

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Skillington Village Hall on Wednesday 7th March 2022 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Cllrs D. Bellamy and B Green (SKDC) Mrs P. Harrison (Clerk), Mrs B Hedley.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs C. Vernon (LCC) and N. Clark.
2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest: None.**
3. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 5th January and 7th February 2022:** Agreed and signed into minutes.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - 4.1 06.21/12.5 Casual vacancy on the Parish Council: Mrs B Hedley has attended the meeting to see what being a councillor involves.
 - 4.2 12.21/9.1 Memorial bench for Bill Meads: A bench which has the approval of the family has been earmarked and it is proposed by Cllr Wrigley, seconded by Cllr Grindey and agreed by the PC, to be sited near the trough on Sproxton Road.
 - 4.3 01.22/9.3 Review of meeting time: An earlier meeting time has been suggested. This will be put to the AGM In May.
 - 4.4 01.22/11.1 Lop-sided cherry tree on the top green: Simpson Arboriculture will be asked to give a price for this work.
 - 4.5 01.22/11.3 Light in the phone box (defibrillator): The light in the phone box has been replaced by Messrs N and C Clark. The PC would like to thank them for their work.
 - 4.6 01.22.11.4 Viking Way: The PC has been informed that the process in instigating a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) is in progress.
 - 4.7 01.22/11.6 Uneven patching of road surfaces: The patching is apparently durable, but the surface is not good to drive on. This will be followed up. The road in question is the Grantham Road, south of the junction with the road to Great Ponton.
 - 4.8 01.22.11.7 Deep drop at Quarry near roadside: There is a hole close to the road. LCC is aware of the situation and will decide if fencing is needed.
 - 4.9 01.22/11.8 Out of date signs at the pub: These have been removed.
5. **Planning applications:**
 - 5.1 S21/2307 Mr & Mrs Hendrie, Rushlea, Back Lane: Proposed change of use and conversion of existing outbuilding to form annex. *Approved conditionally.*
 - 5.2 S22/0241 Mrs R Johnson, Shepherds Barn, The Square: Work to Cherry Laurel tree. *Work approved.*
 - 5.3 S22/0419 Mr and Mrs J Architects, Hillside Cottage, The Square: Removal of Conservatory, proposed two storey rear extension. (A correct name is needed on this application) *No objections.*
 - 5.4 Any other planning applications.
6. **Cemetery:**
 - 6.1 Proposed cemetery extension: *Mr Murdoch has been asked to write to his solicitor – no news. The Clerk has contacted a contractor for a rough estimate regarding the middle hedge, which will need fully, or partially removing. The Millennium yew is growing well. There are no new molehills.*
 - 6.2 Disposal of green waste: *This is being disposed of adequately at present. The Community Cleaners are now emptying the bin. The Clematis and Rose may not have survived their hard pruning. The moss needs to be looked at in due course.*
 - 6.3 Any maintenance or other matters arising: *The Cemetery fees were reviewed and it was agreed not to increase them this year.*
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
 - 7.1 Bank Balances at 25th February 2022:
Virgin Money a/c: £484.52 after invoices paid.
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £14962.26.
 - 7.2 Income received in January and February:

Signed: Chairman

Date

Date of Receipt	Name	Details	Notes	Total Amount £
01.02.22	I and R Bowen	Paddock Rent	Quarterly rent	125.00

7.3 Invoices due for payment in January and February.

Date of Payment	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
31.01.22	X2 Connect Ltd	Light fitting for phone box	5.1.22 Page 2267 Item 11.3	39.00	7.80	46.80
28.02.22	LALC	Annual subscription	As per budget	139.90		139.90
28.02.22	The Community Heartbeat Trust	Replacement defibrillator battery	7.2.22 Page 2270 Item 11.2	265.00	53.00	318.00

7.4 The draft budget was approved.

8. Clerk's Report:

8.1 Temporary road restriction: These may take place over the next six months, but due to budgetary constraints at LCC they may be delayed.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

9.1 Plant a tree for the Jubilee: *suggestions are needed. It was agreed to purchase snowdrops and bulbs in the autumn to be planted in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.*

9.2 Great British Spring Clean: *A date needs to be suggested for villagers to join in this spring clean.*

9.3 The Community Cleaners reported a dog waste bin was loose; it is the one by the Church on Park Lane.

10. District and County Councillor's Reports:

10.1 Cllr Bellamy stated that InvestSK has been taken back in hand. All the Lincolnshire Authorities are putting forward a bid to become a Greater Lincolnshire Council. The cost of living crisis: Householders in bands A - D may be given £150 relief towards utility bills, then a further £200, (which will be repayable) in the Autumn. The Council Tax rise is approximately 3.6%. The PC was asked to look at the Mallard Pass Solar Park, which could be 3.5 square miles surrounding Essendine. Cllr. Ben Green was welcomed as the new SKDC Councillor representing this area. The Boundary Commission is forging ahead with boundary changes, which may see the Isaac Newton ward being absorbed into the Stamford area. Councillors were encouraged to submit their views.

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

11.1 The swing seat has been replaced and the manhole cover landscaped. David Raes and Pete Selby will be thanked.

11.2 The defibrillator needs a new battery. *This has now been installed.*

11.3 Incidents of fly tipping on Buckminster Lane and Stoke Rochford Lane are being reported.

11.4 Missing bench: The bench may have been taken away to be repaired. Enquiries will be made.

11.5 Water Pump: The Chair will look into this.

11.6 Cllr Burrows reported that the Village Hall committee is looking into creating a play area on the field adjacent to the VH. Permission is needed before more considerations are made.

11.7 The grit bin on Middle Street is empty. The bin on Stonepit Lane has been broken. The Clerk will inform LCC.

11.8 The drain on Church Lane (on right) has been overflowing. If it is still blocked, this will be reported.

11.9 There are many orange bin bags on Fishwell Close, which have been around for 10 days. They will be reported to SKDC.

The meeting was closed at 9.05 pm.

The next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting and will be held on Monday 4th April 2022 at Skillington Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date