Scarning Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2025 at Scarning Village Hall

Councillors Present: F Bradford (Chair) M Blackburn, S Bunn, C Hewson, M Steward.
In attendance: N Hartley (Parish Clerk), three members of the public.

Cllr Bradford said she was recording the meeting.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Abel and Manning, who were unwell, and Cllrs L Turner and P Hewett (Breckland Council) and Cllr W Richmond (Norfolk County Council).

2 Councillor Statement to the Council Chair

The following statement from councillors was noted:-

Having held a Vote of No Confidence in the Chair at its meeting on November 18, 2024, and following subsequent meetings, councillors Abel, Blackburn, Bunn, Hewson, Manning and Steward, note that by not attending the meetings of the Parish Council chaired by Mrs Bradford they are taking the only course of action open to them. Following the vote of no confidence, councillors informed Mrs Bradford in writing that they felt she needed to put the interests of the parish first, but Mrs Bradford continues to remain as the Council's Chair, in spite of the fact that she no longer has the support of any of her fellow councillors. Councillors remain committed to their work on behalf of the residents of Scarning and are sorry that the action of Mrs Bradford, in remaining as Chair, is preventing them from carrying out their work on behalf of the parish.

Cllr Bradford said she had been elected as Chair and refused to resign. The Council's Vice Chair, Cllr Bunn, expressed the anger and frustration of himself and his fellow councillors at how Cllr Bradford was conducting herself. He said that he had supported her in the past and could no longer support her.

Cllr Bradford seemed unable to accept that she was preventing the Council from carrying on its business by remaining as Chair.

The meeting ended at around 7.10pm when councillors and the three members of the public, who had attended the meeting, left the hall.

The Chair of this meeting does not believe that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 February in respect of item 2 were a correct record, but her view was not upheld by the meeting and the minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

Signed …… Chair
Date ……