

**SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD IN SKEEBY VILLAGE HALL  
at 7.30m, THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**PRESENT:** - Cllrs Budden, Dixon, Metcalfe and Rummery, together with Co Cllr Thompson

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Richardson.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

As Cllr Thompson had another meeting to attend, it was agreed that he gave his report first. Following the receipt of an email from Cllr Rummery regarding the failure of RDC to collect the recycling before Christmas (see Item 8e), Cllr Thompson confirmed that this had been because of vehicle breakdown and he also confirmed that no replacement vehicles are available as financial implications have resulted in the reduction in fleet numbers and no spare vehicle is kept in reserve. It was thought that all refuse collections were back on track. Speed watch continued to be a matter of great importance to Cllr Thompson and a working party is being set up by him to look into the matter of the provision of speed matrix boards which could be purchased by individual or shared parish councils. Of the thirty matrix boards available in the county, twenty seven of these are still in the depot. Cllr Budden read an extract from a newspaper report regarding poaching in North Yorkshire, where Cllr Dadd suggested that confiscated vehicles could be sold off and the money used to reduce the number of speeding prosecutions and Cllr Budden felt that it was inappropriate to suggest that speed concerns should be ignored. Cllr Thompson agreed to take up the matter with Cllr Dadd. Concern was raised regarding the new signage which directed traffic down the new road onto Scurragh Lane which it had been agreed was dangerous and Cllr Thompson agreed to raise the matter with Stuart Culley (see also Item 3g) Cllr Thompson reminded Councillors that there was still a small amount of money available for small project and any requests should be submitted before the end of February.

**ACTION: Cllr Thompson (2)**

**2. MINUTES**

Cllr Metcalfe was unhappy with the way Item 3a, 30.11.17 had been reported regarding permission being sought prior to maintenance work being carried out, but after discussion it was agreed that the item would stand in its entirety. Concerns regarding the implications of insurance for volunteers and the work they carried out means that the Parish Council should be kept informed of any activities which might result in any claim. Acceptance of the Minutes for the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 was proposed by Cllr Rummery seconded by Cllr Dixon and carried unanimously.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Community Parks:-**

*Linden Road Community Park* - Cllr Dixon reported that the planter appeared to be in good condition and the evergreens appeared to be thriving, some weeding was required and Cllr Dixon would carry this out when the weather improved. It was not known whether Cllr Richardson had oiled the gate and the Clerk apologised as she had not been in touch with Streetscape regarding the outstanding maintenance problems. The dog waste bin was overflowing and Cllr Dixon had reported this to RDC and pointed out that the bin at the entrance to Springfield was overflowing (see Item 8f also). Both bins have since been emptied. Cllr Dixon reported that the brambles surrounding the park were overgrown and needed cutting back and it was agreed that Cllr Metcalfe would ask Deryck Hume to provide the Clerk with an estimate for carrying out the work.

**ACTION: Cllr Metcalfe**

*Streetscape Invoice* - The VAT refund had been received and the invoice would be paid following transfer of cash into Business Account No 2. The transfer letter was signed, together with the cheque for Streetscape.

*Birdboxes* - these had been fixed to various trees in the village

**b) Speed Watch** - Further speed watches had been carried out with no significant results.

**c) Water Egress A6108** - It would appear that the problem had been rectified.

- d) **45 Richmond Road** - The Clerk had not received any further information.
- e) **Railings** - This was also in hand.
- f) **Ward Boundary Changes** - The consultation closing date had passed but the results were unknown.
- g) **Scurragh Lane Signage** - It was noted that the Skeeby was still signposted down the new road rather than the A6108 and Cllr Thompson would contact Stuart Culley to ask about progress.

**ACTION: Cllr Thompson**

- h) **GNAAS Donation** - An acknowledgement had been received. Cllr Metcalfe asked whether a donation for CAB could be agreed and he was reminded that it had been decided at the previous meeting that this matter would be deferred until the end of the financial year.
- i) **Damage to Speed Cushions** - The bolts had worked loose again and the Clerk would inform Highways. Some of the cats eyes on the road leading to the bridge appear to be missing and this would also be reported.

**ACTION: Clerk (2)**

#### 5. VILLAGE GREENS

- a) **Damage to beck bank outside Tenby House** - Work on this property was not yet complete so the question of the bank reinstatement was deferred to the next meeting.
- b) **Notice Board, Springfield** - Letters had been sent to the volunteers
- c) **Beck Clearance** - This had been carried out.
- d) **Grass cutting** - The Clerk had received a telephone call from Mr Barry Robertson asking if he could tender for the grass cutting contract. It was agreed that Cllr Rummery would meet him to show him the Parish Council requirements. The Clerk would contact him with details of the work which was required.

**ACTION: Cllr Rummery and Clerk**

#### 6. RIGHTS OF WAY

- a) **Fly-tipping** - Cllr Budden reported that a further small amount of fly-tipping had occurred on Olliver Lane and would continue to monitor the problem. Cllr Dixon reported that a small amount of rubbish had been left on Scurragh Lane and would contact RDC to arrange its removal.

**ACTION: Cllrs Budden and Dixon**

- b) **Signpost Olliver Lane** - An acknowledgement of this had been received from NYCC who had agreed to investigate.

#### 7. FINANCE

- a) **Report** - This was accepted.
- b) **Precept 2018** - The request had been submitted to RDC.
- c) **Cheques** - A cheque for £12,666.00 was signed for Streetscape which would be sent following the transfer of money and a letter requesting this was signed. A cheque for the hire of the village hall during 2017 was also signed.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **PC Wood's Reports** - Reports for November and December were received.
- b) **NYCC - Household waste recycling centre opening** - This document was received
- c) **NYCC Minerals and Waste Joint Plan** - This document was received.
- d) **North Richmond Community Partnership Meeting** - The meeting notes were received.
- e) **Waste Collection** - This document regarding missed collections from Cllr Rummery was received
- f) **Dog Waste Bins** - A letter and accompanying photograph had been received from Mr G Alexander.
- g) **YLCA - Richmondshire Branch Meeting** - This document was received.
- h) **Business Ratepayers Information Meeting** - This document was received
- i) **FPA - 18 Linden Road** - There were no objections to this development
- f) **Journals** - The Clerk, Clerk and Councils Direct.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

a) *D & S Times* – This report would be submitted at a later date

***ACTION: Cllr Budden and Clerk***

**10. DATE AND VENUE**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at **7.00pm** on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018** in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall and would be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm