

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 on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 6.30pm at Skillington Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Cllr B. Green (SKDC), Cllr C. Vernon (LCC), Mr D. and Mrs S. Beecher, Mrs G. Parnell, Mrs R. Meads and Mrs P. Harrison (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence: Cllrs S. Millington, R. McKee and D Bellamy (SKDC).

2. Notes of the Parish Council meeting on 6th March 2023: Agreed and signed into minutes.

3. Councillors' Declarations of Interest:

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

4.1 02.23/11.5 Village Hall light: To be monitored.

5. Planning applications:

5.1 S23/0315 Skillington PC: 3 cherry trees and 1 lime – to reduce and reshape by 1 – 2 metres. *Work allowed.* It was noted that the other small cherry tree needs the stake removing.

5.2 S23/0366 Mr D. Purcell, Far House, Church Street: Fell a dying hedge and grind stumps out. To be replaced with Beech or similar. *Comments needed by 12th April.*

5.3 Any late Planning Applications submitted: *None.*

6. Cemetery:

6.1 Any maintenance or other matters arising: The water butt tap is leaking. We need to decide whether it is repairable or not.

7. Payments and Accounts:

7.1 Bank Balances as at 25th March 2023:

Virgin Money Store a/c: £264.23 after invoices paid.

Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £14008.49.

7.2 Income received in March: None.

| Date of Receipt | Name | Details | Notes | Total Amount £ |
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7.3 Invoices due for payment in March.

| Date of Payment | Name | Details | Date & Minute No. of Approval | Net Amount £ | VAT £ | Total Amount £ |
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| 31.03.23 | Colsterworth and District Parish Council | Community Cleaner: Mar 2023 (inc. emptying 5 dog bins @ £2.50 p/bin/month). | 6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6 | 145.70 | | 145.70 |
| 31.03.23 | Mrs P Harrison | Clerk's salary and expenses | 4.6.18 Page 2183 Item 4.4 | 853.68 | | 853.68 |
| 31.03.23 | Simpson Arboriculture Ltd | Pruning 3 cherry and 1 lime tree | 5.12.22 Page 2286 Item 4 | 400.00 | 80.00 | 480.00 |

8. Clerk's Report:

8.1 The local Elections are on the 4th May: Councillors have completed their paperwork and handed them in to SKDC.

Signed: Chairman

Date

- 8.2 The Great British Spring Clean: It was agreed to hold a litter pick on **Sunday 16th April at 11am, meeting at The Square. All residents are welcome to join us.**
- 8.3 Robert Graves from HSBC is to give a Fraud Prevention talk on 26th April at 2pm at Colsterworth Methodist Church, Back Lane, Colsterworth. All welcome.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 9.1 Coronation of Charles III on 6th May: It was suggested that we might buy some small memento for the village children.

10. District and County Councillor's Reports:

Cllr Vernon informed the PC that photo ID will be required at the Polling Station in May. You can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate at SKDC. There is an Easter Holiday Club for children, available for those on benefits-related free school meals. The LCC Good Citizen Award is inviting nominations for this year. Contact the LCC website for further information.

Cllr Green has been in touch with Andy Savage at the County Council regarding The Drift. There may be future consultation and it will be key to achieve local landowner engagement over solutions. PCSO numbers are set to decrease countywide, which Cllr Green is very concerned about. He noted PCs should have at least an annual area visit. He further commented on the felling of a Cypress tree in the Churchyard. Could this be replaced by a native tree or two? Cllr Green thanked everyone for their support over the past year.

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

- 11.1 The Clerk's appraisal needs to be organised. RW & BH
- 11.2 There is a general notice board on the side of the bus shelter, which needs repairing. Cllr Grindey will look into this. RG
- 11.3 The Chair will enquire of Grantham Civic Society regarding a Blue Plaque for Sir Isaac Newton, at the site the new Apple Tree. RW
- 11.4 The SKDC Prosperity Fund encourages us to apply for funding for various projects. Cllr Grindey will draft a proposal. RG
- 11.5 LCC have an initiative to plant a tree and register it online, which will keep a count of trees planted (it is hoped to plant 750,000 trees).

The meeting closed at 7.37 pm.

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting and is scheduled to be on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 6.30pm at Skillington Village Hall.