment is closed in accordance with those Guidelines to keep all the park users safe and respectful of each other's social distance space.

The next Tidy Day is planned for Sunday 18th October. 10 till 12.

Georgia

Parish Council

Chairman's Annual Report. June 2020

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.

Meetings and general activities

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 heartwarming 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 Councillors 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.



SCALDWELL SPORTS CLUB

RESURFACING OF TENNIS COURT

We are happy to announce that resurfacing work will start on one of the courts on the **24th August** and work will take approximately five weeks. The new court will take this long to settle and dry out so we would ask that no one goes onto the court until the lines are painted. The second court will still be in use but inevitably there will be some disruption. We have to say a big thank you to all those who donated to our appeal for funds towards the costs. In these strange times, when normal fund raising has been unable to take place, their generosity has allowed us to get this work underway. Many of them were not members of the Club so their support is much appreciated.

This history of the courts began back in 1987 when Margaret Vinton suggested to a Parish Council meeting that a committee be formed to pursue the possibility of raising enough funds to build a tennis court. In 1988 that dream became a reality and the Scaldwell Sports Club was formed and the first tennis court was installed. A few years later the second court was added with lottery funding from the Sports Council. In the early days committee members included Margaret Vinton as Chair, Jackie Partridge, and Rob Thorne and many others who no longer live in the village or who have sadly passed away. The photo below is of the "grand opening" and if you use a magnifying glass you may recognise a few faces!!



The current committee formed at the beginning of 2019 and have worked to bring the courts back up to their original standard, cleaning the courts, replacing the nets and mending the fences. The committee were also responsible, with the kind support of Stabilised Pavements Ltd, for instigating repairs to the surfacing of Holcot Lane to enable members to access the courts more easily. Membership of the club is 32, including family membership, couples and single membership and out of village members and we hope that the improved court surface will encourage more people to join and play. The present committee members are: Margaret Vinton (Chair), Rob Thorne (Vice Chair), Sue Dodds-Smith (Treasurer), Michelle Wharton, Dudley Cross and Richard Gent.

Scaldwell Club:

Our AGM will be on the 7th August at 7:30pm. In these strange times you are welcome to either come to the club or dial into Zoom. If you wish to attend via Zoom, then please drop Nick Masterson-Jones (nickmj@btinternet.com) a line and you'll be sent details. Do think about joining the committee – we are always keen to welcome new people and new ideas and we are looking for people to become Treasurer and Secretary, both roles with very little time commitment required. If you want to know more, any of the existing committee members would be delighted to tell you what it is all about.

In line with the government's advice and guidelines on easing the lockdown, the Club will be putting on a concert in the field next to the Playing Field, by kind permission of Emre and Sinead, on Saturday 8th August between 4pm and 8pm. Our local band, BackBeat, will be playing their excellent mix of songs from the last few decades. Normal lockdown rules apply so groups will need to sit in bubbles of no more than two households and keep 2m from any other bubble. We can't provide drinks so please bring your own drinks and food if you want and please take all your rubbish home with you. If the weather is kind, a pleasant afternoon / early evening concert should be a super way to remind us all that one day this will all be over and we can get back to normal.

Also, as part of the return to normality, the Club will be reopening on Friday 4th September at 8pm. The Club would like to thank the Village Hall Committee for all their hard work in making this possible. We are going to see how things go – we'll initially be opening one night a week as that gives everyone a chance to try out the arrangements and see if we need to tweak anything to keep everyone safe.

Scaldwell Charity

Please remember that the Scaldwell Charity gives grants for educational purposes.

Applications should be made to

Paul Carter
The Hollies
High Street

Scaldwell Parish Trust and Scaldwell Relief in Need

Parish Trust Charity is available for charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Scaldwell.

Relief in Need Charity is available to individual persons resident in Scaldwell by making grants for items, services or facilities to reduce need, hardship or distress. Also

available for the benefit of the village

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HAVE A GOOD SUMMER

ITEMS FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER BY 23RD SEPTEMBER PLEASE