

Skellingthorpe Parish Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting held in Community Centre Skellingthorpe
Tuesday 28th November at 7pm

Present: Cllr C Coyle Fox (CCF) (Chair)

Cllrs: Bright (GB) Shaw (CS) Walshaw (AW) Sawyer (JS) Fear (LF) Scarborough (MS)
 T Richardson (TR)

District Councillors C Goldson (CG)

Clerks: L Skinner (LS) M Rouston (MR)

2 members of Public

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from County Cllr A Briggs

2. Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011 None

3. Inspect the Insignia – Inspected

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

31st October 2023 The minutes were then proposed and seconded with All in Favour as a true Record of that meeting. **All in Favour**

5. Chairs Report. (CCF) spoke on the 11th November 2023 Remembrance Day, which was well attended at both St Lawrence Church and at the Memorial Garden Community Centre which was a successful event with lots attending for Refreshments afterwards. The public meeting with regards to the A46 roundabout with Greg Payne of Highways England was attended by around 25 residents. Comments and suggestions were given on the safety of the roundabout, these were taken away by Mr Payne to come back to us early 2024, which chair advised if this doesn't happen, she will contact him again.

6. Clerks Report (LS) Flooding following Storm Babet had created a problem, the PC have now bought a Green Sand Bin with a tonne of Sand for residents use this has sandbags also in the bin, it will be locked until needed. Located behind the heritage centre, notices on facebook to be done by Clerks. Flood Warning Signs required to be purchased. The street lights on Lincoln Road that have been out for around 3 months have been reported many times, and LS is checking weekly. Christmas Lights will be switched on Friday 1st December at 5pm in the Community Car Park and LS gave Special Thanks to Chris and Christine Goldson. Along with their daughter Jenny Watson and Dave Butler for all their help with making the Heritage Room into Santa's Parlour for the Christmas festivities giving a lot of their time.

7. Resolve Account October 2023 Council asked a few questions to which LS gave explanations. Accounts Proposed/Accepted **All In Favour**

8. Report from Outside Bodies

a) North Kesteven Councillors: (CG) spoke also on Flooding around the County and the fact that he had dispensation from NKDC to speak about this subject, as Cllr Goldson has also experienced near flooding in the storm. He felt that there should be a small committee formed in the village with a local contact number

should residents have a problem and needed help. He spoke on the local culverts and the need for these to be cleaned. It was very important for residents to get themselves prepared should their properties be likely to be flooded.

He also advised on the new proposal for Mayoral Authority in Lincolnshire, which he doesn't feel necessary, but to receive funds from the Government this has to be done. NKDC has to make a decision by December, which he felt did not leave them much time. He also spoke about Item 13 on the Agenda regarding Public Toilets on the S106 project.

Following this (LF) spoke about the Flooding Committee and the use of a mobile phone which he feels needs looking into further.

b) County Councillor Report: Not Present

9. Report from Internal Committees

a) Community Centre Management Committee

(CCF) spoke on last CCMC meeting and the request regarding a LAN Computer booking for the hall. After discussing with organisers to go ahead with this lucrative booking. Request from a Toddler Group in the village and the problems on storage for them. Letters have been sent to organisers, and was still in progress. Any assistance helping clear the storage cupboards would be welcome. Christmas Toy appeal in association with Lincs FM where new and unwrapped toys would be welcome at Cake n Cuppa to give to appeal. (LS) gave a record of the UpToDate Bank Statements for the CC, which (LF) queried the charges for electricity which he thought the Youth Hall paid to CC (LS) did not agree with this, but has since checked and they pay separately for their electricity.

Events: Santa around the Village on the 21st December organised by the Butler Family, meeting at the Community Centre where refreshments will be available. Skellingthorpe Christmas Lights switch on 1/12/23 at 5pm with Santa in his Parlour and Refreshments. Skellingthorpe Film Matinee on the 23rd December Doors open 1.30pm. Gala on 23/6/24 progressing well with Stall bookings being taken in new year.

Planning Committee: Only 1 Application received to which Committee had no objections. Nothing more to report.

10. To organise a Budget Meeting with all Councillors in preparation for Precept

(CS) asked in future if this meeting could be brought forward to late October/early November, to ensure completed by end of year. (LS) advised she is working on proposed figures with a 2% increase but just as a guideline. Discussion on when the meeting could be held, and it was agreed that there would be Precept meeting instead of a Council Meeting on the 12th December following on from the Planning Meeting at 6.30pm. **Precept Meeting for Councilors only not an open meeting.** This will then allow (LS) to get figures ready for the NKDC deadline.

11. Standing Orders

(AW) explained about his concerns on the current Standing Orders which states that Councillors should be a member of council for a full year before they can stand for Chair or Vice, after discussing this matter it was agreed that the Standing Orders would be re-looked at to change the wording on this matter, and bring back to Council later.

12. Voting for Skate Park Tenders

(MS) advised that he had recently received all 4 tenders for the proposed Skate Park. Also advised that National Lottery had awarded £147,000 towards the project. Due to the lateness of receiving the tenders a meeting was planned for the 29th to discuss the tenders. Council was advised that all 4 contractors had been given a sum of money to base their tenders and drawings on, therefore no financial amounts to be discussed, just the drawings. MS proposed for a sub committee to meet to agree on tenders, and all those councillors who wished to attend could do so. Then Full Council will be advised on their decision. This proposal was seconded and All in Favour for this to happen **Motion Passed.**

13. S106. New Pavilion update

(GB) gave Council an update on the recent meeting with Architect and some Committee Members, to which various aspects of the proposed building were discussed and the Architect had taken away to build into the new drawings for the Pavilion, to bring back to the committee in the new year, with also a proposed Public Consultation in the New Year. Councillor spoke about incorporating Bowls Club, Public Toilets, Sizing and Budget. Council expressed a few concerns ie; the change from the current 4 changing rooms to the proposed 2: concerns on funding: to which (GB) advised that there could be more funds and match funding to get extra funding in the future. (AW) gave information on "POD" toilets which are Vandal proof to which Cllr Bright and Cllr Walshaw will look into.

14. Correspondence None

15. Articles for Skellingthorpe Matters

Photo of all Councillors to be taken after this meeting. Film Matinee 23/12 S106 Public Consultation and Request for New Councillors to meet up in Cake and Cuppa.

16 To move into Closed session in accordance with Public Bodies (admission into meetings) Act 1960 Not Required

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Next Meeting will be Precept Meeting 12th December 2023 at 7.00pm

Signed.....  Date 12/12/23

