

## SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chairman: Richard Wrigley Vice-Chairman: Andy Bunce

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

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr. R. Wrigley (Chairman), Cllrs. A. Bunce, F. Disney, R. Grindey, N. Clark, S. Millington and S. Burrows.

**In attendance:** Cllrs B. Adams (LCC and SKDC) and D. Bellamy (SKDC) Mrs P. Harrison (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** PCSO. S. Bowden.

2. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020** were agreed and signed into minutes.

3. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** Cllr. F. Disney: 5.3 Cllrs. A. Bunce & S. Burrows: 10.1

4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

- 4.1 18.11/9.6 Willie Murdoch will clear the ditch, reinstate drainage at its western end, and tidy the verge on the South side of Sproxton Road. A meeting was held between The Chairman and Rowan Smith from LCC Highways, which was constructive. It was proposed that a conduit be passed under the road (north to south) west of the houses, thus avoiding the three house drives. This has been agreed, but may not happen until the next financial year.

5. **Planning applications:**

- 5.1 S20/0132 Mineral Site: Revisions to S19/2237 - Proposed Skillington Quarry. Mr J Spencer: land to the east and west of Skillington Road, Colsterworth. *Approved conditionally.*
- 5.2 S20/1096 Mr P Lord, Cotswold Farm, Crabtree Road: Agricultural/forestry building including 4 No. Biomass Boilers and flues (revision of application S19/1879) *Pending consideration.*
- 5.3 S20/1178 Mr F Disney, Red Barn, Colsterworth Road: Felling an ash (A1) tree *Work allowed.*
- 5.4 S20/1373 St James's Church, Park Lane: Replacement of existing lead roof covering the north/south aisles and transept, with apecan uginox FME tinned K44 stainless steel. Replacement and/or overboarding timbers beneath new covering. *Pending consideration.*
- 5.5 S20/1375 St James's Church, Park Lane: Listed Building consent for the replacement of existing lead roof covering the north/south aisles and transept, with apecan uginox FME tinned K44 stainless steel. Replacement and/or overboarding timbers beneath new covering. *Pending consideration.*

The Parish Council would like to congratulate the PCC on its hard work regarding the Church roof.

- 5.6 Any late Planning Applications submitted: None.

6. **Cemetery:**

- 6.1 No letter as yet received from W. Murdoch confirming terms of agreement of transfer of land to take effect from Autumn 2022 for the extension. A response has been received from Roythorne's solicitors, but we are still awaiting those from Chattertons and Pert and Malim. Fees both for the PC and for W. Murdoch's solicitors need to be covered. An estimate for ground work and planting to be obtained. Once solicitors' fees and cost of works are obtained, the PC will establish a costed schedule, in light of which possible funding support may be sought. The Clerk will find out if grants are available for this work.
- 6.2 Any maintenance or other matters arising: The shed door needs painting. Cllr. Wrigley will ask a local contractor for a quotation. The Chairman confirmed that the pipe is still connecting the shed gutter to the water butt and is correctly in place.

7. **Payments and Accounts:**

- 7.1 Bank Balances at 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020:  
Yorkshire Bank a/c: £6175.02 after invoices paid.  
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £12867.11
- 7.2 Income received in July and August.

Date of Receipt	Name	Details	Notes	Total Amount £
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Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....

03.08.20	I and R Bowen	Quarterly Paddock rent		125.00
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## 7.3 Invoices paid in July.

Date of Payment	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
31.07.20	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: July 2020 including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	136.72		136.72
31.07.20	BDG Mowing Contractors	Mowing 24.6 13 & 27.7 Village £210. LCC 29.6 & 27.7 £160	2.3.20 Page 2224 Item 8.1	370.00		370.00

## 7.4 Invoices due for payment in August.

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31.08.20	The Community Heartbeat Trust	Village Emergency Telephone system 17.10.20 to 17.10.21	As per budget	100.00		100.00

**8 Clerk's Appraisal:** This has been completed. It was agreed the hours should be increased from 4.5 to 5 per week.

**9 Clerk's Report:** A resident reported overgrown shrubs on Stonepit Lane. SKDC was informed and has agreed to remedy the situation.

**10 Matters to be discussed at this meeting:**

10.1 Day and venue of future meetings: At the previous meeting, attendance was very low, hence a full discussion and vote, if necessary, was held over until this meeting. The summarised the context for this discussion:

- i) Meetings in the Village Hall had been uncomfortable over the winter because the heating only took effect by the time the meeting was nearly over.
- ii) A request had been made to the VH committee to clear the small meeting room, which was much easier to heat.
- iii) The alternative location for meetings in the Methodist Chapel was proposed by the Chair, with the qualification that PC meetings might move to Tuesdays, since the room would have been warmed earlier in the day for 'Tuesday Chat'. (From spring to autumn meetings could revert to Mondays.) District Councillors had been consulted and suggested that, although there might be a clash with other Parish Council meetings, this wasn't an insurmountable obstacle.
- iv) The VH had changed the VH key and lock without informing the Parish Council.
- v) The central location of the Methodist Chapel was more convenient for all.

The Chair then invited comments from all councillors. However, discussion was interrupted by Cllr.

Bunce's confrontational behaviour towards the Chair. There was no resolution.

The Chair left the meeting and offered his resignation, saying he could not tolerate such behaviour. The Clerk took over the Chair. Cllr. Millington offered his resignation immediately after this, due to Cllr. Bunce's behaviour, and left the meeting.

10.2 Public consultation for Public Space Protection Orders: This has been circulated to all Councillors, put on the website and the notice board.

**10 District and County Councillor's Reports.** Cllr. Adams informed the Parish Council that all meetings are now taking place on zoom, with more regular planning meetings, to relieve the build-up of applications. Extra School transport is adding a huge extra burden to finances.

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

The following points were made by Cllr. Burrows.

11.1 A tree in the paddock is affecting a need to identify a resident's wall. This will be looked into.

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....

- 11.2 The Church Street sign near Park Lane is overgrown and needs attention.
- 11.3 A drain on Stonepit Lane is blocked and overflowing onto the pavement.
- 11.4 Village Hall committee has asked whose responsibility the street-light outside the Hall is, to ascertain whether the V H Committee is able to switch it off when there are no Village Hall events.
- 11.5 Various trees need pruning on the Green.

**12 The meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.**

**Our next meeting is scheduled to be Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020. It will be held via zoom at 7.30 pm, subject to the current state of Government (Covid-19) restrictions and advice.**