

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> November 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, and S. Millington.

**In attendance:** Cllr Bob Adams (LCC & SKDC), Cllr Jon Weston (Colsterworth & District PC) and Mrs S. Mortimer (Parish Clerk).

#### OPEN FORUM:

Cllr Jon Weston introduced himself and was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. Cllr Weston discussed the Parish Councils' working together on issues affecting both Parishes and discussed the ridges on Crabtree Road and Colsterworth Road. Clerk to report to Highways.

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**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr R. Grindey (at university), Cllr R. Wrigley (overseas) and Cllr A. Sheehan (ill).

**1. Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017** were agreed and signed into minutes.

**2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None

#### 1. Matters arising from the minutes:

- 1.1. 17.09/9.1 Speeding traffic on Colsterworth Road. The Chairman reported that the box carrying out the traffic survey by Lincs Road Safety Partnership had been taken away for analysis and that the Council are now awaiting the report. Preliminary average speeds entering and leaving the village are encouraging although maximum speeds need further investigation. The Local Highways Manager has also written to the Council advising that the Traffic Regulations Team have been asked to consider, in line with policy, the speed limit to be extended over the bridge and is currently on the list for investigation. Clerk to request contact details for the Traffic Regulation Team and forward Parishioner's letter.
- 1.2. 17.3/11.1 Surface water on Sproxton Road/Back Lane. The Chairman reported that some progress had been made: Buckminster Estates have agreed to dig out ditch on their north side of the road and have cut the hedge back; the other Landowner is in discussion with the Chairman about cutting grips; and the Chairman has written to the householders on Sproxton Road advising that they may need to get the culvert cleared. The Council discussed the need for urgency as the weather gets colder as this area is dangerous when it freezes.

#### 2. Planning applications:

- 1.1. S17/1008 Mrs Dawn Suchoruczka – Blue Horse Inn: Change of use of a Public House (4) to a dwelling (C3) (Resubmission). Approved conditionally 06.11.17. The Parish Council noted that the report considered the Neighbourhood Plan and the various objections but had concluded in favour of the application.
- 1.2. 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. Work Allowed 04.10.17.
- 1.3. Any late Planning Applications submitted: None.

#### 3. Cemetery:

- 1.4. Headstones: The handover has been completed with Mrs Page, Clerk to follow up outstanding issues.
- 1.5. Maintenance
  - 1.5.1. Hedge cutting: due to be carried out mid November; cutting of the ash needs to be organised.
  - 1.5.2. Turfing left hand side of cemetery: Paul Mumby has advised that works are scheduled for December or January which will enable the hedge-cutting to be completed. Notice will be given to enable signs to be posted.
  - 1.5.3. Removal of old spoil heap: Cllr Disney advised that this was due to be removed at the weekend.

#### 1. Payments and Accounts:

- 1.1. Bank Balances at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017:
  - 1.1.1. Yorkshire Bank a/c: £4,676.30 as per bank (£4,207.54 after invoices paid).
  - 1.1.2. Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c £12,453.39
- 1.2. Payments received in October:

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

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....

17.10.17	SKDC	Grant: Community Cleaners October-March 2017	As in Budget	585.00
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1.1. Invoices due for payment for October at November meeting: Cheques signed by Chairman and Cllr Millington.

Date of Invoice	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
07.10.17	BDG Mowing	Mowing: 6/9, 19/9 & 4/10 Village £159, Churchyard £111: LCC grass cut area 19/9 £80	5.12.16 Page 2143 Item 4.4	350.00		350.00
05.11.17	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: October 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

#### 4. Clerk's Report:

- 4.1. 16.10/11.2 Hedge on corner of Grantham Road: A letter was sent by SKDC to the house owners and the Parish Council have been informed that the foliage is due to be cut back from around the light by 13<sup>th</sup> November.
- 4.2. 17.09/11.1 Knotweed on Viking Way and fly-tipping: the spraying appears to have been successful; SKDC reported back that the area was waterlogged when they visited to clear fly-tipping so work not carried out. Clerk has reported again.
- 4.3. 17.09/11.4 Fly-tipping at junction of Viking Way and Buckminster Lane: As fly-tipping above, item 8.2.
- 4.4. 17.10/9.1 Councils' support for LCC's Fairer Funding Campaign: The Clerk forwarded letters of support via LCC's website link to Nick Boles MP and to Cllr Webster and has received a written confirmation from the MP that he is working with the county's other MPs to put pressure on government ministers to change the funding formula.
- 4.5. 17.05/6.8 Increase in LALC subscription 2018/19: LALC proposed changes to their subscription structure to be discussed at their AGM, the effect will be approximately 10-12.5% increase depending on their decision. The Clerk to organise training for counsellors who have not yet been on a training course with LALC.
- 4.6. 17.09/9.1 Grass cutting 2018: Clerk to discuss ability to hold prices for the next season with BDG Mowing.

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

- 5.1. Grassed area at access to Chapel: The Local Area Highways Officer has agreed to schedule work to be carried out to remove the small grassed area across the access to the Chapel to enable disabled access to the Chapel.
- 5.2. Whites' tankers: The Chairman reported that complaints had been received due to the disturbance caused by late evening movement of tankers in the village and entering the village to turn around. Whites had been contacted and had advised that they would bear this in mind for future operations.
- 5.3. Big Clean visit. The Chairman reported that the pavement by Grantham Road had been cleared of weeds and the hedge at the bottom of the wall cut back, and that weeds on Colsterworth Road had been cleared by the Big Clean team.
- 5.4. Parish Cluster Meeting. The Chairman and Clerk have attended one of the meetings arranged by LCC Highways to update Parish Councils on their internal structure, members of their teams, departmental responsibilities and how to report highways issues and problems. The Chairman reported that this had been very useful and that the Clerk will circulate slides when they are received.

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

- 6.1. Cllr Adams advised the Parish Council that there are to be changes to Public Footpath or Rights of Way responsibilities and that this will be handled at county level with responsibility falling to the county to resolve issues whereas previously, contentious issues were dealt with by the Secretary of State. It was discussed that this may affect the Parish Council due to the Viking Way being within its boundaries.
- 6.2. Cllr Adams was asked what he knew as regards the closing of Colsterworth Post Office and therefore also losing the van service it operates in the surrounding villages. Cllr Adams advised that the owners had tried unsuccessfully to sell the business and that the Co-Op had declined to operate an alternative service. Cllr Adams to make enquiries.

7. Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman: None were raised.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at Skillington Village Hall

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....