

Minutes of the Meeting of Skelton Parish Council held on Thursday 27th
September 2018 at Skelton Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors: Cllr Hayton (chair), Cllr C. Linfoot, Gossow, J Linfoot, Lumley, Stead

Public: 7

Clerk: K de Vries

Actions

- 18107 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received and accepted for A and L Mansell and Ward Councillors
- 18108 Declarations of interests
None
- 18109 Previous minutes
It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30th August 2018 and the extra ordinary meeting held on 12th September 2018 as a true record.
- 18110 Open Forum
- 1 Village Matters and parishioners' questions.
A resident brought to the Council's attention that a lighting column in the playground is obscured by a tree canopy. Moreover, they suggested that a wreath for the WW1 commemoration be laid. They also mentioned that an area of grass at the Cemetery had been left to go wild. Councillor Lumley responded that he had asked for this area of grass to be cut. Another resident reiterated the problems resulting from the closing off of a snicket and parking area to the rear of Gregory Close. Councillors had visited the site and agreed that there was fly tipping. The Clerk was asked to contact the appropriate officers at the City of York.
 - 2 Police Report
Two police officers attended the meeting to give further information about Skelton's safety compared to other areas in York and about Operation Collaborate and Op Joypad. A resident raised that a car had its rear glass pane broken in St Catherine's Close. The car had been parked on a private drive.
 - 3 Report from Ward Councillors
Deferred.
 - 4 The Litter Picker's Report
The overgrown area in the verge along the A19 inland between St Giles and Fairfield Drive, York had not been removed yet. The litter picker also reported that a tunnel underneath a piece of equipment in the playground had splinters around the ring and that the ring needed replacement. He also mentioned that the rubber matting in this area was a trip hazard. Moreover, the grass along the length of footpath should be cut. He also mentioned that the Village Trust would plant crocus bulbs.
- 18111 To consider candidates for co-option
A potential candidate was welcomed to and attended the meeting.
- 18112 To receive and decide necessary action on the following matters
- 1 Works on the path through the Orchard and Pasture.
Works are progressing very slowly and it was observed that some of the security fencing around the site had become dislodged. Councillors suggested that a footpath diversion sign

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	would be required. Councillors observed that the addition of lighting to the path works had caused further delays although this should not delay the path itself. The contractor had requested a first instalment of 30 per cent. It was RESOLVED to make a payment of 30 per cent of the contracted sum, £5323.40. Councillors requested that the clerk urge the contractor to commit to an end date.	Clerk
2	To receive quotation for arboricultural works on the pasture and in front of Ratcliffe Court. A quotation had been received from Tony Castle for £520 to carry out crown lifting to trees that obscure the streetlights as well as crown reductions to oaks over the footpath and in front of Ratcliffe Court. It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation. The clerk was asked to ask Tony Castle to add works to the single tree obscuring the light in the playground to his list and to authorise this as long as the cost does not exceed £200. The clerk was asked to remind the tree surgeon that the oak in front of Ratcliffe Court has a TPO. Councillors noted Tony Castle's offer of a donation of 2 new trees, one apple tree and one oak and asked the clerk to accept with thanks.	Clerk
3	To discuss options for a new notice board and to decide on a suitable location. The clerk raised that any open notice board needs to be made to order. The clerk was asked to approach neighbouring parish councils to request information regarding their notice boards. It was decided to situate the notice board at the end of Breck's Lane. The possibility of ward funding for the notice board was discussed.	Clerk
4	It was noted that the defibrillator had now been ordered. Councillors asked the Clerk to contact electricians for a quote to install the defibrillator.	Clerk
5	To receive update on obstructions and fly tipping on the path to the rear of Gregory Close. Councillors had visited the site. The resident who had raised this issue provided a land registry plan of the exact area. It was noted that it is most likely that the City of York should be approached. Councillors Hayton and Linfoot would have a meeting and after that the Council would pursue the matter further copying in ward councillor Steward. The clerk would contact Alison Newbould of the City of York.	Councillors Hayton and C. Linfoot. Clerk
18113	Receive and decide on necessary action resulting from verbal reports from the Clerk or Councillors An email was received from Haxby and Wiggington against Fracking, who asked parishes to respond to a Government consultation regarding fracking and permitted development. The deadline for response is 22 October 2018. The clerk will respond on behalf of the Council.	Clerk
18114	Planning 1 New Applications a.18/01558/REMM - Erection of 78 no. dwellings, areas of open space, access road and associated infrastructure pursuant to outline approval 14/01478/OUTM. Former Del Monte Site, Skelton Park Trading Estate. Councillors discussed the open space that is not included in this planning application. It was noted that the developer had promised new plans by next month. Councillor Steward had written that erecting a fence around the open space should be avoided. Further concerns about the road layout and the effect on adjacent residents were discussed. A reduction of the speed limit would reduce the concerns. Councillor Hayton will respond to Councillor Steward that the large area of open space (POS) should be included in the application. It was RESOLVED that a representative on behalf of Skelton Parish Council will speak at the Planning Committee meeting when the application will be determined. b. 18/01900/FUL Woodstock Lodge Corban Lane. Formation of hard standing for mobile catering units in association with approved wedding venue. It was RESOLVED to object to the creation of 500 m2 of hard standing for the placement of mobile units in the green belt and next to a water way. c. 18/01901/FUL Woodstock Lodge Corban Lane. Erection of gazebo and change of use	Clerk

of land from paddock to recreational use in association with approved wedding venue. It was RESOLVED to object against the change of a green field, from a paddock, appropriate green belt use, to a business use.

d.18/02023/TCA. 6A The Village. Fell 5 no. Conifer trees in a Conservation Area. All councillors declared an interest and therefore the Council will not respond.

18/02011/FUL. 1 Skelton Spring Cottages. Shipton Road. Single storey side and rear extension and detached garage. No objections.

18/02160/FUL. 11 Moorlands Road. Single storey rear extension and alterations to existing detached garage. No objections.

2 Planning applications decided by City of York Council
None.

3 Other matters related to planning

a. Residential Development on the former Del Monte site.

b. Residential development of ambulance land at Fairfields, Shipton Lane, Skelton. None.

c. Neighbourhood Plan (standing item). None.

d. Local Plan (standing item). At the ward meeting the lack of additional infrastructure to accompany the additional housing was raised.

e. Affordable housing provision in Skelton. Councillors discussed the mail that had gone to every house in Skelton to ask about the need for affordable homes. The Clerk reminded councillors about the seminar about affordable housing provision to be held on 16 October.

18115 Financial Matters

1 It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and report on the Council's financial position at 30th August 2018.

2 Council noted the following receipts:

Interest Business Premium Account 4 Jun-2Sept	£ 21.06
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3 It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments: -

a. Salaries and expenses Sept [BACS]	£ 647.87
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b. Rymans printing paper, stamps, other stationary [BACS] incl VAT £5.72	£ 41.21
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c. Sleightholm Landscapes Inv. 98 [BACS] incl VAT £202.65	£1215.90
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d. ROSPA Play Safety. Invoice 38371 [BACS] incl VAT £18.90	£ 113.40
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e. SLCC Fee for CiLCA course [BACS]	£ 250
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f. Bridbuild 30 % of sum for path [BACS] Incl VAT £887.24	£5323.40
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4 The chair noted that the Council is increasingly using internet banking rather than cheques for its payments. The council's bank operates a system that allow the clerk to enter the payment instruction and for a councillor to authorise these payments. Two other councillors can access the internet banking to view and check at any time. The clerk issues a list of payments and invoices to councillors in advance of the meeting.

18116 Revised NALC Standing Orders.
Deferred.

18117 Correspondence

1 The next meeting of the York Branch of the YLCA will be on 4 October 2018.

2 Updated Cemetery Rules.

It was RESOLVED to approve the rules subject to amending the width of headstones.

3 The RoSPA inspection report had highlighted the damage to the facing ring for the tunnel, the trip hazards of the safety matting underneath the Junior Swing and on the bridge and a number of small items. The clerk was asked to seek quotations for carrying out the repair works. It was observed that a member of the public had cleaned the bird mess from the

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basket. Councillor Stead will contact Vermex.

- 3 The purchase and installation of a concrete tennis table was deferred to the next financial year.

18118 Minor Matters delegated to the Clerk and items for the next agenda.
None

18119 It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Council will be on 25th October 2018 at 19:30.

The meeting closed at 21:20

Councillor
Stead