

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 1st February 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr R. Wrigley (Chairman), Cllrs F. Disney, R. Grindey, S. Millington and S. Burrows (joined at 7.44 pm)

In attendance: Cllr 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 A. Bunce, Cllr B. Adams PCSO. S. Bowden.

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

3. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 4th January 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 Chair has met John Hodson, who will quote the PC for reinstating a drainage channel across the field entrance at the village end of the ditch on the south side of Sproxton Road. Mr W. Murdoch will clear the ditch. Cllr Grindey has spoken to Rowan Smith (Highways) regarding a free trial of a drain collector. Cllr. Millington noted that a hole at the junction of Sproxton Road and Park Lane now has water coming out of it. The Clerk will add the Park Lane drain to the Highways list.
- 4.2 09.20/11.5 Overhanging branches on The Square: Western Power will attend to the branches interfering with the electricity cables. It was agreed to have Bavins tree surgeons to do this work. Work will be carried out on the 4th to 5th March.
- 4.3 11.20/11.1 Illegal biking on The Drift and the status of Buckminster Lane: A meeting was held with Rowan Smith (Highways) and two other members of LCC, attended by the Chair, Cllr Grindey and James Houghton (local resident) which was very constructive. Rowan Smith will produce proposals to protect the Drift by restricting access, to be discussed at a follow-up meeting.
- 4.4 11.20/11.2 Fly-tipping: More cases have been reported. This was brought up at the meeting (see 4.3).
- 4.5 11.20/11.3 Inspection of Crabtree Lane and Grantham Road bridges: Cllr. Grindey will send photos showing that the road surface has deteriorated on both bridges.
- 4.6 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. The PC is awaiting their response.

5. Planning applications:

- 5.1 S20/1917 Mr R. Knapp, 1 Sproxton Road: The construction of a pair of semi-detached cottages with three bedrooms. *Approved conditionally. The Chair noted the condition that an archaeological survey must precede commencement of work, but also expressed disappointment that the extensive objections regarding the sensitivity of the site, given its proximity to Listed Buildings, important views into, from and within the village, traffic and road safety and parking, submitted by the PC derived from the Neighbourhood Development Plan, had been ignored. The question of monitoring approved building work was raised, with reference to the way this had failed to be applied to the two houses built on Lords Lane. Photographs of the unsatisfactory actual parking arrangements and congestion caused have been sent to the Planning Dept. Cllr Bellamy explained the need to submit objections to SKDC in time for 'Calling in' to the Planning Committee; and also confirmed he would be willing to take up such matters on behalf of the PC. The Chair queried if this deadline within a deadline (i.e. less time than the stated period for the submission of the comments/objections) was clearly stated.*
- 5.2 S20/2158 Mr T. Page, The Manor House, Colsterworth Road: ash tree and horse chestnut tree to be felled.
Work allowed.
- 5.3 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 awaiting a response.*

Signed: Chairman

Date

6.2 Regarding a monument which has encroached on an adjacent plot, the Stonemason has been contacted and will rectify the error in the Spring.

6.3 Any maintenance or other matters arising: *The shed door painting will be left until the Spring.*

7. Payments and Accounts:

7.1 Bank Balances at 25th January 2021:

Yorkshire Bank a/c: £2708.96 after invoices paid.

Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £14867.11.

7.2 Income received in January:

<i>Date of Receipt</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
17.01.21	C. Whittle and H. Bettridge	Erection of a memorial for James Whittle	Invoice 200659	45.00

7.3 Invoices due for payment in January.

<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>
31.01.21	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: January 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

7.4 The Budget was presented. It was proposed for approval by Cllr. Wrigley and unanimously agreed.

8. Clerk's Report:

8.1 The Clerk contacted BDG Mowing, who have explained their hedge cutting contract.

8.2 A new resident to the village wanted confirmation that there were no plans to build on The Paddock. All Councillors were confident there would be no development for the foreseeable future. The Chair is to contact the prospective buyers' solicitor.

8.3 The Clerk thanked Rev. Neil Griffiths for donating a replacement filing cabinet.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

10 **District and County Councillor's Reports.** Cllr. Bellamy had nothing to report.

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

12 The meeting was closed at 8.40 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled to be Monday 1st March 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