

Minutes of the Meeting of Skelton Parish Council held on Thursday 23rd March 2017 at Skelton Village Hall which commenced at 7.30 p.m.

Actions

16.115 Present:

Councillors: Watt (Chair), Lumley, Boulton, J Linfoot, Stead
 Ward Councillors 0
 Public: 1

16.116 Apologies for absence

Councillors: Hayton, C Linfoot, L Mansell, A Mansell
 It was **resolved** to accept the apologies.
 Ward Councillors: Gillies, Steward

16.117 Declarations of interest

None

16.118 Previous Minutes

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23rd February 2017 as a true record.

16.119 Open Forum

1. Village Matters and Police Report

Members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team attended and briefed the meeting about the burglaries that occurred earlier in the month and the Police response to them.

While they were not able to go into details they reassured the meeting that they recognise how worrying it has been for residents and that all the burglaries are being investigated.

After the second burglary the number of patrols was increased and additional officers were brought in both to help with the investigations and to bolster the Police presence in the area.

They recommended that residents sign up to Community Messaging, a free service which sends alerts about suspicious activity or crimes in the local area. Messages can be received by phone, email, text message or mobile app. More information is available on www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.org.

The team offered to run more property marking events if residents wanted them. They also agreed to provide information to go into the newsletter.

Councillor Boulton raised a question about a "999" call she had made which had not been responded to. The Sergeant promised to follow it up and report back.

Councillor Linfoot said he had been impressed by the way the team had responded to a break-in at a neighbouring property.

The Chairman thanked the NPT members for coming to the meeting.

2. Ward and City Council matters

The Chairman had attended the City's recent Parish Council liaison meeting at which they gave an update on progress with the Local Plan. The MoD recently announced that they will be closing Strensall barracks by 2021 and the Fulford Headquarters by 2031. Because this is such a large area of land it needs to be incorporated into the Plan so the City is reviewing their proposals. This means that the consultation timetable will have to be revised.

3. The Litter Picker's Report

He noted that the front garden at 2, Grange Close has been substantially tidied up.

Dog fouling is still a problem. The meeting was reminded that, at the last meeting, Paul Morrison from the City recommended that every incident of fouling should be reported; this can be by phone to 01904 551550 or on the website. Reports can be made anonymously.

4. Matters raised by the public and Councillors:
There were no matters raised.

16.120 Matters arising from the minutes

1. Cemetery:

The Clerk reported that, despite the prolonged period of rain during the week, there was no standing water in the cemetery.

We are still trying to get quotes for repairing the roadside wall.

It was decided that it was no longer necessary to keep this as a standing item and just to report on individual works as they occur.

2. Del Monte development (standing item)

There was nothing new to report.

3. Neighbourhood Plan (NP) (standing item)

There will be no further activity until the City progresses the Local Plan.

4. Local Plan (standing item)

This was covered under Ward and City Council matters; 119.2 above.

5. Playground

The Clerk reported that he now has the necessary information to place an order for a new "No dogs" sign.

Clerk

6. Tree work by the Pond

The work has been completed very satisfactorily.

7. Newsletter

It was decided to plan to distribute the newsletter by the end of April.

Boulton

8. Village Maintenance Contract

The Clerk reported that he had followed-up references for the shortlisted companies and all had been satisfactory.

It was **resolved** to appoint TR Landscapes for one year with the option to extend for a further two if their work is to a satisfactory standard.

Clerk

- 16.121 Receive and decide on necessary action resulting from verbal report from the Clerk or Councillors on matters in hand
No matters were raised.

16.122 Planning

1. New Applications

- a. 17/00605/TPO – Appletree House, St. Giles Rd. – Various works to Beech, Ash and Walnut tree protected by Tree Preservation Order - it was **resolved** not to object

Clerk

- b. 17/00645/TCA - Elwithe House, YO30 1XR - Various tree works including the felling of a Silver Birch, Norway Maple and Mountain Ash in a Conservation Area - it was **resolved** not to object

- c. 17/00647/TPO - Elwithe House, YO30 1XR - Crown lift by removal of 6 to 7 branches from Beech tree protected by Tree Preservation Order No: CYC38 - it was **resolved** not to object

2. Updates to applications:

- a. 16/02832/FUL – 12 The Village - Two storey and single storey side and rear extensions, amendments to the original proposal - approved

3. Infringements

The suspected infringements by the developments at "Grandchester",

Stripe Lane and 3 The Dell were reported to the City and the reports acknowledged. As is normal practice, we do not expect to hear any more until the City's investigations have been completed.

16.123 Financial Matters

1. It was **resolved** to receive and approve the reports on the Council's financial position as at 27th February 2017.
2. Council noted the following receipts:
 - a. Reservation and burial and payments / charges: £580.00
 - b. Yorkshire Water, Cemetery supply £3.98
3. It was **resolved** to approve for payment the following: -
 - a. Litter Picker's salary for February £69.00
 - b. Clerk's salary and expenses for February inc. VAT £9.98 £610.95
 - c. Tax for February £61.60
 - d. HCI Ltd., Renewal of domain name inc. VAT £18.25 (28/2/17, 15172) £109.50
 - e. D Lofthouse, Tree works at the pond inc. VAT £0.00 (13/317) £1,100.00
4. Additional items circulated at the meeting
 - a. LJD, Accessible path onto The Orchard inc VAT £410.00 (2017-03-17, LJD144) £2,460.00
 - b. YLCA, Annual subscription inc VAT £0.00 £412.00

16.124 New Items and correspondence for consideration or decision
There were no matters raised.

16.125 Minor Matters delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda.
The Clerk was asked to contact the City to ask when the litter bin will be replaced by the bus shelter.

16.126 It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 27th April 2017 starting at 19:30 following the Annual Parish Assembly which will begin at 19:00.

Clerk