

Minutes of the Meeting of Skelton Parish Council held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 at  
Skelton Village Hall which commenced at 7.30 p.m.

		Actions
Present:		
Councillors:	CLlr Hayton (chair), CLlr C Linfoot (vice-chair), CLlrs Boulton, J Linfoot, Lumley, A Mansell, L Mansell and Stead	
Public:	6	
Clerk:	K de Vries	
<b>18013.</b>	Apologies for absence Councillors: 0 Ward Councillors: CLlrs Steward and Gillies	
<b>18014.</b>	Declarations of interest None	
<b>18015.</b>	Previous Minutes It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 as a true record.	
<b>18016.</b>	Open Forum	
	1. Village Matters and parishioners' questions.	
	a. The chair reported that representatives of Barratt Homes had shown Councillors and two members of the Village Trust initial pre-application plans for 77 houses on the former Del Monte site. Councillors raised the issue of the A19 access to the site.	
	b. A parishioner mentioned damage to the verges caused by vehicles driving over the Church Lane corner of the green. It was noted that this problem also occur elsewhere in the village.	
	c. John Sutherland attended to provide background information regarding the provision of a defibrillator in Skelton. He said that research shows that ambulances often arrive too late to provide a timely response to cardiac arrests. He mentioned that the Lions will fund up to £600. A lockable metal box would be required.	
	2. Report from Ward Councillors None	
	3. Police Report No crimes were reported for January. CLlr L Mansell had attended a police/parish councils meeting. CLlr Mansell commented that it had been very useful to exchange information with other parishes. Other villages had successfully dealt with dog waste problems by installing bag dispensers and had used speed guns to reduce speed in villages. Another meeting is to be held in 4 to 6 weeks.	
	4 The Litter Picker's Report The remains of a tyre and mudguard had been found on the grass verge along the A19. The playground is extremely wet at this time of year. A resident reported that children had attempted to vandalise play equipment and that she had asked them to desist.	
<b>18017.</b>	To consider candidates for co-option and decide on any necessary action No candidates had come forward. It was agreed councillors would let residents know about the vacancy.	Councillors
<b>18018.</b>	To receive and decide necessary action on the following matters	
	1. Neighbourhood Plan (standing item) The clerk had circulated an email with links to the neighbourhood plans in nearby	Clerk

parishes.

2. Local Plan (standing item)

Consultation is currently taking place about the Local Plan Publication Draft. Councillors raised concerns that the proposed allocations will add to existing traffic problems. Cllr Hayton to take the lead on writing a response.

Cllr  
Hayton

3. Path through The Orchard and Pasture and street lighting.

Cllr C Linfoot, Cllr Lumley and the Clerk had met a contractor to discuss the works. A series of quotations were received and further ones were expected. The chair allowed a parishioner to speak who expressed a preference for moving the bench from between streetlight 5 and 6 to between 4 and 5. The chair reported that several parties had mentioned the lighting along the pasture with him. It was discussed that any additional lighting would impact on residents in abutting bungalows.

Clerk

4. Cemetery improvements

The clerk had agreed with the contractor that the outstanding works, pointing some of the cemetery walls, reinstating the water supply and seeding the verge are to be completed as soon as is practical.

Clerk

5. Correspondence regarding ambulance land at Fairfield, Shipton Lane, Skelton.

The chair had contacted the agent. The access was considered to be the most problematic part about the proposed development.

6. Compilation of newsletter

Cllr Boulton asked for contributions from other councillors.

Councillors

**18019** Receive and decide on necessary action resulting from verbal reports from the Clerk or Councillors  
None.

**18020** Planning

1. New Applications

a. 18/00272/TCA Crookhill Cottage, The Village Skelton York YO30 1XY. Crown reduce Willow by 60% in a Conservation Area. No objections.

Clerk

2. Planning applications decided by City of York Council

a. 17/02814/FUL – Woodstock Lodge, Corban Lane. Change of use of barn from storage and maintenance of classical vehicles to wedding venue. Approved.

b. 17/02764/TCA Notification to remove 2no. conifer and prune 1no. cherry in a Conservation Area. Decision not to make a Tree Protection Order.

c. 17/02911/FUL - 3 The Dell. Variation of condition 2,5 and 11 and removal of condition 4 of permitted application 15/01473/FUL to add an extra room at basement level, including cycle parking, increase height of dwelling, alter design and distribution of windows and include an electric vehicle recharging socket. Approved despite Parish Council objections.

d. 18/00043/TCA - 4 The Wheelhouse Skelton York YO30 1GY. Fell Hazel tree in a Conservation Area. Decision not to make a Tree Protection Order.

e. 17/02466/FUL17 Grange Close. Two storey side extension, single storey side and front extension, formation of new driveway and new entrance to Grange Close. Approved.

3. Planning enforcement and other matters related to planning

None.

**18021** Financial Matters

1. It was RESOLVED to approve the reports on the Council's financial position at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

A list of bank transactions from 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to 22<sup>th</sup> February 2018 was checked by the Chairman.

2. Council noted the following receipts:

None

and payments / charges:

None

3. It was RESOLVED to confirm the following payments: -

a. Wybone. Invoice for bench including VAT £102.70	£616.20
b. Income tax for January	£97.60
c. Brid Build part payment of invoice including VAT £916.67	£5500.00

4. It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

a. Previous clerk's salary and expenses for January including VAT £0.00 [transition costs]	£241.76
b. Litter picker's salary for January	£89.90
c. Clerk's salary for January	£488.78
d. Park Lane Playgrounds inspection including VAT £7.00	£42.00
e. HCI invoice for website services including VAT £5.30	£31.80
e. Income tax for January	£4.35

5 There were no additional items circulated at the meeting.

6 To consider online banking facilities.  
To be deferred.

**18022** New Items and correspondence for consideration or decision

1.To consider the request from the chair of the Friends of Skelton School for permission to hold an annual village fair on the pasture.

Clerk

Councillors welcomed the event and agreed to give permission for the event. The organiser would be asked to provide the parish council with proof of insurance cover. To cover the Parish Council against litigation, Councillor Lumley suggested City of York Council be consulted by its organisers for guidance on holding this event.

2.To consider quotation for installation works of village signs for £ 540.90 +VAT.

Clerk

It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation. Clerk to request that the old signs are retained.

3. To consider the quotation from Park Lane Playgrounds for maintenance works to play equipment. Councillors considered the quotation in the light of the ROSPA report received in September 2017. It was considered that the items were described a low risk in the ROSPA report and that therefore none of the items needed immediate action.

Clerk

4.To consider the provision of a defibrillator with some funding from the Lions.

Clr Hayton

It was agreed to gather further information before the next meeting.

5.To consider correspondence and quotation from HCI for £250 + VAT for works relating to the General Data Protection Regulation.

It was decided to defer the item to the next meeting.

6.To receive correspondence from Barratt Homes regarding Residential Development on the former Del Monte site.

It was decided to write to the City of York to request a meeting regarding changes to the road layout of the A19.

Clerk

**18023.** Minor Matters delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda

None

**18024.** It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 starting at 19:30.

The meeting closed at 20:53pm.