

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Skellingthorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 26th January 2021 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 To be Ratified at the Parish Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

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

**District Councillors** C Goldson and R Johnston. **County Councillor** M Thompson.

**Clerks:** L. Skinner and M Rouston

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

**Cllrs Bunnage (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 spoke on the fact the Cllr Wormleighton and Lawton had resigned and spoke that Councillors are part of a team, and needs to be more hands on at all times, not just meetings. This would then ensure work required is met by all not just a few.

**5. Clerks Report** Council was advised on the new website and its availability, it is ongoing at the moment. We require profiles and photo's from Cllrs Lamb, Richardson and Shaw for the public to be aware of the Councillors for Skellingthorpe.

**6. Approve Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> December 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 December 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 advised that in Decembers meeting it had been proposed and approved to spend £500 for a Consultant to give advice and assistance regarding Neighbourhood Planning. Quotes had been obtained and Chair proposed for a Zoom meeting to be held with Fytche-Taylor and Council to discuss this matter and advise what a Neighbourhood Plan would mean to the Parish Council. It was seconded and all in Favour. Chair then advised there could be grants available for the works required to adopt a Neighbourhood Plan.

**Motion Carried**

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

**District Cllr R Johnston** gave recognition to the CHAT magazine, which will now cease in its current form after the death of Marion Seviour. The CHAT had done sterling work since its inception, and would now be taken over as **Skellingthorpe Matters** by Toucan publication. He spoke about the NKDC support package and the Gold Standard Award. Complimented the PC on their new website. The Rendering Plant and the odours and noise is still a big problem but being monitored, and complaints can still be placed with NKDC EP team. Western Growth will effect our village, with many more cars impacting the Skellingthorpe Roundabout, and discussed proposed possible pedestrian crossing at both roundabouts, but felt there should be an underpass.



He complimented the Chair of PC with regards to the Old Wood and Woodland Trust Management, who had consulted with them regarding the process of taking down dead ash in the wood.

**District Councillor C. Goldson** reiterated comments on the Western Growth, and its problems one being students accessing Lincoln schools no cycleway there. Also the problems of congestion of people visiting Daisy Made. Also reiterating the need of an underpass. It was felt that the Western Growth project will in time be called upon by the Secretary of State, and the project would not go ahead for a long time, and may require a public enquiry.

**County Councillor M Thompson** wished all the best for 2021, he echoed the comments on the CHAT magazine. He spoke about highways with potholes in the village and the flooding and advised the gritting teams carry out repairs to roads during the non-winter months. He had circulated LCC Green Master Plan with a You-Tube link, and the Covid Webinar had been very successful, with more information on the Health Watch site. East Midlands Ambulance service are asking for volunteers to sit on their panel. He also spoke on the Rendering Plant, Western Growth and Budgets

**10. Confirm Resolution for the 2021 Budget** RFO advised that the confirmation of the 2.5% increase to the precept was agreed in December meeting, but needed to be minuted in January's meeting before the Precept application forms were posted to NKDC. It was agreed, proposed and seconded to accept the 2.5% increase with all in favour. **Motion Carried**

**Cllr Fear** at this point asked about the December meeting proposal to purchase a vehicle for the groundsman to use during working hours. RFO informed that the Groundsman would prefer to use his own vehicle when needed and he was looking into adding Business Use to his insurance which the PC will reimburse any extra costs.

#### **11. Update on Community Centre and CIO**

RFO gave a resume on the progress along with details of a Zoom meeting held with Pam and Mike Connock with Councillors. She confirmed the work required to go forward with the CIO. A draft constitution had been sent to all Councillors, for them to look through and advise clerks of any amendments needed, before returning back to the Solicitors. Once this process has gone through there will be another Zoom meeting for all Councillors to discuss. A smooth transition was needed and Clerks are already working towards the administration side, which was explained to Council. Once the CIO is in place any running expenses would be paid from the Community Centre accounts, away from the Parish Council funds. There would be a requirement of a Management Committee for the Community Centre and it would be desired for members of the clubs etc booking the CC to be on this along with the PC Chair as Chair of the Management Committee with the clerks also to be on the committee. It was agreed that there was a requirement of employing a Cleaner/Caretaker to ensure the building is maintained and when necessary the opening up of the facility.

#### **12. Pavilion**

a) Report from meeting with builder on removing veranda  
Builders had looked at this work but still awaiting their quotes.


b) Repairs to Roof

This work had been carried out by a local roofing company, and paid for.  
Pavilion work still ongoing.

**13. Any other business**

None

**14. To resolve to go into Closed Session** – It was agreed to move into closed session to discuss Car Park Repairs, New Fencing and Cemetery Plinth work. At this point Cllrs Goldson, Johnston and Thompson left the meeting

Signed .....  ..... Date 23-02-21 .....

