

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 Monday 4th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Cllrs B. Adams (LCC and SKDC) and D. Bellamy (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. N. Clark and S. Burrows PCSO. S. Bowden.

Did not attend: Cllr. A. Bunce.

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

3. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 7th December 2020** 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 Chair has spoken to Mr W. Murdoch. Cllr. Disney will get some quotes for diggers to dig up the end of the ditch. Highways (LCC) expect to carry out an exploratory dig, but gave no time scale.
- 4.2 09.20/10.1 Location of Parish Council meetings: This is being held over, as we cannot physically meet. The Chair will attempt to contact Village Hall Chair again.
- 4.3 09.20/11.5 Overhanging branches on The Square: Western Power will attend to the branches interfering with the electricity cables. A quotation is still awaited from Bavins tree surgeons.
- 4.4 11.20/11.3 Inspection of Crabtree Lane and Grantham Road bridges: Tata Steel has inspected the bridges. They are both structurally sound and a report will be sent to Highways. The road surface has deteriorated on both bridges. Cllr. Burrows has photos which can be sent to back up the report.
- 4.5 11.20/11.1 Illegal biking on The Drift: The Parish Council thanked PCSO Bowden for his work in trying to combat this. The Chair will try to set up a meeting with Highways about possible solutions.
- 4.6 11.20/11.2 Fly-tipping: More cases have been reported.
- 4.7 12.20/11.2 Position of the Post Box: The Post Office has been contacted with a request to move the Post Box. A position near the Bus Stop will be suggested.

5. Planning applications:

- 5.1 S20/1096 Mr P. Lord, Cotswold Farm, Crabtree Road: Agricultural/forestry building including 4 No. Biomass boilers and flues(revision of application S19/1879) *Granted with conditions.*
- 5.2 S20/1917 Mr R Knapp, 1 Sproxton Road: The construction of a pair of semi-detached cottages with three bedrooms. This was discussed at length. The planning sub-committee has drafted a report, focussing on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. It was suggested that the drives on Nos. 1 and 2 Sproxton Road should need approval before any planning for new houses granted.
- 5.3 S20/2158 Mr T. Page, The Manor House, Colsterworth Road: Ash tree and Horse Chestnut tree to be felled.
- 5.4 Any late Planning Applications submitted: None.

6. Cemetery:

- 6.1 Proposed cemetery extension: *Details of W. Murdoch's Solicitor's have been provided. The Chair has asked for a quotation of proposed charges. A working party is needed to explore hedging and other expenses for the new extension.*
- 6.2 Any maintenance or other matters arising: *The shed door painting will be left until the Spring.*
- 6.3 Re-siting of a recent monument which has encroached on an adjacent plot.

7. Payments and Accounts:

- 7.1 Bank Balances at 25th December 2020:
Yorkshire Bank a/c: £2800.68 after invoices paid.
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £14867.11.
- 7.2 Income received in December:

Signed: Chairman

Date

<i>Date of Receipt</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
30.11.20	Lincolnshire CC	Reimbursement for village grass cutting	Purchase order 80310318	542.57

7.3 Invoices due for payment in December.

<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>
31.12.20	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: December 2020 including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	136.72		136.72
31.12.20	Mrs P Harrison	Clerk's salary and expenses	4.6.18 Page 2183 Item 4.4	746.26		746.26

8. Clerk's Report:

- 8.1 The Clerk will contact BDG Mowing regarding the hedge cutting invoice.
- 8.2 One of the SKDC bins has been reported as overflowing. The Clerk will contact the cleaners to find out which bin is concerned and why this may be, then contact SKDC for them to empty it.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 9.1 Proposed schedule of Parish council meetings for 2021: The meeting dates were agreed. The date in May is to be on the Wednesday 5th, following Bank Holiday Monday.
- 9.2 Notice of Precept annual update: The Chair proposed a 2% increase. This was seconded by Cllr. Disney and unanimously agreed.

- 10 **District and County Councillor's Reports.** Cllr. Bellamy informed us that the District Planning Department will be staffed by more planning officers which should lead to better enforcement. However, Cllr. Adams added that the tendency to approve applications in line with centralised criteria may be in conflict with the wishes of elected members decisions.

11 Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman.

- 11.1 Cllr. Grindey has cleared all the drains in the village. He was thanked by the Chair.
- 11.2 Cllr. Disney was concerned that one of the houses built on Lords Lane has three cars, including parked vans on the road, causing congestion. Planning has already been asked to investigate, as the parking spaces created in front of the properties are not as agreed when the application was approved. Cllr. Bellamy was asked to follow this up.

- 12 The meeting was closed at 8.35 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled to be Monday 1st February 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

Date