

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chair: Richard Wrigley Vice-Chair: Rory Grindey

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

Parish Clerk: Pamela Harrison (Mrs), 9 Telford Way, Colsterworth, Grantham, Lincs. NG33 5GH

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Notes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 7.45pm. The meeting took place at Skillington Methodist Church.

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs S. Burrows and R. Grindey.
2. **Election of:**
 - 2.1 Chair: The Clerk took the Chair. Cllr Wrigley was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr McKee and unanimously elected. Cllr Wrigley will sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and resumed the Chairmanship of the meeting.
 - 2.2 Vice-Chair: Cllr Grindey was proposed by Cllr Wrigley and seconded by Cllr Millington and unanimously elected. Cllr Grindey will sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
3. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 11th April 2022:** Agreed and signed into minutes. The Chair asked that the APM minutes 3.3.1 should also include thanks to Mr J Owen and Mrs K Ducksbury.
4. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
5. **Review of:**
 - 5.1 Standing Orders
 - 5.2 Financial Regulations
 - 5.3 Appointment of Internal Auditor
 - 5.4 Terms of reference and appointment of Councillors to the Planning Committee
 - 5.5 Register of Fixed Assets
 - 5.6 Risk Management
 - 5.7 GDPR - The Councillors each received a GDPR Security Compliance checklist, which should be completed and returned to the Clerk.
 - 5.8 Code of Conduct
 - 5.9 Accounts held with Virgin Money Store and MMBS and the signatories to these accounts
 - 5.10 Subscriptions to other bodies

The above policies and documents were all discussed, reviewed and signed by the Chairman.
6. **Determining the dates of ordinary meetings of the full Council.** The schedule was circulated and agreed. It will be displayed on the Notice Board and Skillington Life website.
7. **Insurance for the year to 31st May 2022:** We have a long-term (3 year) agreement for this insurance which runs until 2023.
8. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - 8.1 06.21/12.5 Casual vacancy on the Parish Council: Mrs B Hedley was proposed by Cllr Millington and seconded by Cllr McKee and was duly elected. She was welcomed to the Parish Council.
 - 8.2 12.21/9.1 Bill Meads Memorial Bench: The bench has been ordered.
 - 8.3 01.22/9.3 Review of PC meeting time: An earlier meeting time of 6.30pm has been agreed by the Councillors.
 - 8.4 01.22/11.1 Tree work on the top green: will be postponed until the Autumn.
 - 8.5 04.22/9.2 Parking at the bus stop outside the Cross Swords: This will be monitored.
 - 8.6 04.22/11.1 The Paddock: Mrs Bowen has agreed to a new rental agreement. It was agreed to raise the rent by £5 per quarter.
 - 8.7 04.22/11.3 The bridge on Crabtree Lane: This will be delayed until Cllr Grindey's return. RG
 - 8.8 04.22/1.4 Garden Waste on Stonepit Lane: The waste is still there: The Clerk will contact SKDC again. PH

Signed: Chairman

Date

9. Planning applications:

- 9.1 S22/0419 Mr and Mrs Meads, Hillside Cottage, The Square: Removal of Conservatory, proposed two storey rear extension. *Application withdrawn.*
- 9.2 Information for courtesy only: Mr G Parnell, Shepherds Barn, The Square: Erection of greenhouse and paddock fence.
- 9.3 Any late Planning Applications submitted: None.

10. Cemetery:

- 10.1 Proposed cemetery extension: Awaiting a response from Mr. W. Murdoch's Solicitor.
- 10.2 Any maintenance or other matters arising: None.

11. Payments and Accounts:

- 11.1 Bank Balances as at 25th April 2022:
Virgin Money Store a/c: £4384.19 after invoices paid.
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £15008.49.
- 11.2 Income received in April:

<i>Date of Receipt</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
05.04.22	SKDC	Annual Precept for the year 2022/2023	As per budget	5050.00
25.04.22	Mrs S. Hardy	Fee for ashes plots	Invoice 200668	200.00

- 11.3 Invoices due for payment in April.

<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>
30.04.22	Mrs P Harrison	Clerk's salary and expenses	4.6.18 Page 2183 Item 4.4	804.50		804.50
30.04.22	Additions Accountancy	Audit of accounts	As per budget	100.00		100.00
30.04.22	Business Services at CAS Ltd	Annual insurance for the year to 31.5.23	As per budget	234.08		234.08
30.04.22	BDG Mowing	Mowing-village 22.3, 13 & 25.4 £210, LCC 19.4 £80	2.3.20 Page 2224 Item 8.1	290.00		290.00

- 12. Clerk's Report:** Nothing to report.

13. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 13.1 Councillors need to check that all signs regarding the roadworks are removed in good time. Fixmystreet should be contacted if any remain.
- 13.2 The PC has been asked to try and trace the owner of the derelict house on Stonepit Lane; the garden weeds and general neglect has raised concerns. Neighbours have asked the PC to get involved.

14. District and County Councillor's Reports. Cllr Green reported that inflation has significantly impacted domestic heating oil's cost, making it a more valued target for criminals. At a recent Rural and Communities committee meeting, Cllr Green asked the Chief Inspector for North and South Kesteven, Phil Vickers, if he had seen an increase in its theft – reassuringly, he relayed this had not yet materialised, but that residents should remain vigilant. Often, theft which has occurred over the summer is only detected once boilers start firing up again in the autumn.

Expanding on the topic of rural crime, the Chief Inspector pointed to trailer and horse box theft, where stolen goods are often sold back to victims in a vicious circle, as a particular problem right now. Strong and secure access points can help deter.

SKDC has been provisionally allocated £3.9 million from the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the successor to the old EU regional funding model. This is second only to East Lindsey in terms of Lincolnshire district and city councils. All being well, it will begin to be spent on local improvements from October over a period of three years. Cllr Bellamy stated that CCTV had had some local success in the arrest of a drugs gang. Cllr Vernon was welcomed to the meeting.

Signed: Chairman

Date

She stated that the County Views survey is on the Lincs CC website, as is the Good Citizens award and a local Childcare Survey, regarding the provision of Childcare places. 200 families have come forward as potential hosts for Ukrainian refugees. A reminder that no batteries should be placed in any bins. A fire occurred in the back of a bin lorry recently due to batteries still being inside an electrical item. This prompted a discussion over whether we should have a local battery collection point and perhaps a poster to remind residents of what can and cannot go into each bin. We were reminded to continue to report pothole or other road concerns to fixmystreet.

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

- 15.1 Cllr Bellamy confirmed that National and other sources of funding (such as National Lottery and WREN) for the proposed play area were being explored.
- 15.2 Cllr. Hedley gave notice of the 175th anniversary of the Methodist Church and of an event on 2nd July with the Belvoir Wassailers.

The meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled to be on Monday 6th June 2022 at 7.30pm at Skillington Village Hall.