

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chairman: Graham Page Vice-Chairman: Richard Wrigley

Councillors: Neville Clark, Francis Disney, Dave Featherstone, David Raes, Anita Sheehan (Mrs)

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Skillington Village Hall on Monday, 1st February 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr G. Page (Chairman), Cllrs F. Disney, D. Featherstone, D. Raes, A. Sheehan and R Wrigley

In attendance: Cllr Bob Adams (LCC & SKDC), (from 8.00pm) and Mrs V. Page (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr N. Clark due to another commitment and Cllr A. Webster (SKDC).
2. **Notes of the Parish Council Meeting on 4th January 2016:** were agreed and signed into Minutes by the Chairman.
3. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Featherstone payment of expenses; and Cllr Sheehan Item 8.5.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - 4.1. 13.5/12.1 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Cllr Wrigley reported there would be a further meeting of the Committee during the coming week to plan the Village Meeting, when the findings of the survey would be reported and the key items and a timescale for the draft plan would be sketched out. In addition, the Chairman attended a meeting of the Colsterworth Neighbourhood Plan Committee and met with their consultant. The proposal being that he would undertake the work on the Skillington plan in two tranches to tie in with applications for funding when available in the next fiscal year. The application to be submitted in February/March this year. SKDC has supplied a copy of the **pre-consultation** review of the Conservation Area of the village on a **confidential** basis; the consultation is due to take place in the Autumn.
 - 4.2. 15.10/8.3 Bank Accounts: Cllrs Wrigley, Raes and Sheehan have now registered with Yorkshire Bank and the Clerk will now arrange for the switching of accounts as soon as possible.
 - 4.3. 15.11/9.2 Trees on The Green and Top Green: Cllr Raes has reported that the necessary tidying work which will take a morning, will be carried out over the weekend of 6/7th February.
 - 4.4. 15.12/9.1 2016/17 Budget: the Final Budget was presented; acceptance was proposed by Cllr Sheehan, seconded by Cllr Disney and the Budget was signed off by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
5. **Planning applications:**
 - 5.1. S15/0289/22 – Application to Vary Conditions 9, 11 & 13 of Permission granted on 8.6.06 to allow direct access onto Crabtree Road rather than via Skillington Road: *permission was granted 19.1.16 subject to conditions. Councillors were disappointed that the conditions did not fully reflect the objections which the Council has raised but Cllr Adams advised that planning decisions could only take into account material planning considerations.*
 - 5.2. S16/0222 – Demolition of existing garages and erection of two 3-bed dwelling on land to rear of Fairmount and Bramblewick, Colsterworth Road (site in Lords Lane): **this application had been received on the day of the meeting and therefore was not on the Agenda, however comments are required to be with SKDC by 19.2.16;** *it was noted that the plans had not been changed substantially since permission had been refused in January 2015, the only alterations being an increase in height of the rear boundary fence and in the height of viewing area from the skylight windows to the rear; the application together with plans will be considered by all Councillors and the papers returned to the Clerk BEFORE 19.2.16.*
6. **Cemetery:**
 - 6.1. Maintenance: the Clerk reported that work had been delayed as Nic Barker was unwell.
 - 6.2. Interment of Ashes: took place on 27/1/16. Payment and paperwork from undertaker is awaited.
 - 6.3. 16.01/09 Litter Bins: the Clerk is continuing to search for suitable new bins.
7. **Payments and Accounts:**
 - 7.1. Bank Balances at 31st January 2016:
 - 7.1.1. *HSBC Community a/c: £2,541.91 (estimated – bank statement awaited)*
 - 7.1.2. *Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c £14,531.92.*
 - 7.2. Payments due in January:

Signed: Chairman

Date

Date of Invoice	Name	Details	Date & Minute No of Approval	Total Amount £
21.1.16	Richard Barnes Funeral Directors	Reservation of Plot and Interment of Ashes	UNPAID	220.00

7.3. Invoices for payment in January: cheques were signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Date of Invoice	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
11.1.16	D. Featherstone	Councillor Travelling Expenses to Training Session at LALC, Dunholme on 10.9.15. 2 x 45.4 miles at 45p/mile	2.11.15 Page 2116 Item 9.3	40.86		40.86
30.1.16	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: January 2016 (including emptying of 2 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6.	99.96		99.96

7.4. Internal Audit to 31st December 2015: to be carried out in February

8. Clerk's Report:

- 8.1. Change of telephone number: the Chairman & Clerk's new telephone number is 01476 330281
- 8.2. 15.12/9.2 Grants to St James Church and Skillington Methodist Church: acknowledgement received from Methodist Church and letter of thanks from St James Church.
- 8.3. 15.12/9.3 Dog Bins: have been ordered as agreed at January meeting. On a 3-4 week delivery.
- 8.4. 16.1/10 Big Society Fund Grant: application to be made for grant to cover new dog bins as suggested by Cllr Adams.
- 8.5. The Village Green: request from Annthea Fryer and Wendi Carrington to hold a fund-raising BBQ on The Green in July. It was agreed that this should be allowed, subject to insurance being arranged by the organisers and the usual consideration to local residents and safety measures.
- 8.6. Lights on tree on the Village Green: it was noted that the Blue Horse has installed lights on the tree outside the pub on the Village Green.
- 8.7. Barriers left by BT Open-Reach contractors on corner of Colsterworth & Grantham Roads: the Clerk has asked on three separate occasions for these to be removed; on one occasion the BT engineer suggested that use was made of them within the village; arrangements have been made for them to be stored by Cams Compressors.

9. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 9.1. Bus Service: it has been widely reported that LCC plans to cut funding for local bus services. Cllr Adams advised that, due to severe financial challenges LCC were considering removing the subsidy to the bus companies operating the local services although the Call Connect service would continue. There is no statutory obligation for LCC to provide this subsidy. Cllr Adams also mentioned that petitions containing a large number of signatures only counted as one objection and it was better to contact the councillor responsible direct. Cllr Richard Davies holds the Transport Portfolio. Councillors expressed concern for parishioners who rely upon the bus service which it felt was already at a minimum level.

10. District and County Councillor's Reports: Cllr Adams having advised the Council on a number of matters on the Agenda and having previously briefed the Council in detail had nothing further to report.

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

- 11.1. 14.10/10.1 Maintenance of the Bus Shelter: it had previously been agreed that this would be an Agenda item for the March meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a quotation from Roy Newnham for the necessary maintenance work.
- 11.2. Potholes in Stonepit Lane: potholes, particularly between numbers 15 and 10 were brought to the council's attention; it is understood these have already been reported to LCC Highways; the Clerk will follow this up.
- 11.3. Chapel Row: problems are again reported with vehicles blocking the entrance to Chapel Row. The Clerk, discussed this on a previous occasion with the local PCSO and will report this to him again.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, 7th March 2016 at 7.30pm at Skillington Village Hall.

Signed: Chairman

Date