

## 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 Village Hall, on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 6.30pm.

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

**In attendance:** Cllrs D. Bellamy (SKDC) and Mrs P. Harrison (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr R. Grindey, Cllr B. Green (SKDC) and Cllr C. Vernon (LCC)
2. **Notes of the AGM of the Parish Council on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022:** Agreed and signed into minutes.
3. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None declared.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
  - 4.1 12.21/9.1 Bill Meads Memorial Bench: The bench has been delivered. Following further discussion with the Meads family, it was agreed to site it on The Square. Advice on installation is being sought from Mr M Taylor from the Colsterworth Nature Trail.
  - 4.2 04.22/9.2 Parking at the bus stop outside the Cross Swords: LCC highways will be contacted to request white lines.
  - 4.3 04.22/11.3 The bridge on Crabtree Lane: This will be delayed until Cllr Grindey's return. RG
  - 4.4 04.22/1.4 Garden Waste on Stonepit Lane: The waste is still there: The Clerk has contacted SKDC again. Cllr Bellamy has agreed to enquire again to SKDC. DB
5. **Planning applications:**
  - 5.1 S22/0419 Mr and Mrs C Meads, Hillside Cottage, The Square: Removal of rear Conservatory. Ground floor extension to rear and first floor extension to off-shoot. *No objections.*
  - 5.2 PL/ 0061/22 Information only: Development: to retain a Leachate storage tank: Location: Colsterworth Landfill Site, Woolsthorpe Road, Colsterworth, Grantham, Lincs. Grid Reference: 490613 324453
  - 5.3 Any late Planning Applications submitted: None.
6. **Cemetery:**
  - 6.1 Proposed cemetery extension: Awaiting a response from Mr. W. Murdoch's Solicitor.
  - 6.2 Any maintenance or other matters arising: The rose and clematis have begun growing again.
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
  - 7.1 Bank Balances as at 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022:  
Virgin Money Store a/c: £3295.90 after invoices paid.  
Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £15008.49.
  - 7.2 Income received in May:

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

7.3 Invoices due for payment in May.

<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>
31.05.22	Glasdon UK Ltd	Memorial bench re: W Meads	1.11.21 Page 2263 Item 11.1	574.34	114.87	689.21

7.4 Internal Audit for accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022: The accounts will be audited after this meeting.

#### 8. Clerk's Report:

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....

- 8.1 Lincs Wildlife information and training evening on 31<sup>st</sup> May: this was a very interesting and informative evening, which was well attended.

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

- 9.1 Village Hall playground: Cllr Burrows presented a paper outlining the rationale for a village play area. This included an initial survey of residents' views, potential sites, costs of equipment (from £42k to £65k plus VAT) and possible grant sources. The Village Hall Committee has proposed that the Parish Council cover maintenance and insurance costs. Discussion focussed on the need to establish what those costs would be, given the prospect of their being an annual expense. Cllr Millington raised the question of the lifespan of equipment, and potential replacement costs. Insurance costs were unclear, and would be further investigated. Quotes for annual maintenance range from £260 to £800 p.a. The Chair thanked Cllr Burrows for her work in preparing this proposal, and reminded colleagues that this matter had been discussed previously at Parish Council. A key question was what information was required by the landowner, Sir Fred Cholmeley, in order for the proposal to be submitted to the Trustees of Easton Estate. Cllr Burrows agreed to clarify this. The Clerk offered to seek advice and information from Colsterworth PC, based on their experience in insuring play areas.
- 9.2 Neighbourhood policing priority setting meeting: comments regarding fly-tipping, litter, dog fouling, rural crime and improper use of bridleways were brought forward.

- 10. District and County Councillor's Reports.** Cllr Bellamy reported that he hoped all had received their utilities rebate. The statue of Margaret Thatcher has been fully unveiled. An NHS consultation re Grantham Hospital will have a last meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Bellamy has been voted in as Chair of the Planning Committee and Cllr Green has been made Vice-chair of the Finance Committee. A report from Cllr Green stated that The SKDC customer service centre, in Grantham, has now re-opened on an appointment basis. Its hours are 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday. The restoration of proper, face-to-face contact is to be hugely welcomed after the pandemic. A letter is shortly to be sent (from 13 June) encouraging those non-Direct Debit Council Tax payers to apply online for the £150 energy rebate, applicable to those in houses banded A to D. The vast majority of those who pay the Tax by Direct Debit have now received this payment.
- SKDC remains the leading Lincolnshire District Council housing Ukrainian refugees by sheer weight of number.

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

- 11.1 Cllr Wrigley will enquire about the possibility of a battery collection scheme.
- 11.2 Cllr Clark noted that the hole on Crabtree Lane has not been filled in, but BT has added a warning bollard.
- 11.3 There have been complaints about the amount of dog fouling, which is not being cleared up.
- 11.4 Cllr Wrigley proposed the PC plant a tree (Flower of Kent variety) on the top green, in honour of Sir Isaac Newton, who received his first education in Skillington. Seconded by Cllr Millington.
- 11.5 Cllr Burrows has asked that we enquire further to the state of the neglected house on Stonepit Lane.

The meeting was closed at 7.45 pm.

**The next meeting is scheduled to be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 6.30pm at Skillington Village Hall.**