

## SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chair: Richard Wrigley Vice-Chair: Rory Grindey

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

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Skillington Village Hall, on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at 6.30pm.

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

**In attendance:** Cllr D. Bellamy and Mrs P. Harrison (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr R Grindey and Cllrs C. Vernon (LCC) and B Green (SKDC).
2. **Notes of the Parish Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022:** Agreed and signed into minutes.
3. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
  - 4.1 12.21/9.1 Bill Meads Memorial Bench: The bench has now been installed with thanks to Mo Taylor and the Colsterworth Nature Trail team, who assisted in the task. The bench will be officially unveiled at a later date. The Clerk will inform Cllrs Green and Selby of this date.
  - 4.2 04.22/9.2 Parking at the bus stop outside the Cross Swords: LCC highways has proposed a bus stop clearway, which will be very welcome. The Clerk will respond to LCC Highways letter PH
  - 4.3 04.22/11.3 The bridge on Crabtree Lane: Cllr Grindey reported that he is still waiting to hear from Rowan Smith (LCC Highways). Cllr Grindey will contact LCC again for a response. RG
  - 4.4 06.22/9.1 Village Hall playground: Sir Fred Cholmeley confirmed to the Chair that only sporting activity was permitted under the terms of the lease of land adjacent to the Village Hall; and that any equipment installed there should not interfere with the scope for reclaiming the land at any future date. Cllr Burrows reported that the PC could not take responsibility for any play area on this land as the lease was with the Village Hall Committee. Further, the VHC would be liable in terms of accidents etc., which they were not willing to take on. Given this combination of obstacles to a possible play area adjacent to the VH, this avenue is now closed. The PC remained open to future discussion of a potential alternative site.
5. **Planning applications:**
  - 5.1 S22/0419 Mr and Mrs C Meads, Hillside Cottage, The Square: Removal of rear Conservatory. Ground floor extension to rear and first floor extension to off-shoot. *Granted conditionally.*
  - 5.2 S22/ 1369 Jo McMunn, 1 Sproxton Road: Submission of details in relation to Condition 5 (Construction Materials) of S20/1917 (construction of a pair of semi-detached cottages). *Details approved.*
  - 5.3 S22/1523 Mr F Hedley, Ladies Mantle Cottage, Lords Lane: Section 211 Notice: Felling of 1 conifer Tree. *Work allowed.*
  - 5.4 S22/1517 Mr D Kirton, School Bank, Colsterworth Road: Removal of large, glazed windows and replace with rendered blockwork. Smaller windows to be installed in 2 triangular panels. *Granted*
  - 5.5 Any late Planning Applications submitted. *None. conditionally.*
6. **Cemetery:**
  - 6.1 Any maintenance or other matters arising: The water butt tap has broken off and needs replacing.
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
  - 7.1 Bank Balances as at 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022:  
Virgin Money Store a/c: £2777.53 after invoices paid.  
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £15008.49.
  - 7.2 Income received in July and August:

<i>Date of Receipt</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
12.07.22	S and K Millington	Purchase of ashes plots	Invoice 200670	£100.00
19.07.22	Robert Holland Funeral Directors	Grant of right of burial Re: N Sharpe	Invoice 200669	£140.00

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....

29.07.22	Robert Holland Funeral Directors	Grant of right of burial re: M C Selby	Invoice 200671	£290.00
01.08.22	I and R Bowen	Quarterly paddock rental		£125.00
25.08.22	HMRC	VAT reimbursed (year to 31.03.22)		£473.06

7.3 Invoices due for payment in July and August.

Date of Payment	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
31.08.22	Colsterworth and District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: July and August 2022 (inc. emptying 5 dog bins @ £2.50 p/bin/month).	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	261.40		261.40
31.08.22	BDG Mowing	Mowing – village 28.6, 13.7 & 27.7.22 LCC 1.7	2.3.20 Page 2224 Item 8.1	290.00		290.00
31.08.22	Cllr R Wrigley	Anchor fittings and postcrete for Memorial bench	7.3.22 Page 2269 Item 4.2	68.33	13.67	82.00
31.08.22	The Community Heartbeat Trust	VETS annual emergency telephone system	Per budget	100.00	20.00	120.00

#### 8. Clerk's Report:

- 8.1 Lords Lane: The Chair will distribute a note to residents concerning access for emergency vehicles as well as oil tankers and bin lorries.
- 8.2 Afternoon with LIVES: There is a forum at the Epic Centre, Lincs Showground on the 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- 8.3 Information has been put on the notice board about obtaining bus passes.

#### 9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 9.1 White lines at the Cross Swords: The Clerk will contact LCC regarding the possibility of marking the pavement outside the pub.
- 9.2 Civility and Respect Newsletter: The Chair observed that the matters of professional and personal conduct invoked here were already dealt with in Standing Orders.
- 9.3 The Drift: A Traffic Regulation Order consultation process is underway, along parts of the Viking Way and Buckminster Lane.

#### 10. District and County Councillor's Reports. The following report is from Cllr Green.

There has been speculation that the Lincolnshire Police Office, off Back Lane in Colsterworth, is closing down. The Police have since confirmed the following: A review of the estate was completed earlier this summer and the Colsterworth Station 'status' remains the same. It is an operational facility supporting the Policing deployment plan in the South of the County, I am happy to report, therefore, that the status quo remains intact, with no closure. **PCSO Parish Council Visits:** Periodic visits by local PCSOs to PC's have ceased in recent years and wish to restore them. I shall report back with further information in due course.

**Isaac Newton Ward Parish Council Summit:** By their nature, the Ward's half a dozen Parish Councils operate at arm's length from another, studiously fighting for their communities, but each has different experiences and approaches to share for mutual benefit. That's why I booked North Witham VH and sent out an invitation for councillors and clerks to get together. It was a useful exercise, which will be repeated. There is enthusiasm to restore the Pill Box and put a plaque on it. Recycling batteries has been explored and costed, but would be too expensive. The Chair responded by saying that a pilot scheme for collecting batteries in the bus shelter would be started and reviewed.

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

- 11.1 The bus shelter needs weeding and tidying up. The Notice Board on the side needs repainting.
- 11.6 The damaged Grit bin on Buckminster Lane will not be replaced, if removed. It was agreed to leave it, as it is still useful.

The meeting was closed at 7.45 pm.

**The next meeting is scheduled to be on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at 6.30pm at Skillington Village Hall.**