

**SKELLINGTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**

Clerks notes of Annual Parish Meeting held in Skellingthorpe Community Centre on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Present: Parish Councillors: Cllr C Lamb (acting Chair) Cllrs Nicholls, Coyle-fox, J Thorn, R Thorn, Wormleighton, Richardson, Shaw.

County Councillor Thompson, District Councillors Johnston and Goldson

Clerks: L Skinner, M Rouston

Of the 27 parishioners in attendance some were representing various village associations

1. Apologies given: Cllr Crockatt, Joanne Alderton, Pam and Mike Connock

Cllr Lamb, acting chair of the meeting welcomed all to this Annual Parish Meeting, the first since 2019 due to Covid restrictions.

2. Adoption of Clerks Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019. These notes could be authorized by those present at the 2019 meeting, which were proposed and seconded and accepted by all Chair signed the minutes.

**3. Reports from Village Organisations**

**Skellingthorpe & District Motorcycle Club** like all other clubs and organisations, we have been hit hard by Covid pandemic, with little or no activity taking place. However as we write, we are currently organising our annual Wolds Run from the East Kirkby Aviation Centre, it will take place this Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April from 10.30 onwards, its well worth a visit to see all the different types of bikes and of course Just Jane. We would like to acknowledge our thanks to the Panton Family for making their fabulous Museum site available for this venture.

For a small club like ourselves, to have raised over forty thousand pounds for Charity over the years is a significant achievement. However, the Club's future remains in doubt as numbers dwindle (and collective ages increase!) but hopefully we can keep functioning and move forward into summer months.

**Skellingthorpe Village Choir** meet every Thursday 7.45pm (term times only) in the school room of the Methodist Chapel. We are a mixed Choir, and all new members are very welcome. The Choir formed 27 years ago and sadly we missed celebrating our Silver Jubilee due to Covid Restrictions. Sadly, over the last two years we have lost a few of our members, but they remain in our memory, all of the happy times we shared together, we will never forget them. This year the Choir will be attending the 50/61 Memorial Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. The refreshments marquee at the village Gala 26<sup>th</sup> June, and the Summer Soiree on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Christine Goldson on 01522 689302. Our Christmas Concert is yet to be arranged. The Choir wishes to thank the Parish Council for their continued support also for accepting our successful bid of a recent grant towards new music for the Choir.

**Skellingthorpe Methodist Church** three years have gone since our last report and like all other organisations we have had to make changes, some of which are still in place, but thankfully the Chapel is still witnessing Gods Work in the village. During the first lockdown we were able to take a well-earned rest from regular routine and took advantage to proceed with the planned refurbishment of the kitchen and lobby area. During that time Lincoln Methodist circuit provided weekly worship online, this was a steep learning curve for the volunteers. The new kitchen has been a great asset with lunch time meetings. All the changes have been well received and new members have joined us.

The Craft and Craft 4 Charity groups, and the monthly coffee mornings have resumed, along with two new groups in the schoolroom. We are currently thinking of ways to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June, details of which will be included in Skellingthorpe Matters magazine.

**St Lawrence's Church** Sam Durant advised he has been Rector at the Church for the past three years, during that time coping with Covid. This meant he and the church family could work together so that trust and partnership grew. Sunday gatherings changed by livestreaming so people could join from school halls and home, groups meeting on Zoom. September brought an Alpha course for 30 people. This is an introduction into who Jesus is and what the Church does, gaining friendship and faith. December Carol Singing happened around the village and was well received. We have had lots of new meetings, with Toybox for babies' pre-schoolers and their carers, and plans to open a Good News Café on Tuesday a.m.'s. We have three main Mission Partners, Mission Aviation fellowship, students in Belgium and Safe Families.

Our fellowship is growing, but with only a small percentage from the village. We wish to build bridges to reach the next generation with the good news of Jesus. We also have a link with St Peter's at Doddington, with those wishing to get married in the church to attend services for at least 6 months. We have a mission with a snappy vision of we want to love Jesus Christ, Live like Jesus Christ and lead others to Jesus Christ.

**Skellingthorpe Community Centre** The year has been eventful as we come out of the pandemic. Last year moves were in hand to transfer the running of the Community Centre over to the parish council, this is progressing and hopefully will be completed soon. Since re-opening we have sadly lost one or two user groups. Scallywags Play Group have continued to operate through the pandemic, and other groups are now using the hall. Occasional hire for events are sporadic but provide an additional income. The finances remain in a healthy state, thus the centre will be financially stable when handed over to the new management committee.

**Skellingthorpe WI** 2022 marks 100 years of Skellingthorpe WI and we will mark our centenary in style. The current membership is 61 and meetings have resumed, and attendance has increased and looking to future outings. Sadly two long serving members have passed this year. Joanne Alderton continued as President for 21/22 with Erica Morton as Vice. Monthly competitions have been organised via a newsletter. The Facebook page proved to be a useful means of communication and sharing.

The Craft group flourished, and members enjoyed making Craft items, and in celebration of our forthcoming centenary a Jubilee Bunting was made. The Book Club and Walking group, Coffee Mornings and Supper Clubs were organised when possible and very popular. Our annual dinner was held at the Bentley Hotel in January 2022. We look forward to lots of future outings and a busy and very interesting year.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Lincoln 1<sup>st</sup> Skellingthorpe Scouts** Hugh Sargent as Group Scout Leader gave a written report for the Scout Group informing us that a new GSI had started to take over in the future. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts started back in September 2021 and a new section formed called Squirrels for 4 to 6 boys and girls. Next year 2023 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Scouting which is an important milestone which needs celebrating.

**County Councillor Mike Thompson** advised how the County Council worked during the Covid pandemic. He advised on the County Council Highways programme and the Adult Social Care programme. He advised that Lincolnshire County Council have Grants to which can be applied for there are Wildlife Grants, Tree and Hedge Planting, Woodland improvement, hedge laying, village nature area creation, leaflets and information boards and wildlife surveys. Any information on these can be gained from County Cllr Thompson.

**District Councillor R Johnston** spoke about Social Media and advised residents to be aware of the possibility that there can be inaccuracies on Media reports.

**Skellingthorpe U3A** had recently resumed with all coming back slowly to normal with 10 groups of activities. Membership has dropped due to Covid, and it is felt that new members are needed.

**Jerusalem FC** unfortunately the Chairman John Allen has to retire with ill health, but the Senior Team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 1, with the Reserves finishing second from the bottom. They are looking forward to the next season. The Club will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> year and is the longest serving Football Team in England. Their last match will be Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

All written reports in full will be available in the Parish Office for residents to read.

#### **4. Community Award 2022 Presentation of Rose Bowl**

This award was awarded by the Parish Council to Graeme Lawton for his dedication to organising and working on the Village Christmas Lights in the Community Area for past three years, giving his time and expertise in electrical work to make sure the village had a good display. He did this work in very bad weather December 2021, and also illness to ensure the display continued. Unfortunately, due to work commitments Graeme was unable to accept this award, but his wife Mandy accepted the award on his behalf.

#### **5. Pauline Harley Achievement Award**

This award was given to Josh Sims, aged 12, nominated by North Kesteven Academy for his Academic work and also his charity work organising a sponsored bike ride for funds to the Lincoln Foodbank. Cllr Lamb awarded the Pauline Harley Shield and a Certificate to Josh.

#### **6. Grants Awards**

Cllr Lamb awarded the following Grants to village organisations which were accepted on the evening:  
St Lawrence's Church for repairs to the Storm Damaged War Memorial  
Skellingthorpe Village Choir to provide Music Sheets for the Choir  
Skellingthorpe Bowls Club to provide fertiliser to keep the Greens in good condition.

#### **Chairmans Report**

The past years have been difficult with the Covid pandemic restrictions, only easing in the last few months. Thankfully we can now hold public meetings, unlike 2020 and 2021. A difficult year not only for residents but also for the Parish Council, now we can look forward to a fun filled Summer of activities and new developments in the future. During 2021 we did manage to complete the new fencing around the children's play areas, replaced a couple of well-worn benches, and three other memorial benches being erected too.

**CCTV** Thanks to our CCTV officer Cllr Wormleighton who has been involved with the erection of more cameras at the bottom of the carpark which has alleviated some of the crimes being committed at night.

**Community Centre** is due to be handed back to the Parish Council due to the lack of trustees to run the charity. The Parish Council will be the Sole Trustee, but the Charity will be run by a Management Committee made up of residents from the Community. Should anyone wish to join this Committee please speak to the Parish Clerks. The Centre will run in the same basis as it has done over the past 40 years under the good guidance of the present trustees.

**Lincoln Road Development** as we are well aware Taylor Lindsey has started their development and as a result we have S106 monies for improvements to our village. From a Public meeting in March some good ideas came forward to discuss and further meetings will be arranged.

**Pavillion Tearoom** This opened in August last year by two volunteer councillor and has been very successful and thanks to Ron and Jan for giving up their weekends it is very much appreciated.

#### **Jubilee Celebrations**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** As part of the national events a Beacon will be lit at 9.45pm The timing is not our decision, it is a national event. Skellingthorpe will have a piper playing. This will take place around the Community area in the childs fenced off play area. Everyone is welcome

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**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June "Dance through the Decade"** disco to be held in the Community Centre 8pm to midnight Everyone Welcome Tickets are available

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June Picnic in the Park** will be held on the Monson Field from 1pm to 4pm Bring your own picnic etc. Free event Children's games, music, ice creams and Pavilion Tea Room.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June Afternoon Tea and Proms** to be held at Skellingthorpe Hall 4pm to 8pm Bring your own picnic, entertainment will be provided Tickets are available.

**Diary Notes**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June Annual Memorial Day** at 2pm to honour those who flew from RAF Skellingthorpe. Short Service, with wreaths and flowers laid. Skellingthorpe Village Choir to sing. Everyone is welcome.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June Village Gala** 12 noon to 5pm This is a free event with Fun Fair, Stalls, children's entertainment and "in the ring entertainment" A Family Fun Day with lots to do All are Welcome.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November Armistice Day** at 11am There will be a short service for Armistice Day at both war memorials. All residents are welcome.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Light Switch on and Christmas Fayre** Full details later. Everyone welcome.


Cllr Lamb then gave Special Thanks to ex councillor Maureen Bunnage for all her hard work as Chair of the Council over the past year, and she will be very much missed, with her hard work and knowledge she gave to the Council.

**Residents Forum**

Residents were asked if they have any questions and discussions they wished to speak about.

A discussion on the Ideas for using the monies to come from the Taylor Lindsey Development, also on the Community Centre Film nights.

There being no further questions, the Chair thanked all for coming and declared the meeting closed at 19.36.

Signed .....  ..... Date ..... 18/4/2023 .....