

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chairman: Richard Wrigley Vice-Chairman: Andy Bunce

Councillors: Steph Burrows, Neville Clark, Francis Disney, Rory Grindey, Stuart Millington.

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Skillington Village Hall on Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 7.30pm.

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

In Attendance: Cllrs. Bob Adams (LCC and SKDC), D Bellamy, Mrs. P Harrison (Clerk) (Cllr Adams arrived at 7.45 pm).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. R Grindey.
2. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 3rd June 2019** were agreed and signed into minutes.
3. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - 4.1 18.11/9.6 Blocked drains: The Council has reported the blocked drains again, although it will not be evident whether they are properly cleared until it rains heavily.
 - 4.2 19.04/11.3 Cherry tree on The Square: The tree was reported to SKDC, and found it is under the care of LCC. An officer will be inspecting the tree in due course.
 - 4.3 19.05/15.3 White lines at The Cross Swords: Cllr. Adams inspected the area and has contacted Rowan Smith from Highways to look at it.
5. **Planning applications:**
 - 5.1. PL/0121/18 Mineral site: Proposed Skillington Quarry: land to East and West of Crabtree Road, Colsterworth. No objections made.
 - 5.2. PL/0076/18 Mineral site: Proposed Skillington Quarry, Land to the East and West of Skillington Road, Colsterworth. No objections made.
 - 5.3. S19/0364 Mr E Tomlin and Mrs A Kirton, Land adjacent to 1 Stonepit Lane: An amended request for Outline planning permission for the erection of a dwelling. Pending consideration by SKDC.
 - 5.4. S19/0606 Mr W Mowatt and Mrs C Cox, 3 Sproxtton Road: Single storey extension to the rear of the property. Approved conditionally by SKDC.
 - 5.5. Any late Planning Applications submitted: None.
6. **Cemetery:**
 - 6.1. Headstones: The ants appear to have been destroyed, although they will be monitored for a period before the headstone is laid down.
 - 6.2. Burial of T J Selby: Mrs V Page was thanked for doing so much work on this whilst the Clerk was away. Cllr. Wrigley mentioned the unfortunate circumstances of the roadworks combining with an unusually large funeral, which caused a blockage in the road. It was decided to draft a letter to Funeral Directors regarding the narrowness of the road, to ensure more suitable parking happens within the village and to prevent this occurring again. The price of Non-Parishioner double graves was discussed. It was agreed to leave the charges as they are at present.
 - 6.3. Any maintenance or other matters arising: Cllr Wrigley asked if any Councillor would like to help prune the climbing rose and clematis. A suggestion was made about separating compostable waste from general waste and perhaps purchasing a compost bin.
 - 6.4. The Clerk was asked to draw up a letter to Mr W Murdoch about the prospect of extending the Cemetery in the future. The Council thinks around ¼ acre may be sufficient and it was deemed wise to consider an understanding about a future purchase.
 - 6.5. **Payments and Accounts:**

Bank Balances at 25th June 2019:

 - 6.5.1. Yorkshire Bank a/c: £3695.36 after invoices paid.
 - 6.5.2. *Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance will rise to £12733.35 when the £2000 transfer is deposited.*
 - 6.6. Income received in June:

Signed: Chairman

Date

| <i>Date of Receipt</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Details</i> | <i>Notes</i> | <i>Total Amount £</i> |
|------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1.6.19 | R Holland | Interment of ashes: G and H Howitt | Invoice 200645 | 135.00 |

7.3 Invoices due for payment in June.

| <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> |
|------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 30.6.19 | Colsterworth & District Parish Council | Community Cleaner: May 2019 (including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month) | 6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6 | 131.11 | | 131.11 |
| 30.6.19 | BDG Mowing Contractors | Mowing 10.5/23.5/4.6 Village £210 LCC 9.5 @£80 | 5.12.16 Page 2143 Item 4.4 | 290.00 | | 290.00 |
| 30.6.19 | Mrs P Harrison | Clerks salary and expenses April to June 2019 | 4.6.18 Page 2183 Item 4.4 | 687.20 | | 687.20 |
| 30.6.19 | MMBS | Transfer from Current Account to Building Society Savings | 3.6.19 Page 2208 Item 7.1.1 | 2000.00 | | 2000.00 |
| 30.6.19 | LALC | Councillor training evening 2.7.19 | As per budget | 12.50 | 2.50 | 15.00 |

8 Clerk's Report:

8.1 17.11/9.1 Grassed area at access to Chapel: Cllrs. Disney and Bunce have resurfaced the area. The Chairman thanked them for their work and agreed to reimburse the cost of the materials used.

9 Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 9.1 Notice of 3rd annual Resilient Communities conference run by LCC on 18th July: This conference has been postponed until September. Cllr Bunce agreed to attend the new date.
- 9.2 Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust: Due to unprecedented rain, the training evening on Tuesday 11th June was cancelled.

10 District and County Councillor's Reports. Cllr. Bellamy reported on grass-cutting in the Churchyard. Cuts had been delayed due to Bank holidays and wet weather. Cllr Adams discussed workshops held in Lincolnshire, to make Councillors and officers aware of the financial situation in Northamptonshire. The Council was informed about the route of new cabling in the village by Western Power and the withdrawal of some bus services in the County. It was noted that 'Call Connect' could make up more of the service.

11 Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman.

- 11.1 Cllr Burrows noted problems with recurring potholes in Stonepit Lane.
- 11.2 Cllr Disney reported repeated flooding near the Skillington tip. Cllr Adams agreed to contact Rowan Smith regarding drainage in the area.
- 11.3 The Chairman informed the Council of much activity at the St James Patronal day on 27th July.

12 The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd September at Skillington Village Hall.

Signed: Chairman

Date