

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 March 2021 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Cllrs D. Bellamy (SKDC) and B. Adams (LCC & 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, PCSO. S. Bowden.
2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 1st February 2021** Item 4.1 should read 'The Chair and Cllr Disney met'. With this addition, they 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: Queries were raised by Cllr. Bunce regarding the quotation process. However, as the quotation had been approved by the other Councillors and Mr Hodson was going to be already in situ to do the other half of the work, it was deemed more economical to engage him immediately. The Clerk had replied with this explanation. Other points raised were regarding the type of work approved. This was recommended by LCC's Rowan Smith. The work has now been completed very satisfactorily and under budget.
- 4.2 09.20/11.5 Tree work on The Square: Bavins tree surgeons will be completing this work, which will be carried out on the 4th and 5th March. The Chair has notified residents, to ensure their cars are removed on those days. Although the tree surgeon has pointed out the damage being caused to the tree by the swing's chain, the Chair will discuss this on site and report back.
- 4.3 11.20/11.1 Illegal biking on The Drift and the status of Buckminster Lane: The Parish Council is waiting to hear the results of the meeting with Rowan Smith.

5. Planning applications:

- 5.1 S20/2184 Mr T. Page, The Manor House, Colsterworth Road: Erection of a wooden corridor from main dwelling to utility room. *Pending Consideration.*
- 5.2 S21/0190 Messrs Knapp and Howitt, 2 Sproxton Road: The construction of two new vehicle accesses. *Pending consideration.*
- 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.*
- 6.2 A hazardous grave which has sunk in places: *The Chair has filled in the holes and was thanked.*
- 6.3 Cemetery charges: The charges will be raised on average by 2% and equalised. This will be circulated.
- 6.4 Any maintenance or other matters arising: *The shed door still needs painting, as do the gates. We will get quotations for this. It was suggested the PC purchases a small board or similar to house the Terms and Conditions and the charges sheets, which are having to be frequently replaced at present, due to water damage.*

7. Payments and Accounts:

- 7.1 Bank Balances at 25th February 2021:
Yorkshire Bank a/c: £1559.43 after invoices paid.
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £14867.11.
- 7.2 Income received in February:

Date of Receipt	Name	Details	Notes	Total Amount £

Signed: Chairman

Date

01.02.21	I and R Bowen	Quarterly paddock rental		125.00
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7.3 Invoices due for payment in February.

Date of Payment	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
28.02.21	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: February 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
28.02.21	LALC	Membership of Association of Local Councils	As per budget	138.21		138.21
28.02.21	John Hodson JCB Hire	Hire of mini digger for drainage work on Sproxtan Road	4.1.21 Page 2244 Item 4.1	833.00	166.60	999.60

8. Clerk's Report:

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

9.1 A letter of concern regarding the number of lorries on Sproxtan Road was received. This may be a combination of lorries to the Pig Farm, Sugar beet collections and muck spreading. The latter two are seasonal; the Chair has written to Norfolk Free Range (Pig Company). The possibility of 'soft verge' signs was discussed.

10 **District and County Councillor's Reports.** Cllr. Bellamy reported that the Annual Budget meeting had taken place. It was agreed to pay the Living Wage to the lowest paid staff. Bob reported that £12m had been deducted from the Highways budget. This will add to the problem of maintaining frontline services, adding to the problem of additional school transport costs. He stated that any monies for the hospitality industry have to be forwarded to the businesses concerned.

11 **Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman.** Cllr. Millington expressed concern that the Bin lorry, when turning left out of Middle Street, was cutting the corner and was in danger of hitting the lamp post.

12 The meeting was closed at 8.30 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled to be the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 7th April 2021. It will be held via zoom at 7.00 pm, subject to the current state of Government (Covid-19) restrictions and advice.

Signed: Chairman

Date