

**SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD IN SKEEBY JUBILEE VILLAGE HALL  
at 7.00m, THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**

**PRESENT:** - Cllrs Budden, Dixon, Metcalfe, Richardson and Rummery together with three members of the public (Mr T Brookes, Mrs V Hepworth and Mrs H Nolson)

**APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**2. MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr Rummery, seconded by Cllr Richardson and carried unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> January were accurate and were signed as a correct record with a minor adjustment to the wording regarding the siting of the defibrillator on the church wall and the acknowledgement of an amendment in the Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Defibrillator** - The initial application had been refused, but following advice from the National Lottery Community Fund, Ms Kay Richardson would be re-submitting the application following amendments to the provision of evidence to meet the criteria which would need to be approved by SPC.

**ACTION: Ms K Richardson and PR**

b) **Travellers Rest** - The Clerk had received further information regarding the dissatisfaction of the SCPS with the lack of progress achieved by RDC, who they felt had reneged on its promise to pursue a CPO. The papers would be circulated to all Councillors following the meeting but apart from continuing to express the wish that a public house would be a useful asset to the village, there was nothing that SPC could do at present.

**ACTION: Clerk**

c) **Community Park - Springfield**

**Ball games** - Although the signs would continue to be displayed, the perceived problem had been resolved.

**Park Safety Inspection** - Cllr Metcalfe continued to be unhappy that the rose bushes, which RDC Safety Officer had suggested be removed, were still in situ. After discussion it was agreed that they would be removed and Cllrs Budden and Richardson would carry out this work.

**ACTION: Cllrs Budden and Richardson**

**Tree** - Following a suggestion from a resident that a large sycamore tree standing in the park was in a dangerous condition, a tree surgeon had been consulted and had declared that the tree was healthy and did not pose a danger, so it was decided to leave the tree as it was. The Clerk would write to the resident and also inform the contractor who had submitted a quote, that the work had been deferred for the time being.

**ACTION: Clerk (2)**

**Suspicious males** - Two suspicious males had been seen loitering in the park, appearing to be studying the surrounding houses and the Clerk had reported the incident to NYPA.

d) **Notice Board - Springfield** - This had been installed and Cllr Thompson was thanked for his contribution towards the cost, although it was noted that the grant had not yet been received.

e) **Gas Pipe - 46 Richmond Road** - This work had been approved by SPC, but had not yet been carried out.

f) **Lights - Richmond Road** - It was reported that several street lights were still not functioning (3, 4, 12 + one other) and the Clerk would report these again.

**ACTION: Clerk**

g) **FPA - 42 Richmond Road - Request to Widen and Tarmac Drive** - The Clerk had received an email from RDC planning regarding a request from the Highway Authority to tarmac and widen the access to this property and a photograph had been provided. After discussion it was agreed that, as there was already a patch of unauthorised tarmac in place following previous utility work, SPC had no objection to the provision of tarmac from the A6108

up to the existing patch, but it did **not agree** to the widening of the entrance or to the tarmac surface continuing beyond the existing patch and the Clerk would write to RDC planning office stating its objections.

**ACTION: Clerk**

- h) **Zurich Insurance** - This had been renewed at the same cost as last year.
- i) **Dog Fouling** - Letters of thanks would be sent to Linda Dickenson and Sarah Jones for their sterling work in the collection and disposal of dog waste from Olliver Lane. Unfortunately the problem persists and would continue to be monitored. The RDC dog warden had been informed.

**ACTION: Clerk (2)**

#### 5. VILLAGE GREENS

- a) **Grass Cutting Quote** - After discussion it was agreed to accept the quote from NYCC and the Clerk would confirm the decision.

**ACTION: Clerk**

- b) **Village Green outside Lilac Cottages, Richmond Road** - A request to widen the driveway to the above properties to allow access for a campervan had been received. A site inspection was carried out and the damage to the village green, extending to approximately eighteen inches was noted. Following discussion, it was agreed that SPC was not able to give away registered village green and the only way to compensate for the loss of land was for the owners of the cottages to exchange a portion of their land. However, concern was raised regarding the safety aspect of removing eighteen inches of the green which would result in a possible trip hazard due to differing land levels, which could only be remedied by the levelling of the existing green to which SPC could not agree. The occupants would be reminded that the village green extended up to the garages of the properties on both sides and that parking thereon was not permitted. The Clerk would write to the occupants, requested that in future they park the campervan across the road in the Travellers Rest car park which would allow the existing damage to the village green to recover. SPC also suggested that if the occupants wished, a site meeting to discuss the problem could be arranged.

**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 6. RIGHTS OF WAY

There were no problems to report.

#### 7. FINANCE

- a) **Report** - This was accepted.
- b) **Final Accounts** - The Clerk was asked to prepare these for audit.

**ACTION: Clerk**

- c) **Cheques were signed** - As recorded in the finance report.
- d) **Clerk's Salary** - After private discussion, the Councillors announced that the Clerk's salary would be increased by 5% with the recommendation that the salary should be reviewed annually in line with inflation. The Clerk recorded her thanks to the Councillors for their support. The Clerk would advise the payroll provider of the increase.

**ACTION: Clerk**

- e) **Car Park Rates** - RDC had indicated that this was once again zero rated.

#### 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **North Yorkshire Partnership Agenda and Minutes** - These documents were received.
- b) **Best Kept Village Competition** - The Clerk had entered the village in this competition
- c) **Disposal of Planning Documents** - As the Clerk had a considerable number of past planning applications, the advice of the Democratic Services at RDC had been sought regarding their safe disposal as the documents contained personal information. It was agreed that the Clerk could take the documents to RDC to enable them to shred them safely and the Clerk would organise this.

**ACTION:- Clerk**

- d) **RDC Local Plan Review Workshop** - This document was received
- e) **PC Woods Reports - January** - This document was received.
- f) **Funding Request - The Bridge** - This request was refused
- g) **Journals** - Clerk, Clerk and Councils Direct
- h) **Tabled:-** Full Planning Application - Garage, 45 Richmond Road. This document would be circulated following the meeting.

**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) **39 Richmond Road** - Mrs Hepworth had provided the Clerk with a copy of a letter she had received from Rishi Sunak regarding the continued problem of the state of this cottage which adjoined a property owned by the Hepworths and had been empty for almost ten years. A copy of this letter will be circulated following the meeting. Unfortunately the content was not particularly helpful in as much that there was little, apart from a private pursuit through court, that could be done as long as the owner continued to pay the relevant council tax for the property. The Clerk would write to RDC stating its continued disappointment that the property, despite many requests to both to RDC and the owner, which unless there was a report of a vermin or structural problem, was being allowed to fall into disrepair.

**ACTION: Clerk (2)**

c) **Garden Open Day - The Manor House** - Notices for this event would be displayed in the notice boards.

**ACTION: Clerk**

d) **Duck Race** - It was agreed to hold this on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 and Ms Kay Richardson would be asked if she would organise this event with Cllr Dixon, who would also organise a raffle and refreshments in the village hall.

**ACTION: Ms Kay Richardson and Cllr Dixon**

e) **Car in Travellers Rest** - The Clerk would inform NYPA that a VW car (reg no ST06WGA) had been stationary for several weeks.

f) **Parish Council Elections** - Cllr Metcalfe informed Councillors that he would not be standing for re-election and was thanked for his support during his tenure. The Clerk distributed election nomination papers to the remaining Councillors which had to be submitted by 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

## 10. DATE AND VENUE

Following the parish council elections, the next ordinary meeting has by law to take place prior to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and will therefore be held in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall at **7.30pm** on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019**.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm