

## SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Grantham, Lincolnshire

**Chairman:** Richard Wrigley **Vice-Chairman:** Rory Grindey  
**Councillors:** Steph Burrows, Neville Clark, Francis Disney and Stuart Millington.  
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Notes of the Parish Council meeting held at Skillington Village Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs R. Wrigley, S. Burrows and S. Millington (arrived at 7.50).

**In attendance:** Cllr D. Bellamy (SKDC) Mrs R. McKee, Mrs P. Harrison (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs , F. Disney, R Grindey and N. Clark.

2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** Cllr. S Burrows (4.3)

3. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021:** Agreed and signed into minutes.

#### 4. Matters arising from the minutes:

- 4.1 09.20/11.5 Swing on The Square: The Clerk contacted BT to discuss the concrete lid to their cables, which has become a potentially dangerous trip hazard. They sent an engineer who has put it on the list for future repair.
- 4.2 06.21/12.5 Casual vacancy on the Parish Council: Cllr Wrigley proposed Mrs R. McKee as a Parish Councillor. Seconded Cllr Burrows. She was duly welcomed onto the Parish Council. Cllr Disney had contacted the Chair tendering his resignation. The Clerk will ask for his resignation in writing. The Chair noted thanks from the PC for his service over several years.
- 4.3 01.11/11.2 Village Hall light: It was agreed to switch on the light, whenever the Village Hall is in use. Cllr Bellamy enquired about an LED bulb to reduce costs, which is being looked in to. The Village Hall Committee may try to get an external switch for the light.

#### 5. Planning applications:

- 5.1 S21/1608 Mr G Jones, Red Barn, Colsterworth Road: Proposed porch and replacement window: The Clerk will draw to the attention of SKDC Planning the inconsistency between the statement that only one set of windows in a new porch were to be replaced, and the reality of the work, as shown in submitted drawings, which will involve all windows being replaced *Conditionally approved.*
- 5.2 S21/1579 Lincolnshire Rivers Trust: Land on the East side of Grantham Road: Restoration works to 1km stretch of Cringle Brook (including excavation to create inset floodplains) to reinstate river process and improve biodiversity. *Pending consideration.*
- 5.3 S21/1436 Miss Charlotte Wesson: Cross Swords, The Square: Doorway/fire escape upstairs for accommodation above pub. Railings to provide barrier to prevent falling from roof (Retrospective). *Conditionally approved.*
- 5.4 S21/2307 Mr & Mrs Hendrie, Rushlea, Back Lane: Proposed change of use and conversion of existing outbuilding to form annex. *There were no objections.*
- 5.5 Any other planning applications.

#### 6. Cemetery:

- 6.1 Proposed cemetery extension: *The Chair had contacted Willie Murdoch again, requesting he write to his solicitor, in order to proceed with the land transfer.*
- 6.2 Disposal of green waste: *A compost bin is being considered, to prevent further build-up of green waste.*
- 6.3 Any maintenance or other matters arising: None.

#### 7. Payments and Accounts:

- 7.1 Bank Balances at 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021:  
 Virgin Money a/c: £1158.97 after invoices paid.  
 Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £14962.26.
- 7.2 Income received in November:

<i>Date of Receipt</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
01.11.21	I and R Bowen	Paddock rent	Quarterly rent	125.00

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....

02.11.21	Memorials for you	Re: the late E Grazulis - memorial	Invoice 200664	90.00
16.11.21	Lincs CC	Parish grass cutting	Invoice 21/012	549.41

7.3 Invoices due for payment in November.

Date of Payment	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
30.11.21	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: November 2021 including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	138.81		138.81
30.11.21	BDG Mowing Contractors	Mowing 26-10 Village £70. LCC 26-10 £80 Cemetery hedge cutting £130	2.3.20 Page 2224 Item 8.1	280.00		280.00

7.4 Half yearly audit: The half yearly accounts have been scrutinised by the auditor.

## 8. Clerk's Report:

8.1 Precept 2022/23: *This has been discussed and will be voted on at the next meeting.*

8.2 Road closed sign: *LCC Highways was contacted and it was found Anglian Water had a permit for repairs, the last day of which was 30<sup>th</sup> November.*

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

9.1 Bench for Bill Meads: *The PC has been looking at recycled plastic benches, which will be discussed with the family. The siting of the bench needs to be agreed.*

9.2 VETS training: *Resident Adrian Clark provided the training on 17th November. The PC agreed to make a donation of £100 to the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance.*

9.3 Remembrance Sunday 2022: *Cllr Burrows reported she had been contacted about the lack of poppies and other visible signs of Remembrance Sunday in the village. The impending anniversary of the Falklands War was also noted. The matter was discussed and the PC agreed it had not been involved in such commemorations in the past and was a matter of personal choice. However, if a group of residents wished to form a committee for fundraising and organising more of a commemoration, they would be welcome to bring any proposals to the PC.*

## 10. District and County Councillor's Reports:

10.1 Cllr Grindey sent photos of the areas of pavement adjacent to bus shelter and post box needing cleaning to Cllr Bellamy. The Big Clean team have done a very good job, particularly near the bus shelter. It was agreed to enquire whether steps could be installed near the post box.

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

11.1 Tribute to Bob Adams: The Chair, Cllr Wrigley led tributes to Bob Adams. He had been a previous leader of SKDC and was still working a few weeks before his death. He will be greatly missed.

11.2 Excessive mud on Sproxton Road: The Chair will contact Norfolk Free Range, to inform them of the excessive amount of mud on the road and to complain that their large vehicles are also damaging the verge on Sproxton Road.

11.3 Road patching: The road patching was generally welcomed, but there was a lot of excess grit which has been a particular problem for bicycles and motor bikes.

11.4 Ditch on the South side of Sproxton Road: Mr Murdoch has been reminded of the outstanding riparian responsibilities to clear the ditch.

The meeting was closed at 8.55 pm.

**The next meeting is scheduled to be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Skillington Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.**

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....