

SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN SKEEBY JUBILEE VILLAGE HALL
at 7.30m, THURSDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2018

PRESENT: - Cllrs Budden, Dixon, Metcalfe and Richardson together with five members of the public (Mr and Mrs H Nolson, Mr and Mrs D Harker, Mr Haswell).

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Rummery and Co Cllr Thompson

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

2. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Metcalfe, seconded by Cllr Dixon and carried unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2018 were accurate and were signed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

a) **Defibrillator** - Ms Kay Richardson was invited to give a brief presentation on her research with Cllr Metcalfe into the possibility of Skeeby Parish Council purchasing a defibrillator (copy attached to these Minutes) which she had compiled with input from Middleton Tyas Parish Councillor Collins. A guide price for complete installation is between £1400 and £2200, with a warranty for 10 years with an estimated maintenance cost of £110pa. The Community Heartbeat Trust can provide fundraising support and materials etc and a telephone box can be adopted for £1.00 from BT, although it was pointed out that the telephone box in the village was still in operation and an alternative site would need to be found and a telephone line connection installed. Training, although not compulsory, can also be provided by them. With regard to potential sponsors, the North Richmondshire Community Partnership had already been approached and it was felt that financial support from them was almost certainly guaranteed and other fundraising activities would be organised, with an envelope drop in the village a potential means of raising funds, together with the sale of merchandise. A team of volunteers would need to be recruited. After discussion it was agreed that in principle the purchase of a defibrillator would be a good idea and Ms Richardson was asked to proceed with an online Facebook survey to gauge interest within the village and to recruit volunteers, following which the Clerk would complete the necessary forms, which had to be submitted by the Parish Council and signed by its Chair prior to submission. Ms Richardson was thanked for her research and for her excellent presentation.

ACTION: Ms K Richardson and the Clerk

b) **Travellers Rest** - No further information was available, although it was understood from Mr McKeon that RDC had been in touch with Mr Whitfield who had stated that the pub remains for sale and he is willing to negotiate over the valuation, with the possibility of a lower price with claw back if the proposed pub was successful or if there was ever to be a change of use to a dwelling.

c) **Community Park Report** - The Clerk had received a copy of the park inspections from Mr Lodge, who had raised issues with the moss growing on the sand carpet of the see-saw in the Linden Road park and the handgrip of the Air Skier loose and rose bushes in the boundary.

ACTION: Cllr Metcalfe

d) **Speed cushions** - New speed cushions had been installed at the western end of the village.

d) **Planning Permission - Dormer Bungalow, Scurragh Lane** - Cllr Metcalfe had attended the site meeting to discuss this application and although no formal notification had been received, it was understood that the application had been refused.

e) **Lambing Shed - Scurragh Lane** - No further information regarding this planning application was available.

f) **PFK Littlejohn** - The Clerk had received further communication from PFKL regarding SPC's failure to complete the annual return, so had spoken to the Company who agreed that it had sent the incorrect forms in their last email attachment and it had agreed to waive the £40.00 surcharge for failing to return the forms. The correct form had been received and after discussion with Cllrs Budden and Rummery, the Clerk had asked SPC's accountant to complete the forms on behalf of the Council. Although it was agreed that the SPC thought

that it had already declared itself exempt in 2016, it was proposed by Cllr Dixon, seconded by Cllr Richardson and carried unanimously that SPC should make a formal request for exemption from a limited assurance review and that the Certificate of Exemption would be published as required on the RDC website.

ACTION: Clerk

g) **Notice Board - Springfield** - Cllr Metcalfe had been in touch with Cllr Thompson to confirm that funds were still available and after discussion it was agreed that Cllr Metcalfe would apply to Cllr Thompson for funding towards the cost of an aluminium poster case, which has a proposed cost of £420.00 + VAT, plus delivery of £50.00 + VAT from the Parish Board Notice Company. Once confirmation of a grant was received, an order would be placed and a deposit paid.

ACTION:- Cllrs Thompson, Metcalfe and the Clerk

h) **Music Night** - This had been arranged for 1st December, with cakes/scones/biscuits/tea and coffee on offer.

ACTION; Cllr Rummery

i) **Ladies Night** - This had been deferred until early 2019.

ACTION: Cllr Dixon

j) **High Brough Moor Garage - Premises Licence** - It was understood that this had been granted.

5. VILLAGE GREENS

a) **Tree at entrance to Hall Farm** - The Clerk had written to the owner advising them that they could trim the tree themselves and to contact the relevant utility company should they continued to be concerned of potential damage to overhead lines.

6. RIGHTS OF WAY

There were no problems to report.

7. FINANCE

a) **Report** - This was accepted.

b) **Precept Forecast** - The Clerk provided a precept forecast which showed that although the current level of precept just about covered the outgoing expenses of the Council, in May 2019 there would be an election and the potential cost to the Council could be £1,200.00. Reluctantly the Councillors agreed that the Council would need to increase the precept by £1K in order to cover the potential cost and it was proposed by Cllr Richardson, seconded by Cllr Dixon and agreed unanimously that the precept request to RDC would be £6,800.00. The Clerk would advise RDC of the decision.

ACTION: Clerk

c) **Barclays Bank** - The Clerk had received a form from Barclays Bank requesting an update of officers which had been completed and returned.

d) **GNAAS donation** - It was agreed to send a donation of £50 and a cheque would be signed for this amount.

ACTION: Clerk

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) **Awards for All** - The original documents had not been returned and the Clerk had made repeated requests, but Awards for All were now claiming that they could not find the documents and they had been shredded. As they could not be certain that they had been shredded, the Clerk was continued to press for their return.

ACTION: Clerk

b) **North Richmondshire Community Partnership Funding** - This document was received and related to Item 1 (a) above.

c) **RDC - Town and Parish Council Elections** - This document was received (see item 7 (b) above)

d) **NYCC Richmond Area Constituency Committee** - This document was received

e) **YLCA Richmondshire Branch Meeting** - This document was received.

f) **Community First Yorkshire** - These documents were received..

j) **Journals** - Clerk, Clerk and Councils Direct

k) **Tabled:-**

PC Woods Report,
YLCA extended telephone service
Request for information from Cllr Thompson regarding a Skeeby by-pass. No one had any further information on this matter which had been on-going for several decades and the Clerk would advise Cllr Thompson

ACTION; Clerk

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

ACTION: Cllr Budden and Clerk

b) **Black Bags on Scurragh Lane** - It was reported that several black bags had been deposited on the right handed corner and although the matter had been reported by Cllr Dixon, the bags remained in situ. The Clerk would advise RDC and also let them know that it was thought that a garden maintenance van had been sighted in the area at the time.

ACTION: Clerk

c) **D&ST Report** - Mr Harker asked why a report from the last meeting had not been printed in the newspaper and the Clerk reported that it had considered the report to be too long and although she had requested that only the item on the Travellers Rest be reported, that was still considered to be too long. An amended version had been submitted but not published and Mr Harker acknowledged that the Clerk had no jurisdiction over what and when or even if the newspaper chose to include a parish council report.

d) **Matrix Boards** - Mr Harker again raised the possibility of matrix boards and was reminded that the Hambleton and Richmondshire Safety Community Partnership considered that Skeeby had sufficient traffic calming measures in place and was therefore not eligible for matrix boards, as reported at the previous meeting.

10. DATE AND VENUE

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on **Thursday 31st January 2019** in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10 pm