

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chairman: Graham Page **Vice-Chairman:** Richard Wrigley

Councillors: Andy Bunce, 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 Wednesday 7th November 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 R Wrigley, S. Millington, F. Disney, A Bunce, R Grindey and N. Clark.

In Attendance: Mrs P Harrison (Clerk).

Cllr Clark arrived at 7.33pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Bob Adams (LCC & SKDC) and Cllr Andrea Webster (SKDC)
2. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 1st October 2018:** were agreed and signed into minutes.
3. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - 4.1. 18.3/4.2 Matters relating to the meeting with Local Highways Manager to discuss Highways issues: There is a notice which indicates road closures and hopefully full carriageway repairs in early December.
5. **Planning applications:**
 - 5.1. S18/0735 Mr & Mrs Herrick – Land adjacent to Fairmount and Rosajama, Lords Lane: demolition of outbuildings & construction of 2 no. split level dwellings with associated hardstanding and landscaping. Planning permission was granted by SKDC, subject to conditions. This was discussed further, but was considered that it is now up to any neighbouring homeowners to make any separate complaint.
 - 5.2. S18/1442 Mr D Stoneman – Croft Foot, Middle Street. Demolition of front porch and re-erection of similar. Granted conditionally by SKDC.
 - 5.3. S18/1641 Mr & Mrs D Kirton, School Bank, Colsterworth Road: Removal of 2 sections of Leylandii trees and 3 groups of Norway spruce trees. Granted by SKDC.
 - 5.4. S18/1642 Mr N Clark, Falcon Clints, Colsterworth Road: Removal of 1 Norway spruce and 2 sections of Leylandii hedge. Granted by SKDC.
 - 5.5. Any late Planning Applications submitted: None.
6. **Cemetery:**
 - 6.1. Headstones: Shepherd Memorials have laid down the unsteady headstones and these have now been aligned. The Councillors will inspect and report to the next meeting.
 - 6.2. Permission sought to transfer an unused plot to another relation. This has been granted by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and the transfer has been put in place.
 - 6.3. Cemetery entrance. Cllr Disney is still awaiting a quote from a contractor for this work.
 - 6.4. Any maintenance or other matters arising – none.
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
 - 7.1. Bank Balances at 31st October 2018:
 - 7.1.1. *Yorkshire Bank a/c: £3427.30 as per bank at 26th October 2018. (£2849.79 after invoices paid).*
 - 7.1.2. *Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c £11,610.13.*
 - 7.2. Income received in October:

<i>Date of Receipt</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
25.10.18	Melton Mowbray Building Society	Transfer to Current Account		1500.00

7.3. Invoices due for payment in October. The cheques were signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Signed: Chairman

Date

Date of Payment	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
31.10.18	B D G Mowing Contractors	Grass cutting on 19 th & 25 th September 2018 and 4 th & 15 th October 2018. Village £159; Churchyard £111; LCC area 9.5 £80	5.12.16 Page 2143 Item 4.4	350.00		350.00
31.10.18	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: October 2018 (including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	121.93		121.93
31.10.18	LALC	Councillors Training lunch 12 th October	3.9.18 Page 2189 Item 10.1	8.50		8.50
31.10.18	Parris Consulting	Skillington Life Web Hosting Renewal and Domain name renewal	As per budget	97.08		97.08

7.4. MMBS 100 Day Notice account. A transfer of £1500 to the Current Account took place on 25th October. The balance is currently £10610.13.

7.5. Internal Audit – a certificate of audit for the accounts to 30th September 2018 was produced by F Hatchman.

8. Clerk's Report:

8.1. Grassed area at access to Chapel. Cllr Disney has agreed to obtain a quote for this work too.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 9.1. Training of New Councillors. Cllr Millington will be attending a day long course in Bourne on 14th November. LALC is not able to arrange courses in a different area, so Cllr Grindey will need to attend one in the new year. The Clerk is to order 6 more Councillors Handbooks.
- 9.2. Tree felled in the Square. Discussions were held and it was unanimously agreed to replace it. Cllr Clark has kindly agreed to donate a Walnut sapling. The new tree will need a guard.
- 9.3. LCC Winter Preparations. An order for one tonne of grit will be made. This may be stored at the Village Hall, subject to the Committee giving permission.
- 9.4. Emergency contingency plans. Cllr Bunce has been appointed as Snow Warden. The Emergency text service will be responded to, to include Skillington.
- 9.5. Notification of tree surgery to take place in the Churchyard. This matter has been dealt with.
- 9.6. Report of more blocked drains. This will be followed up.
- 9.7. Bushes overhanging on the corner of Stonepit and Buckminster Lane. These have been inspected and found to be not overhanging too badly. However, it has been reported to SKDC.
- 9.8. Elections in May. In preparation for these, notice was given for any Councillor wishing to stand down.
- 9.9. Parish Precept 2019/20. The draft budget will be prepared for the next meeting.

10. District and County Councillor's Reports. None.

11. Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman. Councillors were made aware of a burglary in the village. The benches were inspected again. It was decided they need treating with preservative. Cllr Clark has agreed to take them inside and treat them with preservative.

12. The meeting closed at 8.26pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd December 2018 at Skillington Village Hall.

Signed: Chairman

Date