

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chairman: Graham Page **Vice-Chairman:** Richard Wrigley

Councillors: Neville Clark, Francis Disney, Dave Featherstone, Stuart Millington, Anita Sheehan (Mrs)

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Skillington Village Hall on Monday, 5th September 2016 at 7.30pm.

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

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Andrea Webster (SKDC)
2. **Notes of the Parish Council Meeting on 4th July 2016:** were agreed and signed into Minutes by the Chairman.
3. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Sheehan declared an interest in Item 4.3 as a member of the Village Hall Committee
1. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - 1.1. 16.7/9.5 Review of Conservation Area: the Chairman reported comments from Kerry Walmsley following her attendance at the last meeting regarding: Article 4 directions; trees in a conservation area; changes to the boundary of the Conservation Area in Sproxton Road; highlighting the ridge & furrow NW of The Abbey; Changing Methodist Chapel to Church in the text and including the SSI towards Sproxton. The Council accepted the Review. The Chairman has thanked Mrs Walmsley stating that the document has been invaluable in the production of the draft Neighbourhood Plan.
 - 1.2. 13.5/12.1 Neighbourhood Plan - the Vice-Chairman presented the draft for Pre-Submission Consultation which had previously been circulated. The schedule for the publication, viewing arrangements and feedback will be agreed this week together with the Appendix of photographs of key views as highlighted in the Conservation Review. Formal consultation on the pre-submission draft plan with residents and stakeholders is likely to begin on 26th September for a period of six weeks. Acceptance of the draft was proposed by Cllr Sheehan, seconded by Cllr Disney and agreed unanimously. Cllr Adams congratulated the Steering Group on producing an extremely good draft Plan.
 - 1.3. 16.7/9.3 Village Hall Refuse Collection: it was agreed that a payment under S137 should be made to Skillington Community Centre for 50% of the charge of emptying their black bin, being £91.00. This payment is made on the understanding that the Community Cleaners may store the bags of gathered litter in these bins until collection by SKDC.
2. **Planning applications:**
 - 2.1. S16/1464 – Proposed storage lagoon for liquid organic waste at Crabtree Road: *response from Planning Committee sent to SKDC expressing concerns regarding capacity of the tank and access and parking – Pending Consideration.* Cllr Clark informed the Council that the lagoon would only be used for liquid organic waste; would be covered by a dome to prevent smells; and would only be used at times when the waste cannot be spread directly onto the land.
 - 2.2. LCC Screening Opinion Consultation – Scoping Opinion under regulation 13 of the Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact assessment) Regulations 2011 with respect to a proposed application for initial review of land in the Parishes of Colsterworth & Skillington references EIA14/16 and EIA 15/16 - the Chairman reported that following a meeting of representatives of Colsterworth PC and Skillington PC with CESL an initial response has been sent by Colsterworth PC on behalf of both PCs requesting a full Environmental Assessment and requesting an urgent meeting with LCC Development Planning to clarify the position with regard to planning applications/permissions. It is understood that: CESL intend to quarry the new area when extraction at the existing quarry has finished; the limestone extracted would be for their own use as contractors in the local area; that both the current and the proposed new site would not be used for landfill on completion of the extraction and will be restored for either amenity or low-grade agricultural use afterwards. The Council expressed concern at the probable increase in heavy traffic on Crabtree Road and the possible construction of another entrance onto the road.
3. **Cemetery:**
 - 3.1. Maintenance: Cllr Disney reported that he had trimmed and sprayed the spoil heap from the recent maintenance work and that it would now rot down. It was agreed that quotes should be obtained for further ground maintenance to be undertaken over the winter. In addition, the overgrowth covering the shed and blocking the gutter needs to be cleared; Cllrs Wrigley and Page will undertake this work.
 - 3.2. Interment of Ashes: an interment of Ashes within an existing grave has taken place and payment received.
1. **Payments and Accounts:**
 - 3.3. Bank Balances at 25th August 2016:
 - 1.1.1. Yorkshire Bank a/c: £4,923.09
 - 1.1.2. HSBC Community a/c: £0
 - 1.1.3. Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c £15,756.63
 - 3.4. External Audit: has been returned from Auditors whose comments were noted; the Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been posted on the notice board and website
 - 3.5. Internal Audit of Accounts to 30th June 2016: Q1 2016/17 has been completed and the Auditor's Statement circulated.
 - 1.1. Payments received in July and August:

Date of Invoice	Name	Details	Notes	Total Amount £
22.7.16	Robert Holland	Interment of Ashes	Invoice 200626	65.00
1.8.16	I.M. & R.E. Bowen	Paddock Rental: Aug – Oct 16	Agreement dated 22.1.15	125.00

- 1.2. Invoices paid in August: cheques signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Signed: Chairman

Date

Date of Invoice	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
20.7.16	BDG Mowing	Mowing 16/6, 28/6, 11/7: Village - £156.00; Churchyard - £108.00. Also 16/6 and 11/7 LCC grass cut area £160.00	4.1.16 Page 2120 Item 4.4	424.00		424.00
30.7.16	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: July 2016 (including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6.	115.46		115.46
4.8.16	Getmapping plc	Parish Online maps. Subscription for Neighbourhood Plan	Approved by NP Steering Group 9.7.16	48.00	9.60	57.60

1.3. Invoices for payment in September: cheques were signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

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28.8.16	BDG Mowing	Mowing 26/7, 11/8 and 25/8: Village - £156.00; Churchyard - £108.00. Also 5/8 LCC grass cut area £80.00	4.1.16 Page 2120 Item 4.4	344.00		344.00
29.8.16	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: Aug 2016 (including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6.	115.46		115.46
n/a	CPRE	Subscription for 1 year's Parish Council membership	4.7.16 Page 2136 Item 9.2	36.00		36.00
5.9.16	Bob Keith	Professional services to support preparation of Neighbourhood Plan (funded by Grant)	Approved by Steering Group 5.9.16	748.00		748.00
5.9.16	Skillington Community Centre	S137 Grant towards SKDC charge for collection of black waste bin	5.9.16 Page 2137 Item 4.3 (see above)	91.00		91.00

2. Clerk's Report:

1.4. 4.10/10.1 Village Notice Board and Bench: it is not possible to repair loose slat on the bench; Roy Newnham will paint the Parish noticeboard when his schedule permits.

1.5. 14.10/11.1 Viking Way: Japanese Knotweed: LCC Tree Officer reports that the JKW could only be partially sprayed as it had been crushed by 'forwarding operations'; it will be sprayed again next spring/summer. The Tree Officer does not feel it will spread to any degree in the meantime.

1.6. Viking Way: dumped car – has now been cleared

3. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

1.7. Change of Signatories to Yorkshire Bank and MMBS accounts following resignation of councillor: it was unanimously agreed that Cllr Millington should replace David Raes as a signatory on the accounts. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements. The signatories will therefore be any two of: Graham Page, Richard Wrigley, Neville Clark, Anita Sheehan and Stuart Millington.

4. District and County Councillor's Reports:

1.8. Cllr Adams briefed the Council on matters arising at SKDC with regard to the Core Strategy and Local Plan; the proposed Designer Outlet Village at K31; the next phase of the Grantham by-pass; general plans for the town; the unlikelihood of the adoption of a Greater Lincolnshire Also, LCC which now only meets quarterly.

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

1.9. The Council expressed concern at the reduced hours of A&E cover at Grantham Hospital.

1.10. The Chairman reported at the meeting with CESL he had been informed that the Colsterworth Land Fill site will close next year.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday, 3rd October 2016 at 7.30pm at Skillington Village Hall

Signed: Chairman

Date