

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

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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 7th December 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: Cllrs B. Adams (LCC and SKDC) and D. Bellamy (SKDC) – both joined after another meeting at 8 pm.
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:** Cllr. N. Clark and PCSO. S. Bowden.

2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None declared.

3. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 2nd November 2020** were agreed and signed into minutes.

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

- 4.1 18.11/9.6 Ditch on the South side of Sproxtton Road: This is still awaiting action by Mr W. Murdoch. The Chair is to follow up previous letters. Highways (LCC) expect to carry out work on connecting drainage from north to south side around end of the year.
- 4.2 09.20/10.1 Location of Parish Council meetings: This is being held over, as we cannot physically meet. The Chair is to contact Village Hall Chair again.
- 4.3 09.20/10.3 Skillington Neighbourhood Plan: The PC has been forwarded an update. However, The Paddock will not form any part of any future plans, as it has been left in trust as a conservation area.
- 4.4 09.20/11.1 Paddock wall and tree: Mr. Selby will take what action is needed.
- 4.5 09.20/11.4 Streetlight adjacent to Village Hall: The Village Hall took on the electricity bills when the light was installed (refer to PC Minutes 1.7.13).
- 4.6 09.20/11.5 Overhanging branches on The Square: Western Power will attend to the branches interfering with the electricity cables, which will make a difference to the quotations received. Simpson Arboriculture quotation assumes this work will have been done. The quote by Mr. Watmough is the entire work, not just the follow up work needed after WP have completed their clearance of power lines. A further quotation is awaited from Bavins tree surgeons.
Note: Mr. Watmough informs the PC that the swing's chain is damaging the branch from which it hangs. To be reviewed once work completed
- 4.7 11.20/11.2 Gridlock in Skillington due to A1 closure: A letter has been sent to the Police and Highways on the arrangements planned, should this happen again.
- 4.8 11.20/11.3 Inspection of the Crabtree Lane and Grantham Road bridges: Cllr. Grindey reported that there was no news from Tata Steel, who were supposed to inspect both bridges last month. Cllr. Grindey will contact Mr P Lord, Mr W. Murdoch and Mr N. Clark to ascertain if they have had contact with Tata Steel.

5. **Planning applications:**

- 5.1 S20/1096 Mr P Lord, Cotswold Farm, Crabtree Road: Agricultural/forestry building including 4 No. Biomass Boilers and flues (revision of application S19/1879) *Pending consideration.*
- 5.2 S20/1445 St James's Church, Park Lane: Skillington PCC: replacement of existing lead roof covering the north/south aisles and transept, with apecan uginox FME tinned K44 stainless steel. Replacement and/or overboarding timbers beneath new covering. *Application withdrawn.*
- 5.3 S20/1917 Mr R Knapp, 1 Sproxtton Road: The construction of a pair of semi-detached cottages with three bedrooms. *Pending consideration.*
The Planning subcommittee will submit a set of reservations.
- 5.4 Any late Planning Applications submitted: None.

6. **Cemetery:**

- 6.1 Proposed cemetery extension: *Awaiting written confirmation, and details of W. Murdoch's Solicitor's.*
- 6.2 Woodland Trust offer of trees: *This would be a good source of trees and hedging for the new Cemetery*

Signed: Chairman

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extension. However, this work will not take place for a further year or two, so we will ensure we keep abreast of further offers from The Woodland Trust.

- 6.3 Mr Barker – Memorial application: *This was approved.*
 6.4 Mrs H. Bettridge and Mrs C. Whittle – Memorial application: *This was approved.*
 6.5 Any maintenance or other matters arising: *The shed door painting will be left until the Spring.*

7. Payments and Accounts:

- 7.1 Bank Balances at 25th November 2020:
 Yorkshire Bank a/c: £3607.09 after invoices paid.
 Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £14867.11.
 7.2 Income received in November:

<i>Date of Receipt</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
27.10.20	SKDC	Half yearly contribution to Community Cleaners		680.16
01.11.20	I and R Bowen	Quarterly Paddock rent		125.00

- 7.3 Invoices due for payment in November.

<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>
30.11.20	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: November 2020 including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	136.72		136.72
30.11.20	BDG Mowing Contractors	Cemetery hedge cutting	As per budget	130.00		130.00

8. **Clerk's Report:** The Parish Council's six month audit has been completed.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

9.1 The Drift – recent damage: Rowan Smith has been contacted regarding a Traffic Regulation Order. Buckminster Estate has been contacted, as they own the land either side of relevant and most damaged section. Doug Williams (Estate Manager) gave full support for action to restore the route and its surroundings, and to prevent further damage. Full consultation of stakeholders is part of the process. Regarding the section of Buckminster Lane from the edge of the village to the substation, this is currently not open to all vehicles, and listed by LCC as a pedestrian route. Buckminster Lane has recently been used – illegally - by off road bikers to form a loop connecting the Drift with Sproxton Road. In relation to the scope for introducing gating, the Chair will contact Western Power regarding their need for and views regarding access to the Sub-station. . He will also investigate the process of approving any such gating.

9.2 Fly tipping: This ongoing problem contributes to the need to restrict access to the Drift.

- 10 **District and County Councillor's Reports.** Cllr. Adams informed us that the Budget up to March was being discussed. Additional monies had been allocated by the Government regarding Covid-19. There is still much pressure on School transport.

Cllr. Bellamy informed the Parish Council that the plan queried on Lord's Lane had been passed onto Enforcement to investigate. There was also a query regarding the need for planning permission for proposed new windows being made at the former Blue Horse.

11 Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman.

11.1 The drainage situation on Buckminster Lane and Sproxton Road was discussed. Cllr. Grindey explained that the storm water and drainage water are separate. His proposal to draft a memo to Highways, regarding a new form of filtration was approved.

11.2 Cllr. Disney had been contacted by a resident, regarding the position of the Post Box, and its inaccessible siting, which is especially problematic in winter. The Chair agreed to contact Royal Mail to request re-siting.

- 12 **The meeting was closed at 8.55 pm.**

Signed: Chairman

Date

Our next meeting is scheduled to be Monday 4th January 2021. It will be held via zoom at 7.30 pm, subject to the current state of Government (Covid-19) restrictions and advice.

Signed: Chairman

Date