

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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 N. Clark, F. Disney, S. Millington, and A. Sheehan

**In attendance:** Cllr Bob Adams (LCC & SKDC), Cllr Andrea Webster (SKDC) and Mrs S. Mortimer (Parish Clerk). Member of the Public: Dave Featherstone (for presentation by SW Lincs Clinical Commissioning Group only)

### PRESENTATION: SW Lincs Clinical Commissioning Group – Five Year Plan

The Chairman welcomed Diane Hansen, Head of Engagement and Inclusion at South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group and thanked her for coming to present their Five Year Sustainability and Transformation Plan. Diane Hansen presented the plan which has been developed to help provide high quality and safe services within budget; to keep people healthier for longer; to work on alleviating pressure on the hospitals by looking at services within the community; to deliver the right care closer to home and to make sure extra support is available; but to get patients to hospital quicker if needed. The plan recognises that difficult decisions need to be made but is looking at developing centres of excellence within the region; to shift investment into the community where possible and to integrate care and use technology better. Copies of the Plan and presentation notes have been left in the Village Hall and Chapel.

For more information please either contact the Clerk or the SW Lincs CCG: 01522 718051; email [hac@lincolnshireeastccg.nhs.uk](mailto:hac@lincolnshireeastccg.nhs.uk) or visit [www.lincolnshirehealthandcare.org/stp](http://www.lincolnshirehealthandcare.org/stp).

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1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr R. Grindey (at university) and Cllr R. Wrigley (overseas).
2. **Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017** were agreed and signed into minutes.
3. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
  - 4.1. 17.09/9.1 Speeding traffic on Colsterworth Road: The Chairman reported that the Clerk had held constructive conversations with LCCs Traffic Management Team and Colsterworth Police Office and Cllr Bob Adams confirmed that the location of the village sign was the responsibility of Highways. Information has been received regarding the Community Speedwatch Scheme and the possibility of sharing signs with another village was discussed. It was agreed to continue conversations before decisions could be made.
  - 4.2. 17.3/11.1 Surface water on Sproxton Road/Back Lane: The Chairman reported that some progress had been made as the hedges had been cut on both sides of the road and the ditch cleared on the south side, but both ditches need to be dug out and grips still need to be cut. The Chairman will contact the landowners again before reverting to the Witham Internal Drainage Board but discussed the urgency as the icy weather is approaching. The Chairman also noted that grass cuttings were still being put in the ditch and would be contacting the homeowners.
5. **Planning applications:**
  - 5.1. S17/1008 Mrs Dawn Suchoruczka – Blue Horse Inn: Change of use of a Public House (4) to a dwelling (C3) (Resubmission). Pending decision by SKDC.
  - 5.2. S17/1597 Mr Frederick Hazzard – Housemartins, 3 Fish Well Close: work on 3x ash trees in a conservation area – T1 crown raise by 2 metres, T2 crown raise by 2 meters & thin by 30%, T3 pollard. Pending consideration by SKDC. The council has no planning grounds for objection.
6. **Cemetery:**
  - 6.1. Headstones:
    - 6.1.1. Unstable headstones: Progress has been made and it was reported that one grave has been nicely renovated.
  - 6.2. Maintenance
    - 6.2.1. Hedge cutting: Once the hedge has been cut, the Chairman will make arrangements for the elder in the hedge to be cut back. It is hoped this will be undertaken before the turfing works are carried out.
    - 6.2.2. Turfing left hand side of cemetery: Paul Mumby has accepted the payment proposal and confirmed that his quote includes removal of spoil. He is looking to undertake the works during the winter.
    - 6.2.3. Removal of old spoil heap: Cllr Disney advised that this should happen over the next few weeks.

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....

**7. Payments and Accounts:**

- 7.1. Bank Balances at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017:
- 7.1.1. Yorkshire Bank a/c: £2,591.30 (estimated – bank statements awaited)
- 7.1.2. Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c £13,953.39
- 7.2. Notice of withdrawal on MMBS 100-day account: The notice of withdrawal for £1500.00 was signed by the Chairman and Cllr Clerk.
- 7.3. Accounts to 30.09.17 (Q2): The accounts are projecting an overspend of about £3000 for the year due to reserves being used for the re-turfing works on the left hand side of the cemetery. There is currently low cemetery income; other income and costs are running close to budget.
- 7.4. Payments received in September:

<b>Date of Invoice</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Total Amount £</b>
22.9.17	MMBS a/c ILX3355716SKI	Transfer of funds between accounts	5.6.17 Page 2158 Item 7.2	1500.00

- 7.5. Invoices due for payment for September at October meeting: Cheques signed by Cllr Sheehan and Cllr Millington.

<b>Date of Invoice</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Date &amp; Minute No. of Approval</b>	<b>Net Amount £</b>	<b>VAT £</b>	<b>Total Amount £</b>
28.9.17	Mrs V. Page	Clerical Services carried out on behalf of PC Jul-Sept 2017	2.6.17 Page 2157 Item 4.2	159.48		159.48
30.9.17	Mrs S. Mortimer	Clerk's Salary & Expenses Jul-Sept 2017	2.6.17 Page 2157 Item 4.2	639.55	3.33	642.88
30.9.17	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: September 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

**8. Clerk's Report:**

- 8.1. 17.09/11.1 Knotweed on Viking Way and fly-tipping: The Clerk has been advised by SKDC that the knotweed has been treated. Fly-tipping has been reported to SKDC and currently pending.
- 8.2. 17.09/11.4 Fly-tipping at junction of Viking Way and Buckminster Lane: Fly-tipping reported to SKDC and currently pending.

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

- 9.1. Councils support for LCC's Fairer Funding Campaign: The Parish Council discussed the support for Skegness Town Council's Fairer Funding Campaign and Cllr Adams advised that the county was underfunded compared to other Borough Councils and that LCC's services were at breaking point. Fairer funding should be looked at as money is needed for the services it is required to provide. Cllr Disney proposed that the council should support the motion by Skegness Town Council's campaign, seconded by Cllr Sheehan and voted unanimously. The Clerk will write to SKDC and LCC notifying them of that decision and expressing support for their campaign.

**10. District and County Councillor's Reports** Cllr Adams provided an update on District and County matters.

**Cllr Clark left the meeting at 8:30pm**

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

- 11.1. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council has received a letter from John Stoneman the owner of the Paddock south of Church Street & north of Fishwell Close, to inform it of his intention to dedicate the paddock to his late wife and covenant it to remain open in perpetuity as a private managed wild flower meadow interspersed with native trees and retaining the hedgerows. It was noted that all the neighbours bordering the paddock had also received letters and that these plans are consistent with the Neighbourhood Plan and therefore the Parish Council has no grounds for objection.
- 11.2. The Chairman read a card received from Mrs V. Page thanking all who had contributed to her gift.

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm**

**The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Skillington Village Hall**

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....