

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chair: Richard Wrigley **Vice-Chair:** Rory Grindey

Councillors: Adrian Clark, Neville Clark, Paul Elston, Bronwyn Hedley, Roseanne McKee.

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

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023 at 6.30pm at Skillington Village Hall.

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

In Attendance: Cllr B. Green (SKDC), Mr D. Beecher, Mr & Mrs G Herbert and Mrs P. Harrison (Clerk).

Mr Herbert commented on Mr Stoneman's proposal regarding the top half of the paddock. He stated there was a covenant on the land, preventing all building, apart from a stable. He gave the Clerk a copy of the Land Registry deeds.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs McKee, Elston and Grindey, Cllrs Vernon (LCC) and Bellamy (SKDC).
2. **Councillors' Declaration of Interest:** None.
3. **Notes of meeting of the Parish Council on 2nd October 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 will be taking on this work.*
 - 4.2 09.23/11.3 Rubbish accumulating outside the new houses: *Not all of the rubbish has gone, but it has been tidied up.*
 - 4.3 10.23/9.3 Further to last month's query, Rowan Smith (LCC Highways) has visited the Cross Swords junction and agreed that white lines should mark the corner.
5. **Planning applications:**
 - 5.1 S23/1134 Mrs J McMunn, Moot Cottage, 2 Park Lane: Section 211 notice to remove Conifer tree.
Pending consideration.
 - 5.2 S23/1766 Nr N Murphy, Skillington House, Park Lane: Section 211 notice to remove leaning leader of Poplar (1) to the ground level. To raise 2 x Lime canopies (2) to 5m from ground level for Highways and property access splay.
Work allowed.
6. **Cemetery:**
 - 6.1 Infestation of ants: *The Chair and Clerk will see where the problem is.*
 - 6.2 Any maintenance or other matters arising: None.
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
 - 7.1 Bank Balances as at 25th October 2023:
Virgin Money a/c: £59.58 after invoices paid.
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: £16048.65.
 - 7.2 Income received in October:

Date of Receipt	Name	Details	Notes	Total Amount £
29.09.23	Sheperd Memorials	<i>Grant of Right of memorial for DJ & GE Meads</i>	Invoice 200676	100.00
19.10.23	Donations received	<i>Donation received to be passed on to Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance.</i>	Re: training session	56.50

7.3 Invoices due for payment in October:

	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
31.10.23	<i>Colsterworth and District Parish Council</i>	<i>Community Cleaner: Oct 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

Signed: Chairman

Date

31.10.23	Community Heartbeat Trust	Village Emergency Telephone system	Per budget	100.00	20.00	120.00
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7.4 The six-monthly audit has taken place. Notice has been given to transfer £1000 from MMBS to the Current Account.

8. Clerk's Report:

- 8.1 The School Admission policy consultation has been received.
- 8.2 The PC has received the precept setting figures for consideration.
- 8.3 A thank you letter and certificate have been received from Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 9.1 Residents will be receiving a further purple lidded recycling bin in February 2024, for paper and cardboard.

10. District and County Councillor's Reports: Cllr Green had been in contact with Andy Savage (LCC) re: he Drift. A further consultation, to include the PC, is being held, to begin by mid-November. It was noted that the PC should use the Shared Prosperity fund to purchase a new Notice Board; reclaiming the Pill Box will require the landowner's permission.

Cllr Green donated an oak sapling for planting in the village, and was duly thanked.

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

- 11.1 The Chair proposed a change in the January meeting date. It will be discussed at the December meeting.
- 11.2 Thanks go to those concerned in displaying the poppies in the village to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. Positive comments have been received.
- 11.3 Cllr Wrigley has purchased 250 crocus bulbs and needs help planting them.
- 11.4 There is a problem with hedgehogs being fed late into the Autumn. Consequently they are not hibernating and are producing young, too late into the season.

The meeting was closed at 7.10pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 4th December 2023 at 6.30pm. This will be held at Skillington Village Hall.