

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chairman: Richard Wrigley **Vice-Chairman:** Rory Grindey
Councillors: Steph Burrows, Neville Clark, Roseanne McKee, Stuart Millington.
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Notes of the Parish Council meeting held at Skillington Village Hall on Wednesday 5th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs R. Wrigley, S. Millington, R Grindey, N Clark and R McKee.

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs F. Disney, S Burrows.
2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest: None.**
3. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 6th December 2021:** Minute 9.3 was added, they were then agreed and signed into minutes.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - 4.1 06.21/12.5 Casual vacancy on the Parish Council: *There is a vacancy due to a Councillor stepping down. Notices will be posted.*
 - 4.2 12.21/8.2 Annual Precept review: The review was discussed. Cllr. Grindey proposed, Cllr. Clark seconded a proposal to raise the Precept by 2%. This was agreed by all the Councillors.
 - 4.3 12.21/9.1 Memorial bench re: the late Bill Meads: The PC is seeking approval for the style and location of the memorial bench.
 - 4.4 12.21/9.3 Remembrance Sunday: It was noted that this had never been an event organised by the PC, but individuals or groups are welcome to put a proposal to the PC for some help with funding.
5. **Planning applications:**
 - 5.1 S21/1579 Lincolnshire Rivers Trust: Land on the East side of Grantham Road: Restoration works to 1km stretch of Cringle Brook (including excavation to create inset floodplains) to reinstate river process and improve biodiversity. *Approved conditionally.*
 - 5.2 S21/2307 Mr & Mrs Hendrie, Rushlea, Back Lane: Proposed change of use and conversion of existing outbuilding to form annex. *Pending consideration.*
 - 5.3 Any other planning applications.
6. **Cemetery:**
 - 6.1 Proposed cemetery extension: *The Chair had contacted Willie Murdoch again, requesting he write to his solicitor, in order to proceed with the land transfer. The Clerk will contact contractors for a quotation regarding the middle hedge, which will need fully, or partially removing.*
 - 6.2 Disposal of green waste: *A compost bin is being considered, to prevent further build-up of green waste. The Clerk and Chair will meet at the Cemetery to discuss options.*
 - 6.3 Any maintenance or other matters arising: *The Chair had been looking at reclaiming the Pill Box.*
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
 - 7.1 Bank Balances at 25th December 2021:
Virgin Money a/c: £864.22 after invoices paid.
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £14962.26.
 - 7.2 Income received in December:

<i>Date of Receipt</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
01.12.21	SKDC	<i>Community Cleaners reimbursement</i>	Inv. Comclean21/22	694.98

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>

Signed: Chairman

Date

31.12.21	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: December 2021 including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	139.21		139.21
31.12.21	Mrs P Harrison	Clerk's salary and expenses	4.6.18 Page 2183 Item 4.4	750.52		750.52
31.12.21	Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance	Donation in lieu of defibrillator training fee.	6.12.21 Page 2265 Item 9.2	100.00		100.00

8. Clerk's Report:

8.1 Letter from LIVES charity giving news and information.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

9.1 Flood prevention correspondence. Flooding is not likely in this area. The new drains are working well.

9.2 *Grit and sand:* The grit bins are currently full. There are large bags of sand held on our behalf on Middle Street (Home Farmhouse) if sand is needed by residents.

9.3 A discussion was held regarding the timing of the PC meetings. A proposal was made for 6.30pm. This will need all Councillors to consider and agree.

9.4 The Community Cleaners reported a dog waste bin was loose, but didn't specify which one. The Clerk will find out which needs mending.

10. District and County Councillor's Reports:

10.1 Cllr Bellamy stated that the SKDC budgets will be discussed next week. A by-election will be held in due course to fill the position left by Bob Adams.

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

11.1 The Cherry tree on the top green is lop-sided. This will be looked at.

11.2 The sign-post at the top of Colsterworth Road and Crabtree Lane is pointing the wrong way. It has been reported to Fix my street.

11.3 The light in the old phone box has stopped working. Cllr Clark will ask his son to look at it.

11.4 The extremely damaged condition of the Viking Way was reported by Cllr Grindey. The Chair will report to LCC and ask for news of the proposed TRO.

11.5 Cllr Grindey suggested having a Christmas Tree on The Square. This was agreed by the Councillors.

11.6 The results of recent road patching have led to uneven surfaces on the Grantham Road and elsewhere. The Chair will report to LCC.

11.7 Cllr Clark raised concern over the proximity of a very deep drop inside the Quarry on Crabtree Rd and the public highway. The Chair is to contact Cylex and Highways to discuss.

11.8 The Cross Swords pub has boards displayed which are out of date. They will be asked to remove any such out of date messages.

The meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled to be on Monday 7th February 2022 at Skillington Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date