

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Skellingthorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th April 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 17th May 2021

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

District Councilors C Goldson and R Johnston. County Councilor M Thompson.

Clerks: L. Skinner and M Rouston

1. Apologies for absence and reasons given.

C Coyle-Fox Family reasons

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 gave thanks to Parish Clerks, Groundsman and Parish Councillors for their work over the past 14th months and was disappointed to read comments on social media regarding the village, he had spoken to residents who have given good comments on the village. It had been agreed in a past meeting that the Parish Council will hold a celebratory event on the Playing Field, when Covid restrictions end.

He gave Condolences for John Atkin's family, John was a well-known resident, being founder member of Chatterbox, and designer of the village sign.

5. Clerks Report

Clerk advised on correspondence from Lives regarding maintenance of the Defibrillator advising for £150 pa plus VAT they will check the machine and report monthly, but this did not include replacement parts if needed. Cllr Lamb currently is monitoring fortnightly and reports any problems. Discussions on the pros and cons of using Lives or continue with our own checks, and it was Proposed that Cllr Lamb, who is qualified within his employment with the ambulance service, to continue with his checks. **Seconded with All in Favour Motion Carried**

Under 8's Playground which will be discussed in any other business

Scallywags Letter to be discussed in Correspondence.

6. Approve Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 30th of March 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 March 2021

No queries on the accounts it was proposed and seconded to accept these. **Motion Carried**

8. Approve and Sign off End of Year Accounts

All Councillors had received a copy of the accounts in advance. **It was proposed and seconded to accept these with all in favour.**

Chair queried the reserve of £3,000 for Speed Indicators. Clerk advised this was earmarked for the third Speed Indicator proposed for Saxilby Road end of the village. Speeding awfully bad in village. It was agreed to bring this back to the next full council meeting to discuss placement of a third camera, which has been outstanding since the original cameras in the village had been installed. Using reserves to buy a more advanced camera than those currently in use. **It was proposed, seconded and Motion carried to bring this back to the May meeting.**



9. Reports from District Councillors and County Councillor

County Councillor M Thompson: Brief report for Lincolnshire County Council due to Purdah period. Voting on the 6th of May 2021 but cannot be seemed to be using LCC funds for canvassing. Last formal meeting was held to thank all those not standing in current elections.

District Councillor Johnston advised there also was not a lot of activity at NKDC Spoke about 3 virtual meetings. He thanked the PC on the response to the Footpaths in the village and Monson playing field. He had concerns on village vandalism and litter. He spoke about Library House and the problems with the fencing which had been dealt with by NKDC planning. The chair advised that the builder had re-applied to NKDC regarding placement of fencing in a designated open green space, which is NOT a public open space. Await information from NKDC on the re-application for fencing.

District Councillor Goldson agreed on the above subject. Was also dismayed on Social Media Comments and agreed when speaking to residents these comments were not well received. Those writing on Social Media should become more involved with village committees, also attend meetings. Also spoke on Litter, this not being the responsibility of the Parish Council, but the responsibility of the individuals. The Parish Council did a good job to clear litter, but it was impossible to stop people dropping litter.

10. Community Centre and CIO update

No further information to hand regarding the CIO, this was still being worked on. Interviews for Caretaker had taken place with the successful candidate to commence on the 4th May 21, on a self employed basis. Salary will be paid from Community Centre funds no financial involvement to the Parish Council.

11. Pavilion Update

Thanks were given to Ron and Jan for all their work in the Pavilion kitchen area, the old kitchen was rotten, and new kitchen had been installed. Electrical work was 95% complete. The painting contractor had started painting internally and externally. Council had discussed in 2019 having a pop-up Café in the Summer and Gala time. Discussion on this will follow after refurbishments.

12. Footpath 15

Chair explained about the footpath from Magpie to Bluebell Pond (Sustrans) which is in very bad repair. Council had asked contractor for costings as a base to work from. Question was asked how we can raise funds to repair this dangerous path, which has recently been adopted by Lincs CC. Cllr Thompson advised that it is on record that Footpath 15 & 8 adjacent to the Church, is a LCC asset and needed to be resurfaced. Discussion followed on the three quotes given, Cllr Thompson said repairs need to be to LCC specification, and suggest the Council write to LCC Customer Services to advise on the uneven pathway to see if this work could be brought forward to ensure the safety of residents using the pathways, where accidents have happened.

Clerks to Write

13. Neighbourhood Planning update

Luke Brown had heard back from NKDC and now waiting to hear from Central Lincs. Once accepted the Parish Council can start the procedure with the hope of volunteers to forward this plan. Councillors had received a 4-page document, prepared by Luke Brown. They were advised if a Neighbourhood Plan is within the village there is possibility of further CIL funds available. The Chair proposed to accept this document and to submit to NKDC, this was seconded with All in Favour

Motion Carried



14. Litter Problems in Village

Following on from comments on social media, Council was advised that there are 24 bins around Community and Playing Field area. Clerks had arranged for NKDC to empty municipal bins twice a week. Groundsman was working extra hours to ensure bins are emptied, but there is always a problem with bins not full but litter thrown around. Chair asked for clerks to make signs to take litter home. Also, a map of the bins around community area to be made and placed in Skellingthorpe Matters.

Cllr Shaw joined meeting at 8.10pm

15. Correspondence

Email suggesting request for Daisy Made to have their Ice Cream Van in Community Car Park weekends and Bank Holidays with a contribution given to the Community Centre. Discussion on litter etc. and car parking fees. It was agreed that Cllr Fear would contact Daisy Made regarding this idea.

Letter from Scallywags Nursery, requesting the Parish Council pay for the cordoned off area outside the Parish Office to be refurbished with artificial grass. Full discussion on whether this could be done. Clerks to get costings. Clerks to look through back minutes regarding the agreement with Scallywags and the Parish Council, to bring back to next meeting.

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16. Any Other Business

Following previous meetings regarding the Chairman's Board and a board to commemorate Chatterbox to be placed in the Community Centre, Cllr Samms had received quotes on the work to be done for these two commemoratives plaques and gave council figures and details. It was discussed and proposed to accept the quote for the work, and that the Chatterbox plaque be of bronze nature. **All in Favour Cllr Samms was instructed to get the plaques completed.**

Benches Clerks and Groundsman had looked at two benches, at Waterloo Lane and Lower Church Road. Clerks were advised to obtain quotes for repairs, and to tape off benches until work is completed.

Under 8's Play area RFO reported on an incident in the under 8's Play area where a child had fallen on the matting which needed urgent repairs. RFO gave information on the quotes given by Wicksteed on the work required. Due to Health and Safety, this work needs to be completed as soon as possible. It was proposed and seconded with All in Favour to instruct Wicksteed to get the repairs done as soon as possible. Also, to look at replacing the horse which was now showing signs of age and could be in a dangerous nature Clerks to investigate this matter and bring back to next meeting **May Agenda.**

Clerks advised that reminders had been sent to the Car Park Repairs Contractor and Woodbank Cemetery contractor for work to commence as soon as possible.

Chair reported about anti-social behaviour and the meeting with Police and CCTV Manager.

RFO advised that repairs and slabs at Basketball area are ongoing.

17. Resolve to move into Closed Session Not required

Close of Meeting 8.10pm

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