

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chairman: Graham Page Vice-Chairman: Richard Wrigley

Councillors: Neville Clark, Francis Disney, Rory Grindey, Stuart Millington.

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Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Skillington Village Hall on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm. Please note: These minutes are published in draft form and are subject to ratification at the next meeting of the Council

Present: Cllr G. Page (Chairman), Cllrs N. Clark, F. Disney, R. Grindey and S. Millington.

In attendance: Cllr Bob Adams (LCC & SKDC), Rob Ducksbury (resident), John Owen (resident).

Open Forum

- a. Mr Owen reported a pothole in Park Lane. This had already been reported to Highways.
- b. Mr Owen also reported that the grit bin near the Church was empty. The Clerk will report this to Highways.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr R. Wrigley (holiday), Mrs S. Mortimer (Parish Clerk) (ill) and Cllr Andrea Webster (SKDC).

2. **Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 4th December 2017** were agreed and signed into minutes.

3. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

- 4.1. 17.09/9.1 Speeding traffic on Colsterworth Road: A report had been received from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership who had carried out a traffic survey in October. The results did not support the installation of speed cameras. Efforts to have the speed limit and village signs moved further up Colsterworth Road are continuing.
- 4.2. 17.3/11.1 Surface water on Sproxton Road/Back Lane: The Chairman reported that The Witham Internal Drainage Board intend to cut the required grips shortly on behalf of Highways. Buckminster Estate have not yet restored the ditch on the North side of the road.
- 4.3. 17.11/10.2 Closure of Colsterworth Post Office: The Chairman read a further email that he had received from the Post Office. This stated that efforts to restore a fixed post office would continue, and that the mobile service would be extended to Corby Glen, Croxton Kerrial, Edenham, and Stoke Rochford in the New Year, but not to Skillington. Cllr Adams confirmed that the matter had been raised with Nick Boles MP. There were also reports of the mobile service proving unreliable.
- 4.4. 17.12/9.2 Crabtree Road Quarry – mud on road & grips in verges: Both topics had been discussed at the preceding public meeting with CESL. Clerk had reported issue of deep grips in verges with attached photos following telecon with Highways, response received: no immediate action required. It was agreed to raise this with Highways again
- 4.5. 17.12/9.1 Casual vacancy on Parish Council following resignation of Cllr Sheehan: No applications received by deadline. Vacancy remains open.
- 4.6. 17.12/9.6 Budget 2018-2019: The Q1-Q3 Income and Expenditure statement was approved and signed by Chairman. The Bank Reconciliation to 31st December 2017 was approved and signed by Chairman. The 2018-2019 budget was approved with an increase in total precept from £4700 to £4800.

5. Planning applications:

- 5.1. S17/2143 Paul Bancroft Architects – The Abbey Park Lane - Approval of joinery details required by condition 3 of S17/0206. Pending consideration by SKDC. Discharge of conditions, no public consultation.
- 5.2. Any late Planning Applications submitted: none.

6. Cemetery:

- 6.1. Headstones: Clerk to write a reminder letter to the families where headstones have still not been made safe. It was agreed to delay this until after turfing work is complete.
- 6.2. Maintenance:
 - 6.2.1. Hedge cutting: The Chairman reported that a second heavier cut and cut back of elder is to be organised.
 - 6.2.2. Turfing left hand side of cemetery: Notice in advance of works has been posted on Cemetery gate, noticeboard and website. Mumby Landscapes have confirmed works booked in and due to commence in next few weeks, delayed due to wet weather.

7. Payments and Accounts:

- 7.1. Bank Balances at 31st December 2017:
 - 7.1.1. Yorkshire Bank a/c: £7,288.78 as per bank (£6,102.65 after cheques cleared & invoices paid).
 - 7.1.2. Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c £9,953.39

Signed: Chairman

Date

7.2. Payments received in December:

Date of Invoice	Name	Details	Notes	Total Amount £
07.12.17	SKDC	Grass cutting for Closed Churchyard	Claimed annually	575.00
18.12.17	MMBS a/c ILX3355716SKI	Transfer of funds between accounts	4.9.17 Page 2164 Item 7.2	2500.00

7.3. Invoices due for payment for December at January meeting: Approved for payment and later signing.

Date of Invoice	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
31.12.17	Mrs S.Mortimer	Clerk's Salary £549.43 & Expenses £107.91 Oct-Dec 2017	5.6.17 Page 2157 Item 4.2	657.34	17.03	674.37
02.01.18	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: December 2017 (including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month)	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6.	118.76		118.76

Cllr Disney confirmed that he had presented his identification details to Yorkshire Bank as a new signatory.

8. Clerk's Report:

- 8.1. 17.06/11.1 Road between Stonepit Lane & The Square: Meeting with Local Highways Manager & Cllr Adams still to be arranged. Cllr Adams will follow up.
- 8.2. 17.11/9.1 Grassed area at access to Chapel: Work expected to be completed in next few weeks.
- 8.3. 17.11/O.F. Ridges on Colsterworth Road & Crabtree Road: Clerk has reported ridge on Colsterworth Road with attached photos and immediate response received: no immediate action required. Reporting of ridges over concrete road on Crabtree Road and Grantham Road therefore held to discuss at meeting with Local Highways Manager, see 8.1.
- 8.4. 17.11/8.5 Training of new Councillors: Cllrs Grindey and Millington have so far been unable to identify suitable dates.
- 8.5. 17.11/9.5 Village Hall - Grant towards collection of black bin: Grant for 50% of cost at £91 paid last year to Community Centre enabling bins to be used by Community Cleaners. Village Hall Committee have asked for this to be paid again this year, Clerk awaiting details of cost.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 9.1. Felled Lime Tree in Churchyard: SKDC had advised Clerk of need for immediate felling of the lime tree in the churchyard. This was carried out and damage to the church wall occurred at the same time. SKDC are handling the claim for repairs.

10. District and County Councillor's Reports: Cllr Adams provided an update on LCC and SKDC budget preparations.**11. Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman:** None were raised.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 5th February 2018 at Skillington Village Hall

Signed: Chairman

Date