

## 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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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held at Skillington Methodist Church, because the keys to the Village Hall were unavailable, on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 6.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr R. Wrigley (Chair), Cllrs N. Clark and B. Hedley.

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs R. Grindey, S Burrows, S. Millington, R. McKee and C. Vernon (LCC).
2. **Notes of the Parish Council meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022:** Agreed and signed into minutes.
3. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
  - 3.1 Standing Orders: The Chair reminded councillors to be familiar with the Standing Orders, and drew attention to the arrangements for public participation and comment on matters in the Agenda of a Meeting (Standing Orders are published on the Skillington Life website).
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
  - 4.1 04.22/11.3 The bridges on Crabtree Lane: Cllr Grindey is still awaiting a response. RG
  - 4.2 09.22/8.1 Lords Lane: Cllr Wrigley has not received any further comments. The matter will be kept under review. RW
  - 4.3 09.22/11.1 The Bus shelter general Notice Board needs repainting: It was agreed to leave this until the Spring.
  - 4.4 11.22/9.1 Top green tree work: Cllr Wrigley will get quotes for this work. Cllr Clark has kindly agreed to assist. RW
  - 4.5 11.22/9.2 Christmas tree on The Square: It was agreed that it is too late for this year. Cllr Hedley reminded the PC that the Methodist Church normally has a tree on The Square.
  - 4.6 11.22/11.1 Hedgehog and 30 mph signs: 30mph signs ordered by Cllr Green have been received. Cllr Green was thanked for their procurement. Two hedgehog signs have kindly been privately funded and a third one funded by the Parish Council, have been ordered.
5. **Planning applications:**
  - 5.1 S22/1916 Mr D Kirton, School Bank, Colsterworth Road: Removal of 2 oblong glazed panels at either end of the front elevation of the property and replacing with blockwork silicone. Rendered as previous approval S22/1517. *Approved conditionally.*
  - 5.2 S22/2172 Mrs J McMunn, 1 Sproxtton Road: Remove 20 x Leylandii conifer trees – hedge on the boundary of the new plot between plot 2 and Church Cottage, Park Lane. *It was noted that the hedge is not the applicant's to remove. Buckminster Estate, as owners, have disputed this application and the PC has made comment to the Planning Dept. Cllr Bellamy noted that it is in fact possible to apply for planning permission regarding someone else's property; however, resolution of such matters is a legal, not a planning matter.*
  - 5.3 S22/2245 Mr G Parnell, Shepherds Barn, The Square: Pollarding of cherry-laurel. *No objections.*
  - 5.4 Any late Planning Applications submitted: *None.*
6. **Cemetery:**
  - 6.1 Any maintenance or other matters arising: The gates are once again looking flaky. It was agreed to wait until the Spring before re-painting.
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
  - 7.1 Bank Balances as at 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022:  
Virgin Money Store a/c: £1637.83 after invoices paid.  
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £15008.49.
  - 7.2 Income received in November:

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....

<i>Date of Receipt</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
01.11.22	R Bowen	Quarterly Paddock rent Oct – Dec		125.00
08.11.22	SKDC	Community Cleaner half-yearly reimbursement	Invoice CGE-470213	694.98
21.11.22	E Gill & Sons	Memorial headstone for J N Sharpe.	Invoice 200672	90.00
24.11.22	D J Stoneman	Grant of right of burial (ashes) for DJ Stoneman.	Invoice 200673	100.00

7.3 Invoices due for payment in November.

<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>
30.11.22	Colsterworth and District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: Nov 2022 (inc. emptying 5 dog bins @ £2.50 p/bin/month).	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	145.70		145.70
30.11.22	BDG Mowing	Mowing 28.9, 14, 21 & 31.10 Cemetery hedge cutting.	2.3.20 Page 2224 Item 8.1	500.00		500.00

7.4 2023/24 budget has been sent around the Councillors and agreed.

7.5 Precept setting: The Chair proposed an increase of 2%. This was seconded by Cllr Hedley and approved.

#### 8. Clerk's Report:

8.1 All the Councillors have been informed about the drop-in sessions being held in the New Year to promote adoption of the Local Government Association's model Councillor Code of Conduct. Two Councillors and The Clerk have agreed to go to this meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

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

9.1 Pill Box: The Pill Box belongs to Mr Murdoch. Cllr Green noted there will probably need to be some remedial work once the vegetation is cleared.

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

Cllr Green informed the PC that the District's street-lights are being changed to LED fittings over the next year. This should pay for itself over two years. The Boundary Commission review is proposing a Westminster constituency here, which will run from Thurlby to Market Harborough. Cllr Bellamy reported SKDC will no longer refurbish The Deepings Leisure Centre. SKDC has decreased swimming pool temperatures by 1 degree in Grantham.

11. Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman. None.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

**The next meeting is scheduled to be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 6.30pm at Skillington Village Hall.**

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....