

Skellingthorpe Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting 2023

Clerks notes of Annual Parish Meeting held in Skellingthorpe Community Centre on the 18th April 2023.

Present: Parish Councillors: Cllr C Lamb (Chair) Cllrs Coyle-fox, C Shaw, T Richardson, G Bright.

County Councillor R Johnston

Clerks: L Skinner and M Rouston

Apologies: District Councillor C Goldson

Of the 40 parishioners attending some were representing various village associations.

1. Cllr C Lamb welcomed all to the meeting, advising that it was an exciting time ahead for the village, with the end of another year and a new Council to be formed at the Council AGM on the 16th May 2023. He spoke on the S106 monies due to the village and projects in hand. At this point awards were given to the following:

Grant and Donations

There had been 3 applications for a Grant from the Parish Council, and welcomed those organisations to come and collect their Grant

These being **St. Lawrence Church** to place a bench next to the War Memorial at the Church. **Skellingthorpe Village Choir** to purchase sheet music, and **Skellingthorpe Bowls Club** for fertiliser etc. for the upkeep of the green. Funds to be placed into the respective bank accounts of these organisations.

Pauline Harley Award for young Skellingthorpe residents for their achievements

Freya Sharpe was given the Pauline Harley Shield for her dedication to swimming and her abilities with many competitions won during her time with Vulcans Swimming Club.

Community Award Rose Bowl

Tommy Houden (posthumously) had been awarded this for his lifelong dedication to football within the village, and assistance with marking out the field for events. Pearl Houden accepted this award on behalf of her husband.

Cllr Lamb continued to thank the Clerks and Groundsman for their hard work, advising that due to moving away from the village he has had to stand down from Skellingthorpe Parish Council and gave his best wishes to the new council to continue to work hard for the residents.

2. **Apologies** as above
3. **Adoption of clerks notes as minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the 26th April 2022** It was proposed and seconded for these to be adopted Chair signed the minutes.
4. **Reports from Village Clubs/Organisations**
Skellingthorpe Scouts advised that they are 100 years old 2023. They have made a good recovery since Covid with a new section Squirrels being very popular with a waiting list to join. They are currently short of a leader for Beavers but managing with assistance from other section leaders, they are looking for more volunteers to keep scouting going in Skellingthorpe.

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To celebrate the 100 year milestone they are having a new Trek Cart built, and hope this will be finished soon. They have been Fund Raising with a Big Breakfast in February, they will be holding an Afternoon Tea in June and another breakfast in September. Please all go and support these events.

They spoke about the building they use for their activities which needs renovation work to it to ensure health and safety, and funds are required to ensure these happen. They thanked the Parish Council and residents for their support.

Skellingthorpe WI

2022 was their centenary year and it was celebrated in style with caterers and magical entertainment at April's meeting. A certificate from LNFWI to commemorate the 100 years, was given, and all members received a commemorative mug and coaster. Current membership is 56 and well attended.

They advised on the activities and competitions they hold at their meetings. The local foodbank had been given donations from WI members, to which they received thanks of appreciation.

Their annual dinner was held at the Bentley with informal Coffee Mornings throughout the year along with a monthly supper club. Skellingthorpe WI holds many activities throughout the year, and they are looking forward to lots of future outings and a busy and interesting year.

Skellingthorpe Methodist Church

Worship services are now back to normal after Covid, and currently held fortnightly with the hope of returning to weekly services shortly. Sadly they have lost some of the weekly groups who used the Church, but still have the Village Choir along with Art and Yoga groups using the building weekly.

Coffee Mornings have provided a warm space through the winter along with the Craft Groups on the first and third Tuesdays, new members are welcome. They spoke on crocheting and the Christmas tree squares which then was made into several fleece lined blankets for the needy.

Rev. David Lawton will be retiring in August but are welcoming Deacon Helen Gardner in September. 2024 sees the Chapel celebrating 130 years and called for ideas on how best to celebrate.

Skellingthorpe Village Choir

Again, they are now up and running after Covid, but unfortunately lost some members but others eager to join. New members are always welcome there are no auditions, nor any requirements to read music just the ability to keep in tune. They are lucky to have Alexandrer Warcaba-Wood as our M.D. who is very talented.

Two concerts are held each year, this year the Summer Soiree on 2nd July and the Christmas concert on the 3rd December, both held in the Community Centre. They also sing at the Squadron Memorial Service in June, and have also accompanied Santa on his village run.

Skellingthorpe people are always supportive, buying raffle tickets and tickets to the concerts, and they look forward to their support in the future.

Skellingthorpe Bowls Club

The Bowls Club was formed in the 1960's, when the first played in the grounds of Skellingthorpe Hall. Their season starts in April to end of September. They play in City of Lincoln bowls league during the week, and on Saturday afternoons they have popular club competitions. They have a battle against moles on their green, but are looking after the green themselves to their best ability.

Skellingthorpe & District Motorcycle Club

A small club from the village, this will be their 14th year of organising the Wolds Run, which starts at East Kirkby Aviation Centre, with some riders go out on a circular ride out covering approximately 50 miles round trip. The riders come from all over the country as far away as Wales, Newcastle and Durham some on bikes dating back to the 1920's. This annual event will be taking place on the 29th April this year, with gates open at 8.30am with ride out approximately 10.30am All are welcome to come and look at the bikes and Just Jane Bomber. Entry is cash £10 for riders, Spectators to pay the Aviation Centre the normal fee. Over the years they have raised nearly £50,000 the main charity is the Lincs. & Notts Air Ambulance, Lincolnshire Blood bikes and East Kirby Aviation Centre. Please contact Lincoln 689302 for further information on ride-outs.

Full Reports for these are available in the Parish Office.

Proposed Skate Park

Debbie Scarbrough gave the audience a preview of the projected plans for proposed Skate Park on the Monson Field, she also had a table with information on this subject. She advised that Skellingthorpe had been looking at a Skate Park for some Years now, and there had been a petition that had over 600 names on this. She hoped everyone was behind her for this to come to fruition, along with a plan of action for the existing play area to tidy this and repaint items.

Inclusion 21

Paul from Inclusion 21 spoke about the provision of education and well-being for young disabled persons who meet in the Youth Hall in Skellingthorpe Monday to Friday. This started in 2020, and they cater for 19 young adults but this could be extended by another 15. They are part of the Good Neighbourhood in Skellingthorpe, visit Nursing Homes, activities within the village, including baking etc. They very much support the idea of the new Pavilion building, and would dearly like to become an integral part of this, hiring a room for meeting, and even if possible using the proposed Café for their cooking.

Parishioners Question Time

Chair asked if there was any questions from those present, to which there was not, but Pat Robinson stood up and thanked all Parish Councillors and Clerks including the Groundsman for all their hard work for the village, and said it was not an easy task, and anyone who feels they could join the Council to research on what is required of them as it is not a easy job at all. Cllr Lamb also advised that he has been part of the Council for 5 and half years, and he has indeed met some wonderful people and really enjoyed being part of the Parish Council.

Meeting Closed at 19.55pm