

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chair: Richard Wrigley **Vice-Chair:** Rory Grindey
Councillors: Adrian Clark, Neville Clark, Paul Elston, Bronwyn Hedley, Roseanne McKee.
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Notes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023 at 6.30pm at Skillington Village Hall.

Present: Cllr R. Wrigley (Chair), Cllrs N. Clark, B. Hedley, P Elston and R McKee.

In Attendance: Cllrs D Bellamy (SKDC) and C Vernon (LCC), Mr D. Beecher, Mr G Herbert and Mrs P. Harrison (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Clark and Grindey, Cllr Green (SKDC).
2. **Councillors' Declaration of Interest:** None.
3. **Notes of meeting of the Parish Council on 6th November 2023:** Agreed and signed into minutes.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - 4.1 05.23/13.2 Repairs to the Fish Well: *Trevor Whatton has this in hand.*
 - 4.2 09.23/11.3 Rubbish accumulating outside the new houses: *Not all of the rubbish has gone (two large bags of rubble and miscellaneous rubbish is present on verge). Owners to be contacted again.*
 - 4.3 11.23/11.3 The crocus bulbs were distributed to the Councillors and have been planted.
5. **Planning applications:**
 - 5.1 S23/1134 Mr G Tamblyn Jones, Red Barn, Colsterworth road: Section 211 notice to remove Mountain Ash tree (T1) Beech tree (T2) and Sycamore tree. (T3) *Work allowed.*
 - 5.2 Any further planning applications.
6. **Cemetery:**
 - 6.1 Infestation of ants: *James Britten was contacted and says 'The ants make medium size mounds generally around the gravestones , a pest control service would be best so they can treat the whole cemetery with ant bait traps. They are quite dormant at the moment but will definitely need treating in the Spring.'*
 - 6.2 Any maintenance or other matters arising: The Chair has spoken to Mr Murdoch and will supply his Solicitor with a map and proposed dimensions of the extension.
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
 - 7.1 Bank Balances as at 25th November 2023:
Virgin Money a/c: £54.68 after invoices paid.
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: £16048.65.
 - 7.2 Income received in November:

Date of Receipt	Name	Details	Notes	Total Amount £
01.11.23	R Bowen	<i>Paddock rent (overpayment to be refunded)</i>		125.00
02.11.23	Robert Holland	<i>Purchase of Grave Space and Burial – D Pickup</i>	Invoice 200678	530.00
09.11.23	FB & CJ Hazzard	<i>Purchase of Ashes plots</i>	Invoice 200677	100.00

7.3 Invoices due for payment in November:

	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
30.11.23	<i>Colsterworth and District Parish Council</i>	<i>Community Cleaner: Nov 2023 (inc. emptying 5 dog bins @ £2.50 p/bin/month).</i>	<i>6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6</i>	155.82		155.82
30.11.23	<i>BDG Mowing</i>	<i>Village mowing 25/9, 11 &</i>	<i>2.3.20 Page 2224</i>	604.00		604.00

Signed: Chairman

Date

		25/10. LCC 25/9 & 25/10 Hedge cutting	Item 8.1			
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7.4 The transfer of £1000 from MMBS to the Current Account will take place in early December.

8. Clerk's Report:

8.1 The 2024 meeting dates have been confirmed and will be published. It was agreed to postpone January's meeting.

8.2 The PC has received the precept setting figures. Cllr Wrigley proposed a 2% increase. This was seconded by Cllr Clark and was unanimously agreed.

8.3 The draft budget for 2024/25 has been sent round for the Councillors to inspect.

8.4 An email from LCC regarding proposed Lincolnshire devolution has been sent to Councillors.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

9.1 Grit bins: *Councillors need to inspect the bins and report if any need filling.*

10. District and County Councillor's Reports: Cllr Vernon has had news that a vote has been taken to progress to the next steps of devolution. There is a website – letstalklincolnshire.gov.uk for people to see what is happening. Elections will take place in May 2025. Lincs Fire and Rescue reported that House Fires were their main concern. There is a Councillor Volunteer Scheme, the deadline for this is early January, so Cllr. Vernon is looking for projects giving Community benefit. Cllr. Bellamy reported that the Armed Forces Covenant took a step closer, but needs to be costed out. The St. Peter's Hill site is to be sold for development into flats. Purple lidded bins have been delivered, but shouldn't be used until the stated date in February.

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

11.1 Mr J Stoneman's proposal was discussed. The PC is waiting to hear from Buckminster Estate regarding the covenant. It was agreed to seek the view of the local residents. The Chair is to draft a circular.

11.2 Replacement defibrillator pads have been ordered.

11.3 The consultation has closed re: the closure and repair of The Drift. The Chair is to send an emphatic endorsement.

11.4 Cllr. Elston asked about progress with the Cross Swords corner. Cllr. Vernon will chase this up.

11.5 Cllr. Clark stated that all the drains are blocked. The Clerk will inform LCC Highways.

The meeting was closed at 7.25pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 5th February 2024 at 6.30pm. This will be held at Skillington Village Hall.