

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chair: Richard Wrigley Vice-Chair: Rory Grindey

Councillors: Steph Burrows, Neville Clark, Bronwyn Hedley, Roseanne McKee and Stuart Millington.

Parish Clerk: Pamela Harrison (Mrs), 9 Telford Way, Colsterworth, Grantham, Lincs. NG33 5GH

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Notes of the Parish Council meeting, held on Wednesday 6th February 2023 at 6.30pm at Skillington Village Hall.

Present: Cllr R. Wrigley (Chair), Cllrs N. Clark, S. Millington and R. McKee.

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs R. Grindey, S. Burrows, B Hedley and C. Vernon (LCC).
2. **Notes of the Parish Council meeting on 6th January 2023:** Agreed and signed into minutes.
3. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** Cllr N. Clark. (Item 4.2)
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - 4.1 04.22/11.3 The bridges on Crabtree Lane: Cllr Grindey received a reply, stating 'Our structures team have no current concerns over the structural integrity of the bridges.' This indicates LCC is not willing to undertake any work at present.
 - 4.2 11.22/9.1 Top green tree work: Cllr Wrigley has received 3 quotations (one from Cllr Clark) and we are awaiting one more. The Clerk will look into planning permission required. PH
 - 4.3 04.22/9.2 Parking at the Bus Stop: The PC is pleased to have the Bus Stop marked out. However, there are still people parking over the lines. This needs to be monitored.
 - 4.4 01.23/9.1 Potential Play area site on Stonepit Lane: The Councillors have visited the site. They have agreed that this site is too small and narrow and reluctantly cannot see that this should be taken forward for more investigation.
5. **Planning applications:**
 - 5.1 Any late Planning Applications submitted: *None*.
6. **Cemetery:**
 - 6.1 Any maintenance or other matters arising: The Clerk is to enquire about the cost of removing the back hedge and planting the future extension. PH
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
 - 7.1 Bank Balances as at 25th January 2023:
Virgin Money Store a/c: £243.50 after invoices paid.
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £15008.49.
 - 7.2 Income received in January: *None*.

Date of Receipt	Name	Details	Notes	Total Amount £

7.3 Invoices due for payment in January.

Date of Payment	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
31.01.23	Colsterworth and District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: Jan 2023 (inc. emptying 5 dog bins @ £2.50 p/bin/month).	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	145.70		145.70
31.01.23	LALC	Annual Subscription	Per budget	142.07		142.07
31.01.23	Skillington Methodist Church	Hire of room in July and September	Per budget	20.00		20.00

7.4 The PC has agreed to transfer £1000 from MMBS to the Virgin Money account.

Signed: Chairman

Date

8. Clerk’s Report:

- 8.1 A briefing regarding the May Elections is being held on Monday 6th March at 6pm. Therefore the Councillors have agreed to put next month’s PC meeting back to 8pm.
- 8.2 The cost of living survey was passed around and it will be put on the Notice Board.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 9.1 The Chair attended SKDC’s session regarding the Model Councillor Code of Conduct. He proposed we consider adopting this, with revisions, if needed, as suggested by colleagues. All were asked to read the text before the next PC to enable a decision.

10. District and County Councillor’s Reports:

Cllr Green has tightened the speed limit signs, so they don’t spin round. He learned that the number of PCSOs may be halved. He agreed Councils need an annual visit at the very least. Proposed zoom sessions with PCSOs will not be practical. The Drift: The police need to respond to LCC’s consultation. The Pill Box: Authorisation is needed from Mr Murdoch to allow tidying it up and possible repointing. A plaque could be added when the work is complete. The Clerk is to ask for permission.

PH

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

- 11.1 The Streetlight on the corner of Sproxton Road/Church Street isn’t working. For any further issues residents need to go to the SKDC website.
- 11.2 The stile on the footpath through the field on Church Street is broken. The Chair has contacted LCC.
- 11.3 Dog fouling. This matter has, to some extent, been addressed, although the Methodist Church is experiencing dog fouling on its lawn.
- 11.4 A dangerous dog has attacked two others in the village. Ian Simmons, Neighbourhood Officer will visit the owner.
- 11.5 There have been residents’ enquiries as to why the streetlight by the Village Hall is not on at night. It was explained that there would be problems reaching a power supply, which is why it was not considered previously. When the Village Hall Committee requested a light, it was on the condition that they bore the cost of electricity. The Chair asked that we summarise the situation following recent discussion of the VH switch. The light was fitted with an LED fitting last year (which gives a 70% cost saving).

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled to be on Monday 6th March 2023 at 8.00pm at Skillington Village Hall.