

## SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chair: Richard Wrigley Vice-Chair: Rory Grindey

Councillors: Steph Burrows, Neville Clark, Bronwyn Hedley, Roseanne McKee and Stuart Millington.

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Notes of the Parish Council meeting held at Skillington Village Hall, on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 6.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr R. Wrigley (Chair), Cllrs R Grindey, N. Clark, S. Burrows, S. Millington.

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs B. Hedley, R. McKee and Cllr C. Vernon (LCC)
2. **Notes of the Parish Council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022:** Agreed and signed into minutes, with the following amendments: 9.1 Village Hall playground: The PC had received a paper by Cllr Steph Burrows regarding the possible creation of a play area in the village. This followed a letter (undated) from Colin Clark (Chair, Skillington Village Hall Committee), which asked that the PC endorse the scheme positively and consider contributing to the recurrent cost. Cllr Burrows' paper included an initial survey of residents' views, potential sites, cost of equipment (from £42k to £65k plus VAT), and possible grant sources. The Village Committee had proposed the PC cover maintenance and insurance costs. Discussion focused on the need to establish what those costs would be, given the prospect of there being an (increasing) annual expense. Cllr Millington raised the question of the lifespan of the equipment and potential replacement costs. Insurance costs will be investigated. Quotes for annual maintenance range from £260 to £800 p.a. The Chair thanked Cllr Burrows for her work in preparing this proposal and reminded colleagues that this matter had been discussed previously at Parish Council, but not followed through because of concerns regarding a suitable site. A key question was what information was required by the landowner, Sir Fred Cholmeley, in order for the proposal to be submitted to the trustees of Easton Estate. Further enquiries are being made with neighbouring parishes to establish their costs and procedures.
3. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
  - 4.1 12.21/9.1 Bill Meads Memorial Bench: The bench has been delivered. A date (18<sup>th</sup> July) has been arranged for its installation. The Clerk will ensure Cllr Green is kept informed.
  - 4.2 04.22/9.2 Parking at the bus stop outside the Cross Swords: LCC highways will be contacted to request white lines. The Clerk will contact Cllr Vernon. PH
  - 4.3 04.22/11.3 The bridge on Crabtree Lane: Cllr Grindey reported that he is still waiting to hear from Rowan Smith (LCC Highways).
  - 4.4 04.22/1.4 Garden Waste on Stonepit Lane: The waste has been removed.
  - 4.5 06.22/11.5 Neglected house on Stonepit Lane: SKDC has been informed. The driveway has been mown.
  - 4.6 06.22/9.1 Village Hall playground: The PC's insurance would increase by between £80 and £150, depending on the cost of the scheme.
5. **Planning applications:**
  - 5.1 S22/0419 Mr and Mrs C Meads, Hillside Cottage, The Square: Removal of rear Conservatory. Ground floor extension to rear and first floor extension to off-shoot. *Granted conditionally.*
  - 5.2 PL/ 0061/22 Information only: Development: to retain a Leachate storage tank: Location: Colsterworth Landfill Site, Woolsthorpe Road, Colsterworth, Grantham, Lincs. Grid Reference: 490613 324453. *Granted.*
  - 5.3 Any late Planning Applications submitted: None.
6. **Cemetery:**
  - 6.1 Proposed cemetery extension: Cllr Wrigley has spoken to Mr. W. Murdoch, who will contact his solicitor.
  - 6.2 Any maintenance or other matters arising: The clematis has a protective wire surrounding it. A quote is needed for trimming the inside of the hedge. PH
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
  - 7.1 Bank Balances as at 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022:  
Virgin Money Store a/c: £2402.87 after invoices paid.

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....

Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £15008.49.

7.2 Income received in June:

<i>Date of Receipt</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
01.06.22	SKDC	Reimbursement for Community Cleaners		694.98

7.3 Invoices due for payment in June.

<i>Date of Payment</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Date &amp; Minute No. of Approval</i>	<i>Net Amount £</i>	<i>VAT £</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
30.06.22	Colsterworth and District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: Apr, May & June 2022 (inc. emptying 5 dog bins @ £2.50 p/bin/month).	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	446.30		446.30
30.06.22	BDG Mowing	Mowing – village 16 & 30.5.22 & 13.6 LCC 15.5 & 13.6	2.3.20 Page 2224 Item 8.1	370.00		370.00
E	Mrs P Harrison	Clerk's salary and expenses	4.6.188 Page 2183 Item 4.4	771.71		771.71

7.4 Internal Audit for accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022: The accounts have been audited and the appropriate forms posted on the Notice Board and Website.

**8. Clerk's Report:**

8.1 The Clerk asked permission for a new date stamp. This was granted.

**9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:**

**10. District and County Councillor's Reports.** Cllr Bellamy reported that further grants have been made for low-income families. £650 is to be granted to people receiving benefits (£326 on 14.7 and £324 in the Autumn). A new housing allocation policy is being introduced.

Cllr Green stated that LCC has agreed to take batteries from SKDC, but there is a delay, regarding the up-front costs. There is the possibility of a Parish Council summit for local PC's, run by Cllrs Bellamy and Green.

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

11.1 Cllr Wrigley will write to LCC regarding the Drift.

11.2 The Fish Well: The Fish Well (built for the Millennium) has been patched up, but it needs a new course of stone. S Nadin will be asked if he might look at it.

11.3 There is still a smell from the Lagoon. Cllr Grindey will report it to SKDC.

11.4 There is an area of unregistered land by the Water treatment works. Cllr Grindey will endeavour to find out who owns it.

11.5 Road repairs have melted and created potholes. This will be looked into and reported to LCC Highways.

11.6 Cllr Bellamy reported that The Cross Swords' holiday lets, which were approved, conditional on parking spaces being available. There are gates across the car park, preventing it being used as intended.

The meeting was closed at 7.55 pm.

**The next meeting is scheduled to be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 6.30pm at Skillington Village Hall.**

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....