

Certified Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Skellingthorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 23rd February 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 30th March 2021

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

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

Pam and Mike Connock

Clerks: L. Skinner and M Rouston

Pam and Mike Connock spoke to Council regarding their retirement from the Community Centre, they were impressed that the Parish Council would take on the management and administration of the Community Centre, and how quickly this was put into action and how far the CIO application was going. The Parish Council had showed concerns when it was obvious that there would be no-one interested in taking over the running the building, even after advertising in Chat Magazine and Facebook, therefore the Centre could not continue and may have had to close, without the assistance of the Parish Council.

Chair expressed the Council's gratitude to Mr and Mrs Connock for all their hard work over the past 30 years or so., and to ensure it carries on being an asset to the village it was the only way to go.

Meeting Commenced.

1. Apologies for absence and reasons given.

None

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: Cllr Bunnage advised Council that a Kindle had been purchased and loaned to her to enable her to participate with Zoom meetings. She wished to keep this Kindle for her own use and therefore would repay back to Council the funds used to purchase. RFO to sort this with Cllr Bunnage.

3. To Inspect the Parish Council Insignia – Inspected

4. Chairs Report Chair welcomed all, and advised that all have to work as a team as the Parish Council in these difficult times. He spoke on Chinese Whispers about an extension to the Community Centre going ahead, but to confirm there are no plans currently. He spoke about S106 monies, and the ongoing situation.

5. Clerks Report Council was advised on proposed roadworks by LCC in the period up to September 2021. Notification on the LALC Training Courses via Zoom. New Councillors need to attend the new Councillors Course, and she would advise of details when to hand.

6. Approve Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 26th January and Closed Session 26th January 2021

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

Motion Carried



7. Approve Accounts for January 2021

RFO advised on Income explaining income received for the Cemetery, which had been more than budgeted for, and Expenditure larger payments. Advising that grass cutting payments from LCC had been chased and eventually received from LCC. Accounts were Proposed Seconded all in favour.

Motion Carried

8. Reports from District Councillors and County Councillor

County Councillor M Thompson: advised that County Council in a virtual meeting had approved a Council Tax increase of 1.99% There is £12 million available to support businesses, and 12.3 million provided for road repairs. Both these have been funded from Council reserves. There was four grants available with details on the County Council's website.

Rendering Plant application had been passed unanimously. NKDC had accepted assurances about odours, noise and environmental issues. Although representations regarding concerns on site entrance and traffic, the committee considered the measure proposed by the applicant to be sufficient to address concerns. Cllr Thompson was asked questions regarding future working plans regarding working from home and Zoom meetings, and would these continue, he advised that he was sure adjustments would be met in line with current situation as they were more cost effective.

District Cllr R Johnston: Skellingthorpe Matters monthly magazine had been distributed and was well met. The Rendering Plant planning application had been passed by Lincolnshire C.C. but felt that points raised by the Parish Council and District Council had not been taken into account. There would still be problems with traffic and the fact the access road change was not a planning condition would not help with the situation. He spoke about the Western Growth application and the problems extra traffic will cause at the A46 Skellingthorpe roundabout.

Complaints had been placed regarding the bad parking at the Commercial Garage on Jerusalem Road.

District Cllr C Goldson: Spoke on the Refuse collections problems, which impacted onto village amenities. He was aggrieved on the lack of planning conditions of a new road into the new Rendering Plant at Skellingthorpe. The application at Norton Disney was rumoured to be going ahead, but the County Council had not yet received an application. He spoke on his support of a proposal by a resident for a new home on the playing field for use by Bowls and Football Club.

9. Community Centre CIO

RFO had sent all Councillors the revised CIO form previous asking for all Councillors to look at these before the meeting to enable the matter to be resolved at this meeting. She also went through the procedure and that the Community Centre and the Parish Council funds would be kept as separate items. Everything had to be completed legally, and therefore solicitors are involved to ensure all is correct and above board. It was proposed and seconded with all in favour to accept the amended CIO. RFO to send through to Solicitors and will update Council in March meeting.

Motion Carried

10. Pavilion Chair spoke about a Motion passed in 2019 regarding repairs to the Pavilion, where it was proposed and Motion Carried, to earmark £40k to bring the Pavilion up to date to a reasonable state. Some work was completed before the Covid lockdown. Other put on hold due to this. He spoke about a resident's proposal to build a new building to house the Bowls Club with use also by the Football Clubs, to be placed adjacent to the Bowls Club, this followed on from a request to residents to give ideas for the village amenities, this being the only idea put



forward. This would cost more in time as well as money. Chair asked for Council to vote either to rescind the 2019 Motion or to carry on with the Pavilion work as agreed in 2019. A discussion ensued about the for's and against of carrying on with the Pavilion refurbishment. Council Voted as 7 to carry on with Pavilion refurbishment 2 to rescind the 2019 Motion. **Motion Carried to carry on with Pavilion Refurbishment on Majority Vote.**

11. Pavilion Quotes

Quotes had been received for Decorating Pavilion, these to be discussed in item 17.

12. Village Projects

It was agreed that this had been discussed previously in the Agenda.

13. Website/Facebook

It was suggested that a Councillor take over the operation of the Website/Facebook account. The Parish Clerks advised that they would like to continue operating these from the Parish Office. They felt there would be complications of access to parish files on the computer and concerns on security if a further administrator was added. Proposed and seconded for Clerks to retain the sole administration of these accounts.

14. Neighbourhood Plan

Chair advised on a virtual seminar he had attended regarding Mapping. He felt it was a useful tool for the village, with more and more Councils using the system. The costs would be £200 per annum. He advised Council to look at the on-line details, which one Councillor had advised he had done so and was impressed. Chair proposed to take up the 30 day free trial, this was seconded with all in favour. Chair to take this item forward.

15. Correspondence

a) Email received with various points on the village from a resident which had been answered **Noted**

b) Letter from Chatterbox Committee acknowledgement of Letter from PC **Noted**

Following on from this letter it was discussed about a plaque being placed in the Community Centre as acknowledgment of the 30 years of Chat publication and the founder members and all who had dedicated their time to making the magazine a success. Cllr M Samms advised that John Atkin (resident) would make the plaque as he had made the Skellingthorpe sign. It was proposed and seconded for the Plaque to be made and placed in the Community Centre All in Favour.

NB The plaque will be placed in the Community Centre when the Parish Council takes over the administration of the Community Centre.

16. Any other business

None

17. To resolve to go into Closed Session – It was agreed to move into closed session to discuss Pavilion Quotes. At this point Cllrs Goldson and Johnston left the meeting

Signed  Date 30-3-21

