

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chair: Richard Wrigley **Vice-Chair:** Rory Grindey
Councillors: Steph Burrows, Neville Clark, Bronwyn Hedley, Roseanne McKee.
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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th June 2023 at 6.30pm at Skillington Village Hall.

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

In Attendance: Cllr D. Bellamy (SKDC), Cllr C. Vernon (LCC), D. Beecher (resident).

The meeting began with a ten-minute Open Forum. Mr Beecher asked again if the Chair contacted Ian Simmonds, SKDC Community Protection Officer 'as an individual' or on behalf of and having consulted the Parish Council. He also objected to the use of the words 'dangerous dog' in Parish Council Minutes (February 2023, item 11.4) about his dog. The Chair confirmed he would respond in writing.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Burrows and Grindey, Cllr B. Green (SKDC), Mrs P. Harrison (Clerk).
2. **Councillors' Declaration of Interest:** None.
3. **Notes of meeting of the Parish Council on 10th May 2023:** Agreed and signed into minutes.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - 4.1 04.23/11.1 Cllr Hedley has conducted the Clerk's appraisal. An increase in quarterly running costs from £20 to £30 was proposed and agreed. It was also agreed that henceforth appraisals will take place every two years; but in years where there is no formal appraisal, the Clerk will meet with the Chair to allow issues to be raised.
 - 4.2 04.23/11.2 Extra Notice Board: *The Chair will follow up an offer for repair work, or replacement of, and inspect the board to decide if it should be removed.*
 - 4.3 04.23/11.3 Update on Blue Plaque: *No further news.*
 - 4.4 04.23/11.4 Update on Prosperity Fund proposal: *Awaiting report from Cllr Grindey.*
 - 4.5 05.23/13.1 Casual Vacancy: *This has been reported to SKDC and advertised on Skillington Life and the Notice Board.*
 - 4.6 05.23/13.2 Repairs to the Fish Well: *One quotation has been received; one is in the pipeline; a third is to be sought.*
5. **Planning applications:**
 - 5.1 S23/0462 Mr R. Knapp, 1 Sproxtton Road: Non-material amendments to S20/1917 (The construction of a pair of semi-detached cottages with three bedrooms) amendments include removal of tree, adjustment to position of dwellings, No 1 parking area change for gravel to SUDs paving and external stack pipe added. *Amendments refused.*
 - 5.2 S23/0869 Mr N. Murphy, Skillington House, Park Lane: Ash Tree – to pollard. *Work allowed.*
 - 5.3 Any further planning applications submitted: None.
6. **Cemetery:**
 - 6.1 Any maintenance or other matters arising: Cllr Clark was thanked for repairing the water butt spout.
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
 - 7.1 Bank Balances as at 25th June 2023:
Virgin Money a/c: £3409.87 after invoices paid.
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: £16048.65.
 - 7.2 Income received in June:

Date of Receipt	Name	Details	Notes	Total Amount £
02.05.23	R Bowen	Quarterly paddock rent		125.00

Signed: Chairman

Date

10.05.23	Robert Holland	Grant of right of burial re D J Meads	Invoice 200674	140.00
16.05.23	SKDC	Reimbursement of Community Cleaners	CGE – 481881	694.98

7.3 Invoices due for payment in June.

	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
31.05.23	Colsterworth and District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: May 2023 (inc. emptying 5 dog bins @ £2.50 p/bin/month).	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	155.82		155.82
31.05.23	Zurich Insurance	Annual insurance 1.6.23 to 31.5.24	Per budget	241.00		241.00
31.05.23	Additions Accountancy Ltd	Audit services for the year to 31.3.23	Per budget	100.00		100.00
31.05.23	BDG Mowing	Village mowing 14 & 26.4 and LCC mowing 26.4	2.3.20 Page 2224 Item 8.1	352.00		352.00

7.4 The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023 have been audited and agreed.**8. Clerk's Report:**

- 8.1 The Coronation Medals have arrived. Cllr Hedley is buying gift bags for them. Councillors will distribute them as soon as they can.
- 8.2 The Clerk requests that the forthcoming meeting in July be postponed for one week, to 10th July. Approved in the meeting subject to contact from Cllrs Burrows, Grindey and Green.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 9.1 Speed limit sign on Stonepit Lane. A sign requesting careful, slow driving has been put up at entrance to Stonepit Lane by a local resident.
- 9.2 Future PC meeting venue. The Chair noted problems accessing the Village Hall because of key availability, and suggested consideration of the Chapel as an alternative. Opinion was divided but we will remain at the VH until further notice.

10. District and County Councillor's Reports: Cllr Bellamy reported on the post-election situation at SKDC. Cllr Vernon drew attention to volunteering possibilities, and the County Views survey.**11. Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman:**

- 11.1 Large quantities of straw on village roads from waggons moving this from Saltby airfield. Cllr Clark provided contact details. Cllr Vernon noted this had been raised by several local villages affected by the same problem. The lorries carrying straw are not required to be covered.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 10th July 2023 at 6.30pm. This will be held at Skillington Village Hall.

Signed: Chairman

Date