

**Skellingthorpe Parish Council Meeting**  
**Minutes of Meeting held in Parish Office Skellingthorpe**  
**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 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) M Scarborough (MS) T Richardson (TR)  
 District County Cllrs Goldson and Johnston County Cllr A Briggs  
 Clerk: L. Skinner (LS) M Rouston (MR)  
 3 Members of Public

**1.Apologies:** None

**2.Declaration:** None.

**3.Insignia:** Inspected.

**4.Approve Minutes from 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.** Alteration as Cllr Richardson had been omitted from attendance. No further queries on the minutes proposed and seconded with All In Favour. **Motion Carried.**

**5. Approve minutes from closed session 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024.** Proposed and seconded as true with All in Favour. **Motion Carried**

**6.Chairs Report** (CCF) spoke regarding the continued emails to Greg Payne regarding the traffic problems at the Skellingthorpe roundabout on the A46, confirmation that he and a colleague will attend a meeting in September with the residents. Chair will liaise with dates. Chair asked Councillors to dress correctly with regards to official duties ie. Annual Parish Meeting and 50/61 memorial day, Councillors are representatives of the Parish Council and to please be smart at these events.

**7.Clerks Report.** (LS) advised on recent events at the cemetery where due to the high rainfall the digging of double depth graves has been an ongoing problem for some time., which culminated into a bigger problem this week. Having taken advice from the Gravedigger it was proposed, seconded with All in Favour that any new internments in the Burial section of the Cemetery would be single depth, and should anyone need to be adjacent to their partner to reserve the adjacent plots. Clerks to alter the Cemetery Policies, and advice Funeral Directors **Motion Carried**

Letter regarding placing a further bench in the Cemetery for memorial. This was discussed, and it was agreed that there was no further availability for Bench placement, also this would start a precedent, which could cause future problems. It was agreed that no further benches to be placed in Woodbank Cemetery. Clerks to write to the applicant advising of the decision.

Cemetery Hedge on the far side adjacent to farmers field was becoming very tall and scruffy. Clerks has requested contractors to cut this for past couple of years, but contractors had refused, it was agreed to ask farmer if he could look at this. Clerks to write. Also a letter from a resident requesting daffodil bulbs to be planted alongside

this hedge, she and others would plant these. Council was happy with the suggestion It was agreed to look into the matter once the hedge is cut.

**8. Accounts:** February and March Accounts to be ratified (LF) queried the electricity in the pavilion (LS) advised it had been looked at but could find no fault. Discussion to look into this after football season has finished. Clerks to monitor. (LF) asked about the budget for 50/61 memorial day (LS) answered all queries. Accounts Proposed, Seconded with All in Favour to accept these.

**End of Year Accounts to be ratified.** This was accepted proposed, seconded All in Favour to accept the Income and Expenditure. **Motion Carried**

### **9. Report from District & LCC Councillors.**

District Councillor C Goldson spoke regarding NKDC Environmental Champion appointment Mr M Head, who wishes to come to visit all Parish Councils to speak about this. (CG) spoke about Environmental Agency coming to Swallow Avenue to flush out pond and pipes regarding flooding. He spoke about planning problems in the Old Wood, and gave thanks regarding the success of the Daisy Made Car Show.

DC R Johnson had given a report and also spoke about Biodiversity being part of future Planning applications.

County Councillor Briggs also spoke about the Old Wood with a report to give to NKDC councillors. Speaking also on Back Lane problems with subsidence that need sorting.

**10. Community Centre Update.** Future bookings are going well. (LF) asked about copies of the accounts for CC to be given to Council. Discussion followed (LS) advised that the end of year accounts will be audited and be available around June 24 There will also be an AGM in July for all to attend. Council was advised that there had never been a Fire Alarm system in the building and was being sorted, for Health and Safety, since the new Management Committee had taken over, there had been lots of expense to ensure the building fits in with H&S requirements. The Committee are looking at Grants to help with finances, but currently finances were in good shape.

**Planning/Events Update.** There had been no meetings, therefore no report.

**S106 Update:** (GB) reported that there had been a small meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> April, Phase 1 paid in full, deposit paid Stage 2. Discussion on costings which may need adjustment and extra funding by grants, a Quantity Surveyor will give accurate costs. Internal Alterations on windows/doors to save on costs, he gave information on other small alterations to the drawings, also to have a flat roof. There followed a discussion, as not all agreed with this. The next internal meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> May in Parish Office, with an Open Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> June in the Community Centre 11am to 3pm for all residents invited to attend.

**Skate Park Progress** (MS) advised that Planning Permission had been submitted (LS) to contact NKDC with regards to fees. Discussion on Biodiversity and reports. Building can start when planning permission is agreed.

**11. Solar Sids.** (GB) gave apologies regarding Elan City and the misunderstanding on upgrades which cannot be done on existing SIDs. We currently have £6k in budget for 2 new SIDs (with an extra one being paid for by Daisy Made) with discussions on placement points. Cllr Bright proposed to purchase 2 new solar SIDs from Elan City

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also to use current SIDs around the village too. It was seconded with All in Favour to purchase. (LS) to order.

**Motion Carried**

**12. Speedwatch Update.** (AW) reported that an article had gone in Skellingthorpe Matters, but no response. Clerks were asked to place a further article, if no further volunteers came forward, this could not progress with the 4 volunteers at present.

**13. Emergency Numbers Implementation** Cllrs Bright and Walshaw will assist the Clerks to take this further.

**14. Correspondence.** Email from resident regarding new Skatepark and impact on trees etc. (MS) had replied direct. There was also a comment regarding Oak Tree on Monson this was discussed, and it was agreed to take advice from NKDC Tree Surgeon on the tree. AW has produced photos and a letter to send.

Letter from Resident regarding the Cemetery and Daffodils which had been dealt with in Clerks Report.

**15. Articles for Skellingthorpe Matters:**

Speedwatch

Skellingthorpe Gala with telephone numbers

50/61 Memorial Day

Meeting Closed at 8.36

Next Parish Meeting will be 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Signed.....*CA Walsh*.....

Dated.....*28/5/2024*.....

