

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chairman: Graham Page **Vice-Chairman:** Mark Fryer **Councillors:** Neville Clark, David Raes, Anita Sheehan, Richard Wrigley.
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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Skillington Village Hall on Monday, 6th October 2014

Present: Cllr G. Page (Chairman), Cllrs N. Clark, M. Fryer, D. Raes, A Sheehan and R. Wrigley.

In attendance: Cllr Bob Adams (LCC & SKDC), Mrs V. Page (Parish Clerk)

Open Forum: Mrs Rona Allinson addressed the Council during the Open Forum and thanked the Council for taking action on the rubbish on the verges within the Village.

The meeting commenced at 7.40pm.

- 1. Apologies for absence - none**
- 2. Notes of the Parish Council Meeting on 1st September 2014:** were signed into Minutes by the Chairman.
- 3. Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** none were declared.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - 4.1.** 13.5/12.1 Neighbourhood Development Plan: The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, having attended an LALC session on Planning, updated the Council on the benefits and drawbacks of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Council then discussed the desirability and feasibility of producing such a plan. It was agreed that residents should be consulted at this stage and the Chairman agreed to draft a letter to be circulated.
 - 4.2.** 14.09/9.3 Application to extend 30mph area: As instructed, the Clerk has contacted LCC Highways, and a reply has been received. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek clarification of their letter and Cllr Adams will speak with Mark Heaton.
- 1. District and County Councillor's Reports:**
 - 4.3.** Cllr Adams reported that both LCC and SKDC are currently going through the budget process with both councils needing to make large savings over the coming years resulting in the continuing privatisation of services. LCC has been subject to a review by the Boundaries Commission and the number of councillors will be reduced from 77 to 70. SKDC has settled a beneficial five year agreement with One Leisure to run leisure centres.
 - 4.4.** Cllr Adams confirmed that the Parish Council could apply to take over the grass cutting in the village currently organised by SKDC, who would then reimburse at the same amount Glendale that would be paid to carry out the service.
- 2. Planning applications:**

No applications have been received. However the Clerk has been informally approached regarding a proposed application which was discussed in general with regard to the 'Unsustainable Community' status of the village and SKDC's current guidelines.
- 3. Cemetery:**
 - 1.1.** Maintenance: Cllr Clark reported that he has applied ant killer and intends to start levelling the ground shortly.
 - 1.2.** Cllr Wrigley reported that the Millennium Yew has been planted.
 - 1.3.** It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr Murdoch after the outside hedges have been cut.
 - 1.4.** The Clerk reported that a recent visitor to the Cemetery turned her ankle on the uneven ground.
 - 1.5.** The Clerk will contact Margaret Samways to arrange completion of the survey of the Cemetery.
 - 1.6.** The Clerk will carry out research of cemetery charges within the local area.

Cllr Adams left the meeting at 8.15pm.

- 2. Payments and Accounts:**
 - 2.1.** Bank Balances: Details of the balance in the HSBC Community Account and the Melton Mowbray Building Society (MMBS) Business 100 Day Notice Account were given.
 - 2.2.** Internal Audit to 30th June 2014: Internal Auditor's report was reviewed.

Signed: **Chairman**

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- 2.3. Accounts for the year to 30th September 2014: were presented and will be internally audited.
- 2.4. Signatories on the HSBC Community Account: all signatories have now provided HSBC with updated identification and confirmation of the new mandate is awaited.
- 2.5. It was agreed that, under Section 137, a donation of £65.00 would be made towards the cost of the Village Firework Display. Proposed by Cllr Raes, seconded by Cllr Wrigley.
- 2.6. Invoices for payment in October:

Date of Invoice	Name	Details	Net Amount	VAT	Total Amount	Cheque Signed by
30.9.1 4	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: September 2014 (including emptying of 2 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	£97.76		£97.76	Cllrs Fryer & Wrigley
3.10.1 4	Mrs V. Page	Clerk's Salary - £602.55 Expenses - £44.86	£647.41		£647.41	Cllrs Fryer & Wrigley
See above	Mr Mark Fryer	Grant to support Village Firework Display (under S137)			£65.00	Cllrs Page & Wrigley

5. Clerk's Report:

- 5.1. Risk Management: the Clerk to study and report on Notes from LALC.
- 5.2. SKDC records of Parish Councillors Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: now updated
- 5.3. Colsterworth PC - LIVES First Responders: no representative available to attend meeting on 7.10.14. Clerk to ask to be kept updated.
- 5.4. Resurfacing of The Square & Buckminster Lane: the Clerk explained the reasons this work was carried out but excluded various pot-holes in the area.
- 5.5. Trees on Green overhanging road by the Chapel: following a recent complaint, the trees overhanging the parking area outside the Chapel have been trimmed back.
- 5.6. Potholes & Parking – The Square: comments regarding further potholes and parked cars around The Square were reported.
- 5.7. Trees overhanging Church Street: the owner of the top section of The Paddock is arranging for the horse-chestnuts overhanging Church Street to be examined by a tree specialist.
- 5.8. Street Light in Lords Lane: the Clerk reported this light which has now been repaired.

1. Matters discussed at this meeting:

- 1.1. Maintenance of Bus Shelter: A resident has offered to paint interior of bus shelter to remove graffiti. On inspection it was noted that there is a hole in the roof and the outside paintwork is in a poor condition. The Vice-Chairman will carry out a further inspection.
- 1.2. Street Market – 5th July 2015: This is being organised, on behalf of Village Hall, by Maria Whittle. An application will be made to close the following roads: The Square, Buckminster Lane, Lords Lane. The Clerk will be kept informed of further plans.
- 1.3. Rubbish on Verges within the Village: following several complaints about old furniture on the roadside in Colsterworth Road, the Chairman has contacted the resident of the adjacent property and received an assurance that it will be cleared away promptly.

2. Other matters discussed at the discretion of the Chairman:

- 2.1. Viking Way: a patch of suspected Japanese Knotweed has been spotted near the water tower on the Viking Way. The Clerk to take the necessary action.
- 2.2. Local Government Election 2015: The Chairman reminded Councillors that there will be a Parish Council Election in May. All Councillors were asked to encourage volunteers to stand for the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

The next meeting will take place on Monday 3rd November 2014 at 7.30 at Skillington Village Hall

Signed: Chairman

Date