

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Skellingthorpe Parish Council held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.00pm at Skellingthorpe Parish Office

Present: Cllr Bunnage (Chair), Cllrs: C Lamb, T Richardson, R Thorn, B Wormleighton, C Shaw C Nicholds and J Crockatt

County Councillor M Thompson

Clerks: M Rouston

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

District Cllr Johnston (Ill) Cllr's J Thorn and C Coyle-fox (ill) District Cllr C Goldson (Work)

**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:** M Bunnage on Donation discussions– Choir

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

**4. Approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**

Proposed and seconded to accept the minutes with all in favour after 2 errors to be rectified

**Motion Carried**

**5. Chairs Report** Chairman asked Council to be aware of one minute taker to allow time in their discussions

**6. Clerks Report** Clerk advised that Lincoln Co-op were completing work in the Community alongside Lincoln Organics in the Old Wood, and that permission had been granted for around 8 vehicles to be parked in Woodbank car park on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Also reported that a HR meeting was to be held in the Parish Office on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 9am

**7. Financial Matters** a) Resolve to approve Accounts for February 2022. It was proposed and seconded with all in favour to approve. There was a question regarding Café Takings and also the cost of Pest Express. Clerk to speak to RFO

**Motion Carried**

**8. Receive reports from representatives of Outside Bodies**

Lincolnshire County Councillor M Thompson spoke on Boundaries advising there was a Boundary Change and Skellingthorpe to be Skellingthorpe/Eagle District, with two District Councillors covering the whole of this boundary. He also spoke about Parliamentary Constitution changes, but for Skellingthorpe there was no change. He also asked Council if they would like Highways Department to attend a meeting with the Council, which they are currently having with Councils to advise on roads etc. Council agreed that it would be a good idea to have a meeting, Cllr Thompson advised he had attended a meeting in South Hykeham which was very rewarding to both parties.

**Clerks to arrange**

**9. Community Centre Update** – Cllr Bunnage advised that Solicitors work was nearing completion with fees to be paid. Councillor Nicholds asked on the constitution of the Community Centre which was explained.

**10. Speedwatch.** Cllr Lamb advised on the problems in contacting Lincolnshire Road Safety to get a training programme started. C. Cllr Thompson advised to get in touch with Hykeham Police – Sgt Whyte regarding training at Hykeham, and he advised that he would assist if we had any problems. Then followed a large discussion on Speeding in the village, and how to stop this also the problems with large vehicles on High Street. Weight limits was suggested, but Council was advised that previously Police had advised this could not be implemented as criteria wasn't met.

**To raise at a Highways Meeting**

**Solar Speed Cameras were discussed Cllr Wormleighton to get quotes and also Clerks to look into suppliers**

**April/May Agenda**

**11. Report from Planning Chair** 2 applications for planning had been received. Chair advised there had been no objections on each of these. Details of approvals given by NKDC was given.

**12 Events report by Events Chair** – Platinum Picnic Flyers to be produce **Clerks to complete Gala** was all in hand, and a big thanks to Christine Goldson. More volunteers are needed. Details of the events throughout the year was given to Council.

**13. Report on Village Lights** Cllr Richardson produced an in-depth report on the village lights, to which the village has responsibility for (a copy of this placed on minutes file). He advised that every 6 years lights have to be electrically tested, and this has now been completed. The 3 lights on Saxilby Road are now working following Western Power attendance. He pointed out attention to work that needs completing as soon as possible, advising that Eon would honour the quote given at £10,125 if done before the end of April 2022. Discussion on this. It was proposed and seconded to get all the works, within the quote, done before end of April 22 All in Favour **Motion Carried on this Clerks to expedite straight away**

Further discussions on the three lights in the field alongside the Church. These have not worked for some time and cannot be maintained by Eon. Western Power had attended a site visit and quoted almost £2,000 just for underground cables to any new lights on the church side of the path. The lights and installation would be extra, making new lights very expensive. As an alternative, Cllr Richardson had spoken to Gill Corner of Eon about Solar Panel Lights, and advised he would contact her again for more details. **Cllr Richardson to speak to Eon**

**14. Report on Residents Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

34 residents attended with 10 Councillors 2 District Councillors 1 County Councillor 2 Clerks Chair went through the notes of this meeting where there had been a good discussion with residents and suggestions given. Council had a working party meeting a week later to discuss suggestions. These need looking into with a Working Party to be formed and further meetings with the residents. **Article to be placed in Skellingthorpe Matters.**

**15. Awards**

**a) Community Award** Council had been given a typed list of the nominees and the reason for nomination. A Voting paper was enclosed for secret ballot, the ballot produced a winner of Graeme Lawton with 6 votes to 2. Graeme to be notified and award given at Annual Parish Meeting in April

**b) Pauline Harley Award** Council had been given a list of the nominees from the local schools, with a voting paper for a secret ballot. Josh Sims was winner with 7 votes to 1. Josh to be notified and handed his award at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**16. Grants and Donations** Applications from Skellingthorpe Bowls Club, Skellingthorpe Choir and Skellingthorpe Church were discussed. The amount of monies set aside for the grants and donations being £1,500 Council was advised that they did not have to use all the funds up set for this financial year. There was much discussion regarding amounts being divided. It was proposed and seconded with All in Favour for £1,300 given to the Church to mend the War Memorial that had been damaged in recent storms, with £100 each to the Choir and Bowls Club. It was decided that these amounts should be awarded at the Annual Parish Meeting. **Clerks to write to all three advising them of the donation to their organisation.**

**Chair suspended Standing Orders at 9.00pm for the meeting to continue:**

**17. Motion regarding placing small signs and stencil sign advertising Café.**

Council was advised of a proposed Motion regarding signage to assist advertising the café, these to be small to keep within planning regulations. It was seconded with all in favour for this to be done. **Motion Carried** **Councillor Thorn to complete this**

**18. Motion to remove the Youth Shelter in Car park.**

Council was advised of the problems occurring in the Youth Shelter with vandalism, drug taking and defecation, providing an area that was anti-social to other users of the Community area. Proposed and seconded with all in favour to remove the Youth Shelter as being an anti-social area. **Motion Carried**      **Clerks to contact Contractors to commence as soon as possible**

**19. Correspondence**

Clerk advised of Email regarding Governments Changing Places scheme for Disabled Toilets in local government places. It was agreed to look into this with a view to get funding for any new project regarding Skellingthorpe Toilets. **Noted**

**20. Approve Articles for Skellingthorpe Matters.**

Café Opening Times

Speedwatch

Picnic in the Park and Gala dates

Information on Residents meeting and advice on what we can and cannot do with S106 monies.

**21. To move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960. Not Required**

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

Signature.....  ..... Chair

Date .... 31 / 5 / 2022 .....

