

Skellingthorpe Parish Council Meeting
Minutes of Meeting held in Parish Office Skellingthorpe
Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 7pm

Present: Cllr. C. Coyle-Fox Chair (CCF), Cllrs. A. Walshaw (AW) G. Bright (GB), C. Shaw (CS), J. Sawyer (JS) L. Fear (LF) Richardson (TR).
District Cllrs. C. Goldson (CG), R. Johnston (RJ)
Member of the Public: D. Butler (DB)
Clerk: L. Skinner (LS)

1.Apologies: Cllr. M. Scarborough (MS), LCC Cllr. A. Briggs (AB), Clerk: M. Rouston

2.Declaration: None.

3.Insignia: Inspected.

4.Approve Minutes from 12th December 2023, closed session included. TR suggested a slight adjustment to a typo error on item 5. The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true record of that meeting with All in Favour. **Motion Carried.**

5.Chair Report: CCF spoke of a carparking issue at the Co-op store, with motorist using an unauthorised entrance to the Co-op/Plough car park and of potholes at the front carpark entrance. A letter was sent to the CEO of the Co-op for her attention. Skellingthorpe roundabout issues. Greg from Highways England will be chased up at the end of February if we have had no response.

6.Clerks Report: One quote has been received for the grass cutting season 2024. Other requests for quotes have not been received to date.
Flooding: Only one response from the public to join a flood emergency team has come in after the request in the Skellingthorpe Matters Magazine. To go in again.

7.Accounts: AW queried the water bill and asked if this is for 1 or 3 months. LS confirmed it was per quarter. The accounts were proposed and seconded as a true record with all in favour. **Motion Carried.**

8.Report from District & LCC Councillors. All Councillors had received a copy of the report from CJ who spoke about the flooding issues we had and what could be done for the future as the climate is changing and flooding will be a regular occurrence. PC has sand and sandbags in place ready with all Councillors having access number to the bin. CG informed the Council that the environmental Agency were in the village today checking all the drainage and culverts. It was noticed how the catchwater drain near the office was flowing quite fast at the end of the afternoon and the water a brown murky colour, so they must have cleared a few pipes out. As AB had given his apologies, CG spoke on his behalf regarding the proposed pelican crossing. It will be placed from the exit of the cycle track, across Lincoln Road and

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into the entrance of the Lincoln bound cycle track. This will take place in the Autumn of 2024. CCF asked about the bus stop there, this will possibly be moved further along the road. There are some issues about Sustrans owing the land. RJ suggested to contact the schools to get the children educated in using the crossing, a short discussion took place regarding the Bluebell Pond being overgrown.

9a. Community Centre Update. The CC is running smoothly, the bookings are coming in quite rapidly and the accounts are looking healthy, despite having to have professional work done to comply with health and safety regulations. Cake and Cuppa afternoons are proving very successful with a steady flow of residents and visitors. Next CCM meeting will be on 19th February.

b. Events Update. The gala was discussed. Quite a few stalls have already booked, also Party Workshops and the Fair who have agreed to serve a breakfast. The First Aid has also been confirmed. The flypast has been booked but timing TBA dependent on weather of course.

c. Planning. This was a very short meeting. Two application which we had no objections. Discussion on Mr. Mayo's planning application refusal and previous applications he has submitted.

d.106 Update: A meeting was held on 22nd January with the Architect Maria, the PC, Football representatives and two members of the Bowls Club. DB was also present at the meeting. Maria produced her concept plans, and a discussion took place. A estimated cost for this plan could be in the region of 1 million pounds which is far above the budget. AW said the plan was not what we required but Maria had been given a free range on design and costs. AW has done a brief on what is required and our budget and this will be sent to Maria. CS said the building should be a statement building for the future of the village, but within budget. When the final plan has been drawn, a public presentation evening should be held for the residents to view. We want a building that is accepted by all and move on. All Councillors to be in attendance to answer any questions.

CCF to move items 10 and 11 to item 15.

12. Request from Councillors Walshaw. The village needs a speed watch team to control the amount of speeding going through the village. AW will organise a team of 4 people, LF and JS have put their names forward. Amendments to Standing Order Policy. CS said this had already been discussed and agreed. GB to sort out the wording and bring to next FC for approval. Emergency volunteers needed. A mobile phone to be taken home from one member of the team for out of office hours contact. This to be done on a rota basis.

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13. Correspondence. A letter from a resident regarding the amount of water coming off the playing field this year. He is asking if the Council has any plans to investigate this problem. Much discussion took place on this issue, and it was agreed to get a Topographical survey done on the playing field to investigate the drainage pipes. AW will take this in hand and source three quotes and bring results back to the next FC meeting. A letter from the prospective Toddlers group who would like to hire the CC for the meeting but due to shortness of cupboard space they are asking if they could erect a shed. This was not agreed, but we could offer them the old pavilion to use where there will be enough room to hold their meetings and storage for their toys, also use of the kitchen and WC's. An email will be sent with this proposal.

14. Articles for Skellingthorpe Matters. Emergency volunteers needed again. A task force team for tidying up the village up e.g. litter picking, foliage cut back where needed, Bluebell Pond area tidy up etc.

15. Move to close session 8.30pm.

Signed..... *C A Coulter* Dated *27/2/2024*

