

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Skelton Parish Council held on Thursday 24th October 2019 at Skelton Village Hall at 19.30

Present:

Councillors: Cllrs Watt (Chairman), Gossow, Kitson, J Linfoot, Mansell, Stead, Watson

Ward Councillor: Councillor Hook

Public: 6

Clerk: K de Vries

- 19117 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 19118 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received and approved from Councillors C Linfoot and Cllr Lawn.
- 19119 To receive declarations of interest and dispensation requests
None
- 19120 It was RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th September 2019 as a true record.
- 19121 It was RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting to hold the Open Forum
- 1 Police Report
One incident of anti-social behaviour was reported. Two male salesmen were reported knocking on doors of elderly residents.
 - 2 Report of ward councillor
Councillor Hook reported that a bin would be placed near the entrance of the playing field.
 - 3 The Litter Picker's Report
The litter picker reported that the worst litter areas continued to be the play area and the area around the pond. An unauthorised vehicle had continued to use the sports field causing deep ruts in the grass surface.
 - 4 Village Matters and parishioners' questions.
None.
- The Open Forum was closed and the meeting resumed.
- 19122 To consider eligibility of the Parish Council to use the General Power of Competence.
The clerk had passed CiLCA with two out of five units graded 'exemplary submission'. Now the clerk holds CiLCA, the Council had met all criteria for General Power of Competence, introduced by the Localism Act 2011. The power allows the council to do anything an individual can do unless specifically prohibited by legislation. As 7 of 9 councillors were elected in May 2019, Skelton Parish Council has met all criteria for eligibility and it CONFIRMED BY RESOLUTION the General Power of Competence.
- 19123 To receive and decide necessary action on the following village and playground matters
- 1 To receive quotations for play equipment repairs
No quotations had been received yet.

- 2 To consider quotations for a tree survey within the village
Deferred to seek more than one quotation.
 - 3 To consider quotations for the replacement of the gate at the entrance of the sports field
Two quotations had been received, one for a replacement gate with a wicket fence and a second quotation involves the repair of the existing gate as well as the addition of a separate pedestrian gate to the side of the existing gate. The Council RESOLVED to accept the quotations for the repair of the existing gate, adding a separate pedestrian gate to the side for £1100 ex VAT, subject to the clerk checking that sufficient space exists to install a pedestrian gate.
 - 4 To consider revised quotations for two village signs
It was RESOLVED to accept the Signarama quotation for £232.09 for two village signs. Mr Dunn had kindly agreed to attach one of the signs on Stripe Lane.
 - 5 To consider cutting the hedge between the Pasture and The Village.
It was RESOLVED to ask Sleightholm Landscapes to carry out another cut to this hedge.
 - 6 To receive an update regarding the overhanging hedges along The Vale and St Giles Road.
Councillor Hook had passed on the concerns to the City of York.
- 19124 To receive and consider a report from the Cemetery Advisory Panel and decide on any necessary action
- 1 To consider quotations for the removal of woodworm in the new cemetery Lych gate.
A quotation had been received but the contractor, Mr Backhouse, had raised that the bottom of the gate was rotten. It was RESOLVED to accept the quotation for woodworm treatment of the gate for £144 and thereafter seek quotations for repair of the gate.
 - 2 To consider a quotation for the removal of soil and concrete from the compound.
Councillor Stead had received one quotation. The clerk was asked to seek more quotations.
 - 3 To consider action to limit paraphernalia on graves
This item was deferred for discussion after the meeting.
- 19125 Planning
- 1 New Applications
 - a. 19/01791/FUL Woodstock Weddings and Events. Woodstock Lodge Corban Lane. Single storey extension to wedding venue with alterations to external elevations, addition of patio doors and reconfiguration of car park layout (part retrospective). It was RESOLVED to object on grounds of inappropriate development in green belt. Councillor Hook was asked to call it in.
 - 2 Planning applications decided by City of York Council
 - a. 19/01459/LBC Skelton Hall, The Village. Works to roof to replace and repair rotten timbers and guttering, replace all faces of roof with Welsh slate, update leadwork, remove chimney stack and install rooflights. Approved.
 - b. 18/01901/FUL Woodstock Lodge. Corban Lane. Erection of gazebo and change of use of land from paddock to recreational use in association with approved wedding venue. Withdrawn.
 - c. 18/02763/FUL Woodstock Weddings and Events. Woodstock Lodge. Corban Lane. Single storey extension to wedding venue. Withdrawn.
 - 3 Other matters related to planning
 - a. City of York Local Plan. The public examination will commence on 10 December.
 - b. Former Del Monte Site, Skelton Park Trading Estate
 1. Condition applications for 14/01478/OUTM:
 - a. AOD/19/00224 Conditions 8, 10, 15, 22 and 23. Revised plans and landscape management plan dated 9 August and 4 September 2019. Approved.
 2. To receive an update on road works on A19 Shipton Road and the A19 traffic islands.
A response had been received from the City of York Transport Projects department in answer to the parish council request to remove the tall weeds in the traffic islands and

whether it was possible to sow wildflowers. They stated that wildflower matting was considered too expensive and they would arrange for the weeds to be treated.

- c. 19/00509/FUL The Coach House Church Lane. Conversion of existing dwelling into 2no. dwellings with associated parking and landscaping. To note response from enforcement that planning rules had not been breached and that therefore no enforcement action would be undertaken.
- d. To consider three applications to record a footpath DMMO Ref No. 201805:-
 - 1. Skelton- Village Hall to Moorlands Road
 - 2. Skelton- Hurns Bridge to Moorland Wood
 - 3. Skelton- Brecksfield to Burtree Dam
 Skelton Village Trust had carried out research to support these applications. It was RESOLVED to support the registration of the paths. The chairman thanked Mr Jackson for his applications to register the paths.

19126 Financial Matters and Governance

- 1 It was RESOLVED to approve the bank reconciliation and the budget versus accounting figures to 27 September 2019.
- 2 Council noted the following receipts:
 - a. Precept second half £ 9000
- 3 It was RESOLVED to confirm the following payments:-
 - a. Playsafety ROSPA playground inspection [BACS] £ 115.80
Incl VAT £19.30
- 3 It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments: -
 - a. Salaries, office costs and expenses October [BACS] £ 668.05
 - b. Home Working Allowance clerk October £ 18
 - c. Bitdefender renewal internet security and anti-virus protection £ 35
 - d. YLCA, invoice for councillor guides [BACS] £ 24.93
 - e. Signarama Two village signs [BACS] £ 232.09
Incl VAT £38.68
 - f. Andrew Brind Ltd. Architectural Blacksmith. Repair goals [BACS] £ 174
Incl VAT £29.-
 - g. City of York Commercial waste charge [BACS] £ 33.54

- 19127 To consider the following items and correspondence received and decide action:
 - 1 Correspondence from YLCA regarding VE day on 8 May 2020 had been received. A discussion took place. It was agreed that any action would be coordinated with Skelton Village Trust.
 - 2 The Council noted correspondence from Friends of the Earth with 20 climate actions for towns and parish councils.

19128 It was noted that the next meeting will be held at Skelton Village Hall on Thursday 28th November 2019 at 19:30.

The meeting closed at 20:31pm.

Chairman's signature:

Date of approval: