

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chairman: Graham Page **Vice-Chairman:** Richard Wrigley
Councillors: Andy Bunce, Neville Clark, Francis Disney, Rory Grindey, Stuart Millington.
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Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Skillington Village Hall on Monday 3rd September 2018 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 S. Millington, F. Disney, R. Wrigley and R. Grindey.

In Attendance: Cllr Bob Adams (LCC & SKDC) and Mr A. Bunce (resident). **Absent:** Cllr N. Clark.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Andrea Webster (SKDC)

2. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 2nd July 2018:** were agreed and signed into minutes.

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

Item 5 Consideration of Volunteer for Co-option onto the Council was taken out of order:

Mr Bunce left the room. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had received an application for the vacancy from Mr Bunce. Mr Bunce's application was proposed by Cllr Disney and seconded by Cllr Wrigley and unanimously agreed. **Mr Bunce returned to the room** and accepted the appointment. He was welcomed onto the Parish Council.

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

- 4.1. 17.3/11.1 Surface water on Sproxton Road/Back Lane: Nothing to report until we have more rain.
- 4.2. 18.3/4.2 Matters relating to the meeting with Local Highways Manager to discuss Highways issues: The Chairman had seen a member of the Highways Dept in the Village. It was reported that work would be completed in December.
- 4.3. 18.7/11.3 Lorries turning right from Crabtree Lane onto the A1: The Chairman had contacted the company concerned to make them aware of this occurrence. He has not yet had a reply.
- 4.4. 18.7/10.1 Water collecting in dog waste bin on Buckminster Lane: discussion with community cleaners – The Clerk was informed we can temporarily borrow a key. This will then be emptied.

5. **Consideration of Volunteer for Co-option onto the Council:** This was raised out of order. The new Councillor signed a declaration of acceptance. Other forms to be completed, signed and handed to the Clerk.

6. **Planning applications:**

- 6.1. S18/0735 Mr & Mrs Herrick – Land adjacent to Fairmount and Rosajama, Lords Lane: demolition of outbuildings & construction of 2 no. split level dwellings with associated hardstanding and landscaping. Planning permission was granted by SKDC, subject to conditions which the Parish Council regards as unenforceable. The Chairman circulated a draft letter. The Councillors approved the letter which will be sent to SKDC asking that the decision be reconsidered. It is understood that the Parish Council cannot appeal the decision but would have to seek a judicial review. It was agreed that this would be too expensive. Cllr Adams suggested we might contact the Ombudsman and it was agreed to consider this if necessary.
 - 6.2. S18/0923 Mr C Clark – Lower Farm, Colsterworth Road: prior notification relating to the erection of an agricultural building. Prior Notice approved without conditions.
 - 6.3. S18/1201 Mrs V Janes – Ash House, 6 Lords Lane. Relocate front door to original position and 3 new windows to Lords Lane elevation. Permission granted by SKDC on 31st August 2018.
 - 6.4. S18/1442 Mr D Stoneman – Croft Foot, Middle Street. Demolition of front porch and re-erection of similar. Pending consideration by SKDC. There were no objections to this application.
- 6.5. Any late Planning Applications submitted: None.

7. **Cemetery:**

- 7.1. Headstones: Shepherd Memorials have agreed to look at the unsteady headstones. We are awaiting their visit to the site and their response.
- 7.2. Permission to erect a Memorial stone. There is an application for permission to erect a memorial stone by Linnells, design reviewed and approved by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
- 7.3. Any maintenance or other matters arising: Permission has been sought to inter ashes and erect a memorial tablet. The design of the tablet has been approved by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It was suggested that rubber matting which can be infilled with gravel might be a solution to the muddy entrance in the winter. Cllr Disney offered to ask for a quote. Further quotes for this will be obtained.

8. **Payments and Accounts:**

- 8.1. Bank Balances at 31st August 2018:

8.1.1. Yorkshire Bank a/c: £2842.68 as per bank at 27th July 2018. (£2684.75 after receipts banked and Invoices paid).

8.1.2. Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c £12,110.13.

8.2. Income received in July and August:

Date of Receipt	Name	Details	Notes	Total Amount £
1.8.18	IM & RE Bowen	Paddock Rental	18/002/02	125.00

8.3. Cheques signed since the last meeting:

The cheques were signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Date of Payment	Name	Details	Date & Minute No. of Approval	Net Amount £	VAT £	Total Amount £
31.07.18	BDG Mowing Contractors	Grass Cutting on 4 th and 21 st June and 4 th July 2018 Village £159, Churchyard £111; LCC area 9.5 £80	5.12.16 Page 2143 Item 4.4	350.00		350.00
31.07.18	CPRE Membership	Annual membership fee	As per budget	36.00		36.00
31.07.18	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: July 2018 (including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	121.93		121.93

8.4. Invoice due for payment in August. The cheque was signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

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8.5. Notification of change of Clerk to Yorkshire Bank and MMBS. There are new bank mandates which need be signed by all the signatories. The Chairman will ensure all the signatures are obtained.

8.6. Internal audit. It was discussed whether a quarterly audit by F. Hatchman is necessary whilst S. Mortimer is monitoring the accounts. It was decided unanimously that this should still take place.

8.7. Closure of HSBC account. The inactive account has been automatically closed by the bank.

9. Clerk's Report:

9.1. Grassed area at access to Chapel. Highways have confirmed that this is still awaiting action. A temporary solution of heavy duty rubber matting was not thought to be suitable. The Clerk will remind Highways that this issue is still outstanding.

10. Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

10.1. Training of New Councillors. LALC have released new Councillor training dates. Cllrs Millington, Grindey and Bunce were advised of course dates and will be sent further information. The Clerk is to attend a burials course. The fees for these courses were approved.

10.2. Date of November meeting. The November meeting date was discussed. It was agreed that this meeting will now take place on Wednesday 7th November at 7.30pm.

11. **District and County Councillor's Reports.** Cllr Adams discussed LCC budgets, which have been settled until 2021. He also made mention of how the Government's Fairer Funding would affect us. Pot holes are now being repaired fully and are almost up to date. The next task will be the grips and gullies.

12. **Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman.** Cllr Wrigley is taking over the maintenance of the Defibrillator. The new battery is working well. Cllr Grindey noted that the benches need some refurbishment, but we do not know who owns them. Horse Chestnut fungus was discussed. Collecting the dropped leaves helps prevent the spread of this disease. There were further discussions over trees and ownership. Cllr Disney reported several more blocked drains.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 1st October 2018 at Skillington Village Hall.