

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Skellingthorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th December 2020 at 7.00pm remotely and convened under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

Present: Cllr Walshaw (Chair), Cllrs: C Lamb T Richardson, C. Coyle-Fox, C. Shaw, G Lawton, L Fear, R Thorn, and J Thorn

District Councillors C Goldson and County Councillor M Thompson. Cllr R Johnston logged on but then due to problems wasn't able to log on again

Clerks: L. Skinner and M Rouston

**1. Apologies for absence and reasons given.**

Cllrs Bunnage, Wormleighton and Samms (Unable to connect to Zoom)

**2. To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the requirements the Localism Act 2011, and to consider any applications for dispensations in relation to disclosable pecuniary interest: None**

**3. To Inspect the Parish Council Insignia – Inspected**

**4. Chairs Report** Chair welcomed all and gave thanks for all that had been involved with the Christmas lights around the Community areas. Council had received many brilliant comments and wished all a Very Merry Christmas.

**5. Clerks Report** RFO reported on the appointment of the new Internal Auditor who had done her first Audit, and reported that the Auditor was very happy with her findings along with the Office procedures which she advised were very easy to follow. A written report would be sent to Council shortly. A further visit was booked for April 2021. Also Council was advised of the Parish Office closure over the festive period.

**6. Approve Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

All Councillors had received a copy and it was proposed and seconded to accept with All in Favour

**Motion Carried**

**7. Approve Accounts for November 2020**

All Councillors had received copies; the RFO advised on Income and expenditure and having no queries it was Proposed, Seconded and all in favour.

**Motion Carried**

**8. Neighbourhood Planning**

Chair proposed to continue looking into Neighbourhood Planning and proposed to budget for £500 to employ a consultant for a meeting with the Council to advise on the advantages of a Neighbourhood Planning for the village this was seconded with one Abstention 8 in favour. It was noted that future grants may not be available, therefore time was imperative

**Motion Carried**

**9. Reports from District Councillor and County Councillor**

**County Cllr M Thompson** reported County Councils December meeting. He advised that £110m has been allocated for the Southern/Hykeham section of the Lincolnshire Bypass to enable the Eastern Bypass to be completed. From 1<sup>st</sup> December free flu vaccinations are extended to 50-65 year olds and he advised the importance of getting these vaccinations during Covid times. He thanked the Parish Council on the good work regarding the Christmas lights, along with the Community Centre providing lights, via an anonymous donor, for the Youth Hall. His best wishes were offered to the Council with the hope of a better 2021 for all.

**District Councillor Johnston** had sent a report previous to the meeting. This involved Planning Reforms and Boundary Commissions, issues regarding the Rendering Plant and the Western Growth Corridor application that had been rejected.

**District Councillor Goldson** advised that NKDC full meeting was being held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. He reiterated District Councillor Johnston's report. There would be a further report early January 2021 on the Western Growth Corridor. He gave thanks to MP Karl McCartney for his work on obtaining the grant for the completion of the Bye-pass through to North Hykeham. He also advised that all should take up vaccinations that are available.

**10. Report from Precept Meeting and approve 2021 Budget** RFO advised all had a copy of the minutes and the accounts etc. which she went through. Proposed an increase of 2.5% which would not create a great change to the amount payable by the residents. The forms will be received from NKDC in January, which will then ascertain the amount a Band D house will pay. It was proposed and seconded with All in Favour to accept the increase. **Motion Carried**

**a) Proposal to consider to purchase Groundsman a vehicle for work around village**

There followed a discussion on the merits of purchasing such vehicle along with the implications of housing and insuring said vehicle. It was proposed to look into this matter and bring back onto January Agenda. Also proposed to look into this over a three month period. It was also suggested that Groundsman look into adding Business use on his Car Insurance and the Council to pay any extra premium.

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**b) Proposal to accept 2.5% Increase on 2021 Budget and Precept. Motion Carried as above**

**11. Pavilion**

**a) Report on recent vandalism on Roof.** Council were advised on further vandalism This had been repaired by local firm. Chair suggested that the Veranda Roof to be taken down, which in turn would give us a set of spare tiles if required, and give better visibility from CCTV cameras. It was felt there would not be a large cost for this. Proposed, seconded with All in Favour to look at this with costings and bring back to January Agenda

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**12. Community Car Park**

**a) Alterations to Car Park entrance**

Chair advised on the bad visibility at the Car Park entrance to the main road, and proposed to reduce the hedging by around 2/3 metres up to the brickwork on the culvert. Clerks to get a quote from Continental our current hedging contractor.

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It was also discussed to have a new speed sign at the car park entrance which would check speeds for ingress and exiting the village with power supplied from the Heritage Room. **January Agenda**

**b) Car Park Repairs**

Quotes had been obtained from two company for the repair to the middle strip from the Youth Centre to the end of Car Park near playground. Clerks had written to one company asking for full details of the work they would do for their costings, but no reply as yet. Further quote required for another company.

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**13. New Fencing to replace rotten wooden bollards**

Two quotes had been received One being with supply only of materials and one for supply of materials and installation. Chair asked for Council to think about this over the Christmas break as to whether this is needed or whether to have concrete bollards.

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**Any other business**

Chair had sent all Councillors details of other cameras to be placed at Car Park entrance, it was noted that it was favourable to hand held cameras used by volunteers, which could cause problems. Costings to be brought to next meeting.

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**15. Submission to Chat**

Council was advised that there would be a Chat for February, but wasn't sure on any future copies following on from the death of Marion.

**17. To resolve to go into Closed Session – not required.**

**18. Close of Business Meeting closed at 8.00pm**

Signed .....  
Chair

Dated 27 JAN 2021

