

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chair: Richard Wrigley Vice-Chair: Rory Grindey

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2023 at 6.30pm at Skillington Village Hall.

Present: Cllr R. Wrigley (Chair), Cllrs N. Clark and R. McKee.

In Attendance: Cllr D. Bellamy (SKDC), Messrs A. Clark, P. Elston, Mr S. Gates, Mr D. Beecher, Mrs P. Harrison (Clerk).

Mr Beecher stated that the Community Protection Notice served against him had been rescinded. A comment was made about the number of dogs allowed to be off their leads. Mr Gates drew the Councillors attention to the Cross Swords corner. The Clerk will contact Rowan Smith (LCC Highways) and copy in Cllr Vernon, to discuss improving safety at the junction.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Hedley and Grindey, Cllrs Vernon (LCC) and Green (SKDC).
2. **Councillors' Declaration of Interest:** None.
3. **Notes of meeting of the Parish Council on 4th September 2023:** Agreed and signed into minutes.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - 4.1 05.23/13.1 Casual Vacancies: Adrian Clark and Paul Elston attended the meeting in response to the Parish Council's need to fill casual vacancies. Adrian Clark was proposed by Cllr Wrigley and seconded by Cllr McKee and Paul Elston was proposed by Cllr Wrigley and seconded by Cllr Clark. Both were duly appointed. The Chair thanked them for their willingness to join the PC.
 - 4.2 05.23/13.2 Repairs to the Fish Well: *Suitable quotations have been received and the Chair will appoint the most cost effective one to proceed with the work.*
 - 4.3 09.23/9.1 Complaint regarding an unlawfully felled tree: *SKDC was informed of this infringement, but confirmed this was outside the Conservation Area and therefore required no action.*
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 S23/1181 Mrs J McMunn, Moot Cottage, 1 Park Lane: Section 73 to vary Condition 2 (approved plans) of S20/1917 (The construction of a pair of semi-detached cottages with three bedrooms).
Pending consideration.
 - 5.3 S23/1687 For information only: Colsterworth Triangle, Crabtree Road: To vary condition 6 and remove condition 20 of planning permission S15/3028 to remove stone under area occupied by weighbridge and wheel wash.
 - 5.4 Any further applications submitted: None.
6. **Cemetery:**
 - 6.1 The PC agreed that, as had previously been the case, all ashes plots should be sold individually.
 - 6.2 A question had arisen regarding replacing a headstone. It was agreed there should be no charge for this.
 - 6.3 Any maintenance or other matters arising: None.
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
 - 7.1 Bank Balances as at 25th September 2023:
Virgin Money a/c: £178.82 after invoices paid.
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: £16048.65.
 - 7.2 Income received in September: None.

Date of Receipt	Name	Details	Notes	Total Amount £

Signed: Chairman

Date

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7.3 Invoices due for payment in September:

	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
30.09.23	Colsterworth and District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: Sept 2023 (inc. emptying 5 dog bins @ £2.50 p/bin/month).	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	155.82		155.82
30.09.23	BDG Mowing	Village mowing 15 & 30.8, and LCC mowing 22.8	2.3.20 Page 2224 Item 8.1	352.00		352.00
30.09.23	Mrs P Harrison	Clerk's salary and expenses	4.6.18 Page 2183 Item 4.4	837.27		837.27
30.09.23	Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance	Defibrillator training donation plus extra donations collected	4.9.23 Page 2304 Item 11.1	156.50		156.50

7.4 The six-monthly audit is due.

8. Clerk's Report:

8.1 Traffic Regulation Order – A notification was received to inform the PC that Lords Lane will be closed between the 2nd and 9th October.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 9.1 There was a proposal for a further Memorial bench. This will be given more consideration at the appropriate time.
- 9.2 The Chair proposed that more bulbs be planted on The Square, when roadworks have been completed. The Chair will procure good value daffodil bulbs.

10. District and County Councillor's Reports: Cllr Bellamy informed the PC that there is still money available for Community projects. It was suggested that the Pill Box might be considered. SKDC were looking at buying or building new Council Houses. The LED lighting scheme is having money allocated, to swap all lighting to LED's. There is a proposal to turn them off at midnight. The SKDC depot may be moving from Alexandra Road, but the LCC part of it would remain.

Cllr Green sent in a report. SKDC is reviewing its Council Tax Support Scheme. He proposed an idea to extend this support to our veterans. SKDC had previously signed the Armed Forces Covenant and been awarded the prestigious Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award, but he stated we should help with tax relief for those veterans in the lower tax bands and it is our duty to show our appreciation. He would like residents to mark 'Yes' for veterans' tax relief on Pg 9 of the Council Tax Support Scheme survey (tinyurl.com/VeteransTaxRelief).

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

- 11.1 The Chair has received a letter from Mr J Stoneman, regarding the top half of the paddock. The Chair has sought 'informal pre-application advice' from SKDC Planning, in order that the PC be fully informed before full discussion and any appropriate consultation. Legal advice would also be sought in due course.
- 11.2 The Clerk will check the response deadline for the Police Engagement meeting.
- 11.3 There is concern that rubbish is being allowed to accumulate outside the new houses on Park Lane/ Sproxton Road. Also, that the Top Green is being damaged by vehicles involved in construction. It was agreed to create painted stones to protect the grass, by preventing parking on the edge of the Top Green.
- 11.4 The Drift: Andy Savage (LCC) is hoping the consultation will be completed this winter and a TRO applied in the Spring, to allow repair.

The meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday 6th November 2023 at 6.30pm. This will be held at Skillington Village Hall.

Signed: Chairman

Date