

# **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, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr G. Page (Chairman), Cllrs N. Clark, M. Fryer, D. Rae and A Sheehan.

**In attendance:** Mrs V. Page (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Richard Wrigley and Cllr Bob Adams (LCC & SKDC),
  2. **Notes of the Parish Council Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October 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: a draft letter and questionnaire to be circulated to residents was discussed. It was agreed that replies to the questionnaire could be by e-mail and also that the two pubs could be collection points, subject to the agreement of the publicans.
    - 4.2. 14.09/9.3 Application to extend 30mph area: a further reply from LCC Highways, together with advice received from Cllr Adams with regard to the possible cost of the proposal was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Highways again expressing the PC's concern at the safety issues involved and that if the work is not done the risk will be on Highways. In addition the Clerk will liaise with LRSP.
    - 4.3. 14.10/10.1 Maintenance of Bus Shelter: one quotation has been received for the necessary works, another is awaited. It is believed that the damage to the roof is as a result of vandalism. The Clerk will check on the terms of the insurance policy regarding vandalism and the excess payable.
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1. **Planning applications:** none
  2. **Cemetery:**
    - 1.1. Maintenance: Cllr Clark reported that he has started to level the ground.
    - 1.2. The Clerk reported that Mrs Samways is unable to complete the survey of the Cemetery which she almost finished some years ago as the computer records are no longer available. Any additional progress on the formal laying out of plots will therefore have to be based on the paper records.
  2. **Payments and Accounts:**
    - 2.1. Bank Balances: Details of the balances in the HSBC Community Account and the Melton Mowbray Building Society (MMBS) Business 100 Day Notice Account were given.
    - 2.2. Internal Audit to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014: Internal Auditor's report was reviewed.
    - 2.3. Signatories on the HSBC Community Account: the Clerk reported that the new mandate is still not in operation as HSBC have lost Cllr Wrigley's records. He will go into the branch as soon as possible.
    - 2.4. Quotations for the Mowing for 2015 have been received from BDG Mowing. These have been held at the same rate as has been charged for the past five years: Village £52.00/cut, Churchyard £36.00/cut and Cemetery Hedge Cutting £120.00. Acceptance was moved by Cllr Raes, seconded by Cllr Fryer and agreed unanimously.

**Signed:** ..... **Chairman**

**Date** .....

**2.5. Invoices for payment in November:**

<b>Date of Invoice</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Net Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>Cheque Signed by</b>
4.10.14	BDG Mowing	Mowing 4/9, 16/9 & 1/10: Village - £156.00; Churchyard - £108.00. Cemetery hedge cutting £120.00	£384.00		£384.00	Chairman & Vice-Chairman
31.10.14	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: October 2014 (including emptying of 2 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	£97.76		£97.76	Chairman & Vice-Chairman

**1. Clerk's Report:**

- 1.1. 14.10/11.1 Japanese Knotweed on Viking Way – has been reported to Nigel Sardeson, Tree Officer LCC who will arrange treatment.
- 1.2. Community Cleaners – disposal of collected rubbish: the Chairman of Village Hall has agreed that filled bags can be left in bins there.
- 1.3. Lincs Police: New use of Tax Disc Holders – information of this proposal had been circulated.
- 1.4. 14.10/5.2 SKDC Grass Cutting: enquiries regarding taking over mowing in village currently organised by SKDC have been made, however this might not be possible as SKDC entered into new contract this year. Further clarification is awaited.

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

- 2.1. Community Wireless – information on this proposal has been sent to the Village Hall Committee.

**3. District and County Councillor's Reports:** Cllr Adams was not present.**4. Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman:**

- 4.1. SKDC Strategic Housing Availability Assessment 2014: two plots in the village were considered in this assessment but were considered unsuitable for development in the period to 2029 and beyond. It was noted that, whilst Skillington currently is classed as a Non-Sustainable Community, it is understood that this status in general is under review.
- 4.2. A question was raised as to whether the Parish Council has any influence over the selection of tenants for council houses. The Clerk will make enquiries.
- 4.3. It was noted that grit and masking tape over service caps had not been removed following the surface dressing of The Square and Buckminster Lane. The Clerk will inform Highways.
- 4.4. It was noted that white-lining had been undertaken within the village including into the pot-holes at the Colsterworth Road/Crabtree Road junction. The Clerk will discuss this with Highways.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

The next meeting will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 at 7.30 at Skillington Village Hall

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....