

# SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chairman: Graham Page Vice-Chairman: Richard Wrigley

Councillors: Neville Clark, Francis Disney, Stuart Millington, Rory Grindey, Anita Sheehan.

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**Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Skillington Village Hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm. Please note: these minutes are published in draft form and are subject to ratification at the next meeting of the Council.**

**Present:** Cllr G. Page (Chairman), Cllrs F. Disney, R. Grindey, S. Millington and R Wrigley

**In attendance:** Cllr Bob Adams (LCC & SKDC), Cllr Andrea Webster (SKDC), Mrs S. Mortimer (Parish Clerk) and Mrs V. Page

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs N. Clark (on holiday) and A. Sheehan (unwell)

1. **Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017** were agreed and signed into minutes.

2. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest** Cllr Disney declared an interest in Item 5.3

3. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

3.1. 13.5/12.1 Neighbourhood Plan: The date of the Referendum has been set by SKDC as 3.8.17, the same day as the Colsterworth Referendum. The Chairman has requested that councillors may attend the count and is awaiting a response. Notices have been posted on the website and notice board. Voting by post or by proxy may be arranged in the usual way.

3.2. 16.06/11.2 Crabtree Rd near entrance to Quarry: Chairman reported that he was still awaiting a response from CESL. In light of the recent accident at the site this item was deferred until the next meeting.

4. **Planning applications:**

1.1. S17/0205 & 0206 Mr S. Coleman- The Abbey, Park Lane: internal and external alterations to listed building including new and replacement windows and doors, removal and insertion of internal walls, landscaping and patio. Permission granted subject to conditions 19.6.17

1.2. S17/1008 Mrs Dawn Suchoruzka – Blue Horse Inn: Change of use of a Public House (4) to a dwelling (C3) (Resubmission) – the Chairman reported that he had been approached by several individuals following the last meeting but no attributable comments were made and therefore representation as agreed at the June meeting was made to SKDC before deadline of 21.6.17. It is understood that SKDC have been informed that the ACV is still in place. Pending consideration by SKDC.

1.3. S17/1182 Mr & Mrs Johnson – Shepherds Barn, The Square: removal of holly tree in Conservation Area – circulated to Planning Committee; closing date for responses 10.7.17. It was noted that the tree was in the Conservation area and therefore notifiable but that there were no planning grounds for objection.

**Cllr Bob Adams joined the meeting at 7.50pm**

1. **Cemetery:**

1.4. Headstones:

1.4.1. Unstable headstones: A number of the headstones have now been replaced or made safe. Mrs Page will contact the families who have not yet carried out the necessary work.

1.4.2. Removal of headstone: A headstone has been removed for renovation or replacement leaving a dangerous hole in the ground. The Council did not receive prior notification. Mrs Page will follow this up.

1.4.3. Installation of new headstone: New headstone installed 27.06.17

1.5. Burial on 8.6.17: There was an error on the historical records of a previously purchased plot leading to the wrong plot being marked out. This was rectified prior to the burial and records will be updated.

1.6. Maintenance

1.6.1. Removal of spoil and possible use on uneven ground: this has been sprayed for weeds and options are being considered.

1.6.2. Regular maintenance: The cemetery hedge needs to be cut back more severely, the Chairman to discuss with the contractor. It was noted that there are a few unattended graves that need maintenance and agreed that a working party would be put together initially.

1.6.3. The top of the Millennium Yew was cut off while the grass was being cut. It remains healthy but some training is desirable. The Chairman to contact BDG.

1.6.4. Quotes for the remaining left hand side of the cemetery were being sought; work might be phased over three sections to spread the cost. These will be considered at the next meeting with a view to start over the winter.

1. **Payments and Accounts:**

1.1. Bank Balances at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017:

1.1.1. Yorkshire Bank a/c: £2,526.20

1.1.2. HSBC Community a/c: £0

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Date .....

- 1.1.3. Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c £15,453.39
- 1.2. Accounts for the first quarter to 30.6.17 were presented.
- 1.3. Notification of new Clerk to Yorkshire Bank, HSBC & MMBS: letters were signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- 1.4. MMBS:
- 1.1.4. Notification of reduction of interest rate with effect from 1.10.17: from 1.30% to 1.10% gross
- 1.1.5. Notice of withdrawal on MMBS 100-day account of up to £1,500.00 was signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- 1.5. Payments received in June:

<i>Date of Invoice</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
21.6.17	G.H. Linnell	Fee for installation of new memorial in the Cemetery	Invoice 200631	80.00
23.6.17	LCC	LCC grass cutting during financial year 2017/18 – 2 cuts	Invoice 17/007	116.97

Invoices for payment at July meeting: cheques signed by the Vice-Chairman and Cllr Millington.

<i>Date of Invoice</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Date &amp; Minute No. of Approval</i>	<i>Net Amount £</i>	<i>VAT £</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
30.6.17	Mrs V. Page	Clerk's Salary & Expenses April – June 2017	2.5.15 Page 2098 Item 4.5 and 4.4.16 Page 2028 Item 8.6	671.07	3.99	675.06
30.6.17	Mrs S. Mortimer	In-coming Clerk's Services & Expenses June 2017	5.6.17 Page 2157 Item 4.2	179.60	1.11	180.71
tbc	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: June 2017 (including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6.	118.76		118.76

Cllr Grindey joined the meeting at 8.10pm

#### 5. Clerk's Report:

- 5.1. 16.10/11.2 Hedge on corner of Grantham Road: SKDC contacting residents; will not be cut until the Autumn. Clerk to follow up with SKDC in September.
- 5.2. 17.3/11.1 Surface water in Sproxton Road/Back Lane: After initially stating that this would be passed to the Upper Witham Internal Drainage Board (UWIDB) there has been a notification from LCC that they are not responsible for this issue. Cllr Bob Adams to discuss in his report - Item 10.1.
- 5.3. 17.06/8.3 Colsterworth Rd/Crabtree Rd junction: vegetation affecting visibility at the junction: verge at the junction has now been cut by Highways. It was noted that the mass of vegetation around the mast was due to be cut back in September.
- 5.4. 17.05/16.4 Buckminster Lane: area of 'run off' reported to LCC Highways: reported to LCC, acknowledgement received from Serco, response awaited.
- 5.5. 17.06/8.6 Bus Shelter new graffiti: reported to Community PC; anti-graffiti paint has been located with the decorator who has offered to touch up the damaged paint work; new graffiti noted on beams.
- 5.6. 17.06/11.1 Road between Stonepit Lane & The Square: reported to LCC Highways, no response to date.
- 5.7. 16.04/9.2 LCC Grass Cutting 2017/18: purchase order received; invoice submitted; BACS payment made (tbc).

#### 6. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 6.1. Children's play-ground: The Chairman reported that there had been dialogue on social media directed at the Parish Council requesting a playground and subsequently he had received an email from a resident on the subject. The Council discussed the need for any such project to be feasible and to have wide public support. It was felt that, to be successful, it should be led by those outside the Council who are willing to champion it, and who should make a case providing numbers, location, setting up costs and running costs. It was agreed he should respond on this basis.

#### 7. District and County Councillor's Reports

- 7.1. Cllr Adams reported on issues arising:
- 7.1.1. He is meeting with Rowan Smith, the new Highways Manager for LCC, on 14.7.17 to discuss outstanding Highways issues. The Clerk to collate and forward all outstanding highways issues -in particular the drainage problem Item 8.2
- 7.1.2. Highway issues can be reported on an i-Phone app: fixmystreet.
- 7.1.3. The draft South Kesteven Local Plan is out for consultation and that there are various public sessions organised.
- 7.1.4. SKDC is undertaking a Big Clean and any problems with maintenance and tidiness should be reported to them as soon as possible.
- 7.2. Cllr Webster informed the Council that Nick Boles MP is responding to treatment, he had visited the Houses of

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Parliament the week before and was hoping to be back in September.

**8. Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman.**

**8.1.** A query was raised as to where Buckminster Lane becomes unclassified and who is responsible for its upkeep.

**8.2.** It was noted that a drone has been flying over the village and that there have been several objections.

**The meeting closed at 9.00pm**

**There is no meeting of the Parish Council in August. The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Skillington Village Hall**

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

**Date .....**