

SKELLINGTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Friday 16th July 2021 at 1830hrs in the Village Office.

The meeting was called by Chair Cllr Andrew Walshaw and Vice Chair Cllr Len Fear


Present; Cllrs A Walshaw (Chair), L Fear (Vice Chair), R Thorn, J Thorn, M Samms, C Shaw, M Bunnage and T Richardson.

Apologies for absence and reason: Cllr C Coyle-Fox (holiday) Cllr C Lamb (no reason given)

Chair welcomed us all and asked if Cllr M Bunnage would take notes and asked if everyone agreed to record the meeting to be used in preparing the draft minutes and then to be erased. Everyone agreed.

ITEM A – Community Centre

- Chair explained without going into detail that an informal meeting had been arranged with Trustees from the Community Centre Management Committee (CCMC) and Cllrs from the PC, unfortunately only Mike Connock was available, and a meeting took place with Mike, Cllrs Bunnage, Fear and Walshaw with the clerk in attendance. The outcome was that the CCMC and PC continue with the changeover from CCMC Trustees to Skellingthorpe Parish Council Trustees.
- Chair advised that all Cllrs should now get involved with the takeover, agreeing to who can help in anyway, it is important that the PC is ready to make and see the changeover runs smoothly with everyone concerned.
- Our clerks seem to be happy with the process of taking room bookings and the accountancy system, possible booking online to be looked at.
- Chair also advised that he did say to Mike Connock in the last meeting that if help is needed in sorting out tables, chairs or other CCMC stuff the PC would give a helping hand to which everyone agreed.
- It was also mentioned that an inventory should be drawn up of items belonging to the CCMC so that it is made clear from the start.
- Chair said it must be a "Team Job" which we are quite capable of doing, all agreed.
- We are trying to forewarn ourselves so as not to leave any jobs until the last minute especially when we have the go ahead to reopen up.
- Chair also indicated that his ideal project for our village would be extending the facilities in and around the Community Centre to possibly include for a Café, Library, Meeting Rooms, Toilets and would like others to think about it including our parish when it comes to holding a public meeting.
- COVID is still a worry which we need to adhere to any governmental guidelines. Looking at September/October of this year to begin back to normal meetings for users of the Community Centre.



- Cllr Shaw stated that he understands the emotional attachments to those who had been involved with the Community Centre over the years.
- No date yet has been given for the actual handover.
- We must keep wise to the ongoing legal paperwork because if it is not done accordingly and correctly, we (the PC) will lose money which exists in the current Community Centre Accounts. Correctly done the estimated sum of £40,000 will remain in the Community Centre Accounts when the PC take it over as a CIO, it is obvious the PC does not want to lose any of this.
- It was agreed between the PC and CCMC that the way forward was by becoming a CIO. It is particularly important that the PC must be prepared when they do become the Trustees for the Community Centre and to seek out other avenues to explore and more importantly get other parishioners on board. There had been a time when it was the norm for two Parish Councillors to be part of the CCMC but there was concern by the wearing of two hats, one with public money (PC) and the CCMC money.
- It is hoped that existing users and events will continue with the Community Centre including Film Nights, but again help is needed.
- The CCMC do have a new caretaker who we understand is from the village and a retired metal engineer.
- Everyone should have a job to do, and the Chair said he is more than willing to become the maintenance advisor regularly checking the building and services. Weekly or fortnightly job lists to be made where people can put forward their names to do.
- It was mentioned that a meeting be held with existing users and new organisations to see what help can be given in running the Community Centre, even putting tables and chairs away after meetings.
- Cllr Jan Thorn has said that she is willing to sort out the centre when booked as a wedding, she does have experience, thanks were given.
- Cllr Charles Shaw suggested utilising 'Kick Start' for which any local young adult could take up a paid job working 25 hours a week which is government funded for 6 months, they would have to be supervised, agreed to investigate it.
- More meetings must take place before actual handover which could be made up of four appointed committee members from the PC, this would enable more in-depth discussion.
- It was noted that when the PC does take over the Community Centre, it would be they who would have the voting rights for any major issues.
- It was recapped that volunteer are still the main worry and we must try to enthuse the parish by telling them what the PC have been doing during this time of Covid.

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ITEM B -- Nolan Principles

- These principles came from the Nolan Report which was undertaken after the closure of the "Standards Board".
- It appears that District and County levels of government voted to the "Standard Board" go but, that the lower tiers i.e., Parish Councils should introduce the Nolan Principles into their Standing Orders, hence being part of ours.
- LALC also agreed.
- Facebook was a typical example whereas if an individual posted on Facebook, it would be okay but, if an elected Parish Councillor did so it would cause concern and maybe bring the Parish Council into disrepute.
- It was all agreed that elected councillors should follow these principles and our Standing Orders.

The meeting closed by the chair saying that if any councillor feels that he is doing wrong in anyway then please tell him, it was said that this should apply to us all, quietly before the roof falls in.

Molly also asked if we are using the Youth Centre as a meeting point should her ban be lifted???

Meeting closed at 1900hrs.

A. Lacey 27 July 2021

