

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chairman: Richard Wrigley Vice-Chairman: Rory Grindey

Councillors: Andy Bunce, Steph Burrows, Neville Clark, Francis Disney and Stuart Millington.

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held by Zoom on Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr R. Wrigley (Chairman), Cllrs F. Disney, R. Grindey, S. Burrows

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

It was noted that this, and all future zoom meetings, will be recorded. Recordings will be kept for six months.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs S. Millington and N. Clark.

Not present: Cllr A. Bunce, PCSO. S. Bowden.

2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None declared.

3. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 1st March 2021:** were agreed and signed into minutes.

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

- 4.1 18.11/9.6 Ditch on the South side of Sproxton Road: The work has now been completed very satisfactorily and under budget. The final work required is under the road, to join one side of road's drains to the other, which will be done by LCC.
- 4.2 09.20/11.5 Tree work on The Square: This work has been completed. A concern regarding the damage to the tree by the swing's chain has been expressed. The situation of insurance cover will be looked in to, if the chain and seat are to be moved.
- 4.3 11.20/11.1 Illegal biking on The Drift and the status of Buckminster Lane: The Parish Council is waiting to hear the results of the meeting with Rowan Smith. However, Melton and Grantham police were in attendance at the weekend, 'educating' some riders.
- 4.4 03.21/9.1 A letter was received from David Billington regarding heavy vehicles servicing the pig unit (run by Norfolk Free Range) on Sproxton Road. SKDC advice is that agricultural vehicles have a right to use the roads. Buckminster Estate, who own the land, has agreed to pass on the Chair's letter pointing out the damage being done to verges and asking for drivers to respect the local environment. Damage to the verge can be addressed through the status of the adjacent area as a Nature Reserve.

5. Planning applications:

- 5.1 S20/2184 Mr T. Page, The Manor House, Colsterworth Road: Erection of a wooden corridor from main dwelling to utility room. *Approved conditionally.*
- 5.2 S21/0190 Messrs Knapp and Howitt, 2 Sproxton Road: The construction of two new vehicle accesses. *Approved conditionally*
- 5.3 S21/0461 Mr J Houghton, Jacksons Barn, Back Lane: Proposed garage conversion. *Pending consideration.*
- 5.4 PL/0041/21 Stainby Quarry, Crabtree Road, Stainby: To operate an inert waste recycling facility to recover and recycle hardcore, stone, tarmac and concrete from construction, demolition and excavation waste utilising a mobile crushing and screening plant. *This is not in Skillington, but the PC was being informed as an adjacent Parish Council.*
- 5.5 Any late Planning Applications submitted: None.

6. Cemetery:

- 6.1 Proposed cemetery extension: Mr. W. Murdoch's Solicitor has been contacted by our Solicitor (Pert and Malim). The Parish Council is still awaiting a response. This will be chased up.
- 6.2 A hazardous grave which has sunk in places: The Chair has filled in the holes and was thanked.
- 6.3 Application for permission to erect a headstone: no objections.
- 6.4 Cemetery charges: The charges increase was agreed, where necessary, so that the non-parishioners' rate is twice that for parishioners.) This will be put on the website and at the Cemetery.
- 6.4 Any maintenance or other matters arising: *The shed door still needs painting, as do the gates. Quotations are still needed for this. It was suggested the PC purchases a small board or similar to house the Terms and Conditions and the charges sheets, which are having to be frequently replaced at present, due to*

Signed: Chairman

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water damage. It was suggested that a working party looks at the Pill Box near the cemetery.

7. Payments and Accounts:

- 7.1 Bank Balances at 25th March 2021:
Yorkshire Bank a/c: £945.38 after invoices paid.
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £14867.11.
- 7.2 Income received in March: None

<i>Date of Receipt</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>

7.3 Invoices due for payment in March.

<i>Date of Payment</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Date & Minute No. of Approval</i>	<i>Net Amount £</i>	<i>VAT £</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
31.03.21	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: March 2021 including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	136.72		136.72
31.03.21	Mrs P Harrison	Clerk's salary and expenses	4.6.18 Page 2183 Item 4.4	743.33		743.33

8. **Clerk's Report:** NALC sent a notification that all zoom meetings were not deemed legal from 7th May. The PC has it's AGM on 5th May and guidance will be taken regarding the June meeting.
Keep Britain Tidy Campaign – The PC has been asked to inform groups that supplies are available for this work.
9. **Matters to be discussed at this meeting:**
- 9.1 A letter was received regarding the purchase of part of the Paddock. The Parish Council looked at the Covenants on this land and replied that it was not able to sell any part of it.
- 10 **District and County Councillor's Reports.** Cllr. Bellamy sent details round regarding the Stainby Quarry, which is listed above. Cllr. Adams stated no meetings were being held prior to the LCC elections.
- 11 **Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman.** Cllr. Burrows informed the PC that Buckminster Lane's grass had not been cut.
The wall on Colsterworth Road is in disrepair. Part belongs to Red Barn (currently well maintained). It is the section towards Cringle Brook, which is disintegrating. This belongs to Easton Estate and has been reported to LCC Highways. However, they have mistakenly written to the owners of Red Barn. The Clerk will contact Highways to ensure they are aware of the correct ownership.
Cllr. Burrows has reported several large potholes, which have grown since last being reported. It appears to be an ongoing problem that some reports are not confirmed or any action taken.
- 12 The meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled to be the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 5th May 2021. It will be held via zoom at 7.30 pm, subject to the current state of Government (Covid-19) restrictions and advice.

Signed: Chairman

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