

Skellingthorpe Parish Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting held in Community Centre Skellingthorpe
Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 7pm

Present: Cllr C Coyle Fox (Chair)

Cllrs: Bright, Shaw, Richardson, Walshaw & Sawyer

District Councillors C Goldson and R Johnston

County Councillor A Briggs

Clerks: M Rouston

8 members of Public

Parishioners Questions Time: 3 requests received.

- a) Matt Scarborough (resident) spoke on the proposed new Skatepark Plan giving information on 600 signatures on a petition, 100 plus people attending recent consultation meeting along with floods of emails, mainly in support of the project. He gave examples of some of these especial one from a resident who had grown-up in the village where there had been at that time no structured activities for teens and explained about the up and coming sport to which he felt a benefit to the village.
Matt asked for the support of the Council on this proposal.
- b) Bob Smart (resident) asked for the Council to consider a Motor Home Rally to be held on the Community Car Park along with booking the Community facilities. He gave a brief outline of the Rally and was advised that Council would be writing to him.
- c) James Howden on behalf of P Robinson (resident) asking if there could be permission for a Bench to be placed in the Cemetery to memory of Noel Robinson deceased. He was advised that Council would also write to him shortly on their decision.

Chair then reconvened the meeting, and advised that the public should not interrupt the meeting unless they were asked to speak by the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence

The meeting was advised that apologies had been received from

Cllr L Fear. It was resolved that his apology was a valid reasons and had been accepted.

2. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011

None Given

3. Inspect the Insignia – Inspected

4. To approve as a correct record the notes of the Meeting of Council held on

16th May 2023 Chair asked if those Councillors present who had attended the Meeting approved the notes. Clarification was required on one point and alteration, then the notes were proposed and seconded with **All in Favour**

5. **Chairs Report** Chair advised she had nothing further to add after initial comments.

6. **Clerks Report.** Clerk advised on the problems currently in the Cemetery with the Contractors and grass cutting etc. Problems now rectified. Also a Contractor had been asked to trim the Sweet Chestnut trees adjacent to Woodbank road as these

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are overhanging the Garden of Rest and hinder motorists view leaving the Car park. This has been arranged to be done next month.

7. **Financial Matters** a) Approval of Accounts ending May 23 No Questions Proposed/Accepted **All In Favour**
 b) **Internal Audit Report** No Problems with Audit **Noted**

8. Report from Outside Bodies

a) **North Kesteven Councillors:** Cllr R Johnston advised on the upgraded equipment at the rendering plant installed in the near future. He also advised of the recent Change in Councillors following the NKDC elections.

Cllr C Goldson advised of grass cutting problems in Skellingthorpe. Also parking problems at The Hill where residents are not able to park their vehicles. It could be that Disabled Bays may be placed on The Hill. He gave a huge Thank You for those involved in the recent Kings Coronation event and the 50/61 memorial afternoon, which had both been a great success.

b) **County Councillor Report:** Cllr A Briggs also gave thanks and congratulations on the 50/61 memorial event. He advised that after getting a large amount of complaints regarding parking around St Lawrence School, where he and Cllr Coyle-Fox visited the site. He spoke on correspondence from Skellingthorpe Residents Association regarding pedestrian crossings.

9. Report from Internal Committees

HR: Looked at Policies which would be ongoing and bring back to next HR meeting To have monthly Staff Meetings with 3 staff members. Staff Appraisals had been started. Looking at Email system of .gov.uk to be on next HR Meeting in September.

Events: Gala next year to be 23rd June 2024. Looking at an event with Party Workshop on August Bank Holiday Monday 2023.

Planning Committee: Advised on the start of 28 new houses on Jerusalem Road and surveys on Birchwood Avenue new road.

StreetLighting: Most of the street lights in Skellingthorpe are the responsibility of the County Council (LCC) The Parish Council have up to 50 lights, mainly on private or unadopted roads. Over the last two years these have been repaired where necessary and the sodium lights replace with LED ones. This has now been completed. The 3 lights in the field alongside the Church yard are being repaired 28th 29th June, Cllr Richardson will be ensuring these are working.

10. S106 monies Progress and Information from Architect

A report back was given from the meeting of the 26th June 2023 with Architect and committee.

Discussions took place on the plans for a proposed new Pavilion taking them to pre-planning application, Grants and consultations with various bodies. A further consultation will take place in the Community Centre for the residents in the near future.

11. **Inclusion of Skate Park with movement/replacement of play equipment on S106 project.** After hearing from Matt Scarborough and attending the Consultation Cllr G Bright proposed to include the Skate Park project within Pavilion project. Cllr Walshaw although in favour of the Skate Park wished that before the PC takes any main decisions they need to know what the full costs will be, who will run and manage plus

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any Insurances required will be in place. He was in favour to support the project, but these details need to be in situ. Cllr Bright then proposed to move the project forward to pre-plan stage with Council All in Favour.

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12. Request for Benches in Cemetery (James Howden) and Millenium Green (Witham Community Band). It was agreed of a Decision in Principle for these Benches to be placed in Skellingthorpe, but to ask if the representatives to have a meeting with the Chair.
Clerks to Write to respective parties

13. Creation of a Picnic Area and clean fitness equipment in Millenium Green

Discussion on maintenance of new benches and the responsibility of this. Worries of vandalism. Cllr Bright proposed to clean Fitness stations providing multi coloured picnic benches to revitalise the area. Cllr Walshaw volunteered to assist. Cllr Bright asked chairs permission to look at prices and bring back to July Meeting **All Agreed**

14.Solar Sids Cllr Bright had looked into the SIDs in the village and also three firms providing Solar Sids he gave some information. Current SIDs are coming to end of their life. He asked permission to look further into the matter to bring to July meeting

15. Correspondence: B Smarts application for a motor home rally. Dealt with in Question Time

S Grimes letter re Parking at St Lawrence School dealt with by Cllr A Briggs and School advised they were writing to parents.

16. Articles for Skellingthorpe Matters

Next Years Gala including telephone number for booking a stall

Bank Holiday Family Day

Volunteers

Update on progress of S106 and Monson Field

17. Move into Closed Session in accordance with Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960. This was agreed and visitors were asked to leave.

Signature *CA Clarke* Date *25/7/23*

