

SKILLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Grantham, Lincolnshire

Chairman: Richard Wrigley Vice-Chairman: Andy Bunce

Councillors: Steph Burrows, 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 10th February 2020 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. R. Wrigley (Chairman), Cllrs. A. Bunce, F. Disney, S. Burrows, S. Millington and N. Clark.

In Attendance: Cllr. D. Bellamy (SKDC), PCSO S. Bowden, PCSO J. Fulker, Mrs. P. Harrison (Clerk).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. R. Grindey and B. Adams (LCC and SKDC)
2. **Notes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 6th January 2020** were agreed and signed into minutes.
3. **Councillors' Declarations of Interest:** None.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - 4.1 18.11/9.6 Blocked drains: Buckminster Farms was contacted again with regard to the overflowing ditch on Sproxton Road which needs digging out. They asked for confirmation on the state of the ditch. However, water is still running across the road, into the ditch on the other side. LCC has been contacted regarding how this ditch was re-instated. Rain has washed silt into the ditch, which is now full. It was agreed to insist that LCC require the contractor to dig it out again, to a proper depth. Cllr. Wrigley contacted SKDC regarding the existence of a map, which would show the location of drainage pipes, but none of those available, do this. Cllr. Disney contacted Mr W. Murdoch who pointed out that Western Power's reinstatement is unsatisfactory and also grips need reinstating. He confirmed there was a soak-away across the field entrance, but this must be presumed to have collapsed.
Cllr. Disney suggested the Parish Council offers to dig out a ditch connecting the field entrance to the area in the adjacent field from which water at present drains away, by way of a quid pro quo to encourage Mr Murdoch to reinstate the soak-away across the field entrance, which receives water from the ditch on the south side of Sproxton Road. The Parish Council agreed to pursue this, i.e. to relay this proposal to Mr Murdoch, and to obtain a quotation for the work.
 - 4.2 19.12/8.1 Cars parking at the Bus Stop: A sign has been produced which will be laminated and installed. Cllr. Wrigley will inform the bus driver of recent discussions and the imminent sign. Cllr. Burrows offered to post information on the Skillington Facebook page.
5. **Planning applications:**
 - 5.1. S19/1346 Western Power Distribution (East Midlands) PLC, Land south of Skillington: *Installation of new 33KV overhead lines consisting of 3 conductors on wooden poles.* Pending decision by SKDC.
 - 5.2. S19/2249 Mr I Hendrie, The Old Post Office, The Square: *To fell 4 leylandii trees.* Work allowed.
 - 5.3. S20/0027 Buckminster Trust Estate, The Abbey, Park Lane: *To fell a group of Lawson Cypress and prune Lawson Cypress trees.* Work allowed.
 - 5.4. PL/0121/18 Mineral Site: Proposed Skillington Quarry. Mr J Spencer. Withdrawn application.
 - 5.5. S20/0044 Mr and Mrs Johnson, Shepherds Barn, The Square: *Remove annual growth from Cherry Laurel.*
Work allowed.
 - 5.6. S18/0735 Query over advertised properties not as conditional permission granted. *A resident has made SKDC and the Parish Council aware of this and will remain vigilant.*
 - 5.7. S20/0132 revisions to S18/2237 and PL0076/18 We have had no notification of this. Cllr. Bellamy will send the Parish Council further details.
 - 5.8. Any late Planning Applications submitted: None.
6. **Cemetery:**

Signed: Chairman

Date

- 6.1. Cllr. Disney met Mr Murdoch, who has agreed in principle to a cemetery extension, at no cost, subject to the Parish Council paying his legal and any other fees that may be incurred. Mr Murdoch requires a note of how many plots are currently remaining.
- 6.2. Cemetery charges. It was agreed that there should be no increase for 2020.
- 6.3. Any maintenance or other matters arising: None.

7. Payments and Accounts:

- 7.1 Bank Balances at 25th January 2020:
 - 7.1.1. Yorkshire Bank a/c: £2647.62 after invoices paid.
 - 7.1.2. Melton Mowbray Business 100 Day Notice a/c: balance is £12733.35
- 7.2. Income received in January: None.

<i>Date of Receipt</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>

- 7.3 Invoices due for payment in January.

<i>Date of Payment</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Date & Minute No. of Approval</i>	<i>Net Amount £</i>	<i>VAT £</i>	<i>Total Amount £</i>
31.12.19	Colsterworth & District Parish Council	Community Cleaner: December 2019 (including emptying of 4 dog bins @ £2.50/bin/2 x month	6.10.14 Page 2091 Item 8.6	131.11		131.11

- 8 **Clerk's Report:** The Clerk has received two quotes for this season's mowing and is awaiting a third. It was agreed to continue with BDG Mowing, unless Environment SK could produce a lower quotation.

9 Matters to be discussed at this meeting:

- 9.1 Burnt out cars – incident on 12.1.20. Cllr. Burrows informed the Parish Council that she had reported these cars to the relevant District Councils and they have been removed.
- 9.2 Training has been booked for Cllr. Burrows. All Councillors will then have attended a training course.

- 10 **District and County Councillor's Reports.** Cllr. Bellamy reported the new Local Plan has been adopted. More sites for travellers are needed. There are no plans for large residential sites in this area. The Parish Council will need to see if the Neighbourhood Development Plan is still in order.

- 11 **Any matters arising at the discretion of the Chairman.** Grit bins on Stonepit Lane and at The Methodist Church need to be refilled. PCSO Bowden mentioned a number of Transit vans and Land Rovers were being stolen and asked members to be vigilant. He was pleased that there has been a vast reduction in off-road bikes in Twyford Wood which, hopefully, will not impact of the number of vehicles on Buckminster Lane/The Viking Way. Signage was discussed to clarify the vehicles permitted. There have been some arrests in respect of the recent lead thefts.

- 12 **The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd March 2020 at Skillington Village Hall.

Signed: Chairman

Date