

## SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Grantham, Lincolnshire

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

**Councillors:** Andy Bunce, Neville Clark, Francis Disney, Rory Grindey, Stuart Millington.

**Parish Clerk:** Pamela Harrison (Mrs), 9 Telford Way, Colsterworth, Grantham, Lincs. NG33 5GH

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Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Skillington Village Hall on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 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 R Wrigley, S. Millington, F. Disney, and N. Clark.

**In Attendance:** Cllr. Bob Adams (LCC and SKDC) Mr D Featherstone and Mr M Garratt (Residents) and Mrs P Harrison (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs R Grindey and A Bunce, Cllr Andrea Webster (SKDC)
- 2. Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018:** were agreed and signed into minutes.
- 3. Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes:**
  - 4.1 18.11/9.2 Planting a Walnut sapling: Cllr Clark has planted the sapling and was thanked. Cllr Disney has kindly agreed to provide a tree guard.
  - 4.2 18.11/9.3 LCC Winter preparations: The grit has been ordered and the Village Hall has agreed to store it. Cllr Bunce was appointed as the Snow-warden.
  - 4.3 18.11/9.6 Blocked drains: The broken drain has been replaced but the council is not clearing out drains at present – these will be cleared on a six-monthly basis. The Clerk was asked to report water across Skillington Road, Colsterworth, and also to raise the lack of clearance with Highways.
  - 4.4 18.11/9.7 Overhanging bushes on corner of Stonepit and Buckminster Lane: these have been partially cut back.
  - 4.5 18.11/9.8 Elections in May - The Chairman asked councillors to be aware of the possible need for new candidates.
  - 4.6 18.11/9/9 Parish precept: The 2019/20 draft budget was considered, and will be agreed at the next meeting, subject to minor amendments. In particular the question of who will be responsible for churchyard mowing needs to be resolved.
- 5. Planning applications:**
  - 5.1. S18/1642 Mr N Clark, Falcon Clints, Colsterworth Road: Removal of 1 Norway spruce and 2 sections of Leylandii hedge. Granted by SKDC.
  - 5.2. PL/0121/18 Mineral site: Proposed Skillington Quarry: land to East and West of Crabtree Road, Colsterworth.
  - 5.3. PL/0076/18 Mineral site: Proposed Skillington Quarry, Land to the East and West of Skillington Road, Colsterworth. It was noted that the website is not working correctly with regard to this application, so information is limited. These two applications were discussed together and in detail. Mr Featherstone handed in a letter, and he and Mr Garrett commented. Various concerns were discussed, and a draft response will be prepared for councillors' comments. The Chairman encouraged individuals to respond too. It is hoped this Council will liaise with Colsterworth Parish Council.
  - 5.4. Any late Planning Applications submitted: None.
- 6. Cemetery:**
  - 6.1. Headstones: It was noted that the laid down headstones need in-setting. We will obtain quotes.
  - 6.2. Cemetery entrance: Cllr Disney was thanked for organising the work, which has been completed.
  - 6.3. Any maintenance or other matters arising: Some winter pruning and week-killing is required.
- 7. Payments and Accounts:**
  - 7.1. Bank Balances at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018:
    - 7.1.1. Yorkshire Bank a/c: £3585.53 as per bank at 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018. (£2851.69 after invoices paid).
    - 7.1.2. Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c £11,610.13.
  - 7.2. Income received in November:

Date of Receipt	Name	Details	Notes	Total Amount £

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....

1.11.18	I M and R E Bowen	Paddock Rental November 2018 to January 2019		125.00
1.11.18	SKDC	Grant for provision of Community Cleaners		610.74

7.3. Invoices due for payment in November. The cheques were signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

<b>Date of Payment</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>
30.11.18	B D G Mowing Contractors	Grass cutting on 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 and Hedge cutting at Cemetery on 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2018. Village £80; Cemetery £125.	5.12.16 Page 2143 Item 4.4	205.00		205.00
30.11.18	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: November 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
30.11.18	LALC	Councillors Handbooks and Training lunch 28 <sup>th</sup> October	3.9.18 Page 2189 Item 10.1	29.50		29.50
30.11.18	Mr F Disney	Stone and Granite Chippings for Cemetery entrance	1.10.18 Page 2191 Item 6.3	194.51	38.90	233.41
30.11.18	G R Gilder	Digger work and stone for Cemetery entrance	1.10.18 Page 2191 Item 6.3	120.00	24.00	144.00

## 8 Clerk's Report:

8.1 Grassed area at access to Chapel. Highways will be contacted again about this outstanding area. It was noted that the re-surfacing work has been postponed until January. The street-cleaners had cleaned around the village.

## 9 Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

9.1 Training of New Clerk. The Clerk attended a LALC course at Branston on 28<sup>th</sup> November. LALC. 6 more Councillors Handbooks have been purchased.

9.2. Defibrillator: Cllr Wrigley has been asked to enquire about training. He will endeavour to update the contact list.

10 **District and County Councillor's Reports.** Cllr Adams informed us that Cllr Webster will not be re-standing in May. There is a new prospective candidate. District and LCC budget figures will come out imminently and were discussed briefly.

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

11.1 It was noted there has been resurfacing work in Buckminster Lane, to enable access to the power plant.

11.2 The benches had now been cleaned. Cllr Clark was asked to treat them and move them inside for the winter.

11.3 The Chairman reported that the road surfacing work due in December had been postponed until January.

## 12 The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Skillington Village Hall.

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date .....