

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 5th February 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 and S. Millington.

In attendance: Cllr Bob Adams (LCC & SKDC) and Mrs S. Mortimer (Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs R. Grindey and R. Wrigley and Cllr Andrea Webster (SKDC).
2. **Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 8th January 2018** 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: The TRO Team, Highways have advised the Clerk that Skillington is not high priority as priority is given to villages without any speed limit in place but when they do the review in due course they will review all approaches to the village.
 - 4.2. 17.3/11.1 Surface water on Sproxton Road/Back Lane: Witham Internal Drainage Board have advised that they have received authorisation from Highways to cut the grips but a date has not yet been confirmed. The Chairman has emailed Buckminster Estate for an update on undertaking the restoration of the ditch on the North side of road.
 - 4.3. 17.11/10.2 Closure of Colsterworth Post Office: It was discussed that the mobile van service has not been reliable which is unsatisfactory when local residents travel from Skillington and the van is not there.
 - 4.4. 17.12/9.2 Crabtree Road Quarry – grips in verges: The Chairman reported that a meeting with the Local Highways Manager and Cllr Adams has been arranged for 22nd February and this will be discussed at this meeting.
 - 4.5. 17.12/9.1 Casual vacancy on Parish Council following resignation of Cllr Sheehan: The vacancy remains open.
 - 4.6. 18.01/9.1 Felled Lime tree in Churchyard – damage to stone wall: The Chairman reported that there was little change since the previous meeting, the area is taped off, stones have been piled and concrete footings laid.
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: One unstable headstone has been taken away by GH Linnells for cleaning and restoration. Clerk to progress reminder letters for the remaining unstable headstones now that the turfing works are complete.
 - 6.2. Maintenance
 - 6.2.1. Hedge cutting: 2nd heavier cut and cut back of elder still due to be organised.
 - 6.2.2. Turfing left hand side of Cemetery: The Chairman reported that Mumby Landscapes have completed the turfing works at the Cemetery and made a very good job of it.
 - 6.3. Interment of ashes – enquiry: An enquiry has been received from Robert Holland for an interment of ashes at a newly refurbished plot. In addition, funeral arrangements are being made for a burial at a purchased plot made narrow due to the kerbs of adjacent double plots – Mrs Vicky Page is assisting with the arrangements.
 - 6.4. Fees for renewal of ownership of a Cemetery plot: It was discussed and agreed that there will only be an administration charge of £25.00 for the renewal of ownership of a Cemetery plot once this has expired as the cost of the extension period is currently not defined on the Scale of Charges.
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
 - 7.1. Bank Balances at 31st January 2018:
 - 7.1.1. Yorkshire Bank a/c: £6,221.41 as per bank (£2,149.75 after cheques cleared & invoices paid).
 - 7.1.2. Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c £9,953.39
 - 7.2. Payments received in January:

Signed: Chairman

Date

<i>Date of Invoice</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
	<i>None</i>			

7.3. Invoices due for payment for January at February meeting: Cheques signed by the Chairman and Cllr Disney.

<i>Date of Invoice</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Date & Minute No. of Approval</i>	<i>Net Amount £</i>	<i>VAT £</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
31.01.18	Mumby Landscapes Ltd	Preparation of ground and turfing works LHS of Cemetery	4.9.17 Page 2163 Item 6.3	3195.50	639.10	3834.60
31.01.18	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: January 2018 (including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month)	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6.	118.30		118.30

8. Clerk's Report:

- 8.1. 17.06/11.1 Road between Stonepit Lane & The Square: This will be discussed at the meeting with the Local Highways Manager & Cllr Adams which has been arranged for 22nd February (see note 4.4).
- 8.2. 17.11/9.1 Grassed area at access to Chapel: Highways have confirmed this is due to be completed by the contractor by deadline of 23rd February.
- 8.3. 17.11/O.F. Ridges on Colsterworth Road & Crabtree Road: Ridges on Colsterworth Road, Crabtree Road and Grantham Road to be discussed at the meeting with the Local Highways Manager, see 4.4 & 8.1.
- 8.4. 18.01/O.F. Empty grit bins: Three bins at Church Street, Lords Lane and The Square by the Chapel have been reported to Highways who have advised that grit bins are refilled in October/November unless weather conditions are poor and contractors are in the area. Cllr Adams to follow up with SKDC.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 9.1. Fairer Funding Campaign – update from LCC: The Parish Council have received an update from Cllr Martin Hill (LCC) advising that the response to the campaign has been crucial to success in securing meetings with Government ministers who have now launched a consultation for fairer funding for councils looking at the relative needs of local authorities. Cllr Adams thanked the Parish Council for their support.

10. District and County Councillor's Reports: Cllr Adams provided a further update on budget preparations and precepts.

11. Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman:

- 11.1. The Chairman reported that he has received an email advising that the Give Way sign at the Colsterworth Road & Crabtree Road junction had been demolished in an accident at the junction and that there is an incorrect sign for a left-hand road adjoining rather than a crossroads further along Colsterworth Road. Clerk to report both to Highways.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

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

Signed: Chairman

Date