

SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN SKEEBY JUBILEE VILLAGE HALL
at 7.30m, THURSDAY 16th MAY 2019
25th JULY *JKL*

PRESENT:- Cllrs Richardson, Rummery, Dixon and Moreton and Co Cllr Thompson

It was with great regret that the Parish Councillors recorded the passing of Cllr John Blackie, who would be remembered as a champion of the Dales and its people. Cllr Blackie had been a great help to SPC in the past and his input at both parish and district level would be sadly missed.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Budden and Dist Cllr Heslop

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Dixon, seconded by Cllr Moreton and carried unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2019 were accurate and were signed as a correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

- a) **Defibrillator** - It was hoped that this would be installed during week commencing 19th August. After discussion it was suggested that the three directional signs would be situated on the corner of the village hall, the bus shelter and Springfield notice board, subject to the suitability of the sites once the signs had been received. There would be a awareness seminar in the village hall on 7th September and Kay Richardson would do a leaflet drop and the event would also be advertised on the notice boards. The Clerk had informed all three emergency services in Richmond of the location of the defib.
- b) **Travellers Rest** - No further information was available at this time.
- c) **Community Park - Springfield - Park Safety Inspection** - Once again the rose bushes had been highlighted but these had been removed by Cllrs Budden and Richardson and it was noted that work was required on a loose gate and fence posts at the entrance. The Clerk suggested that remedial work would be required, possibly in the autumn, as some of the hedgerow bushes/trees had grown apace this year overshadowing a neighbouring property and also casting shade on the playground itself which might result in the land not drying out properly, particularly in winter.
ACTION:- Cllrs Budden and Richardson
- d) **Gas Pipe - 46 Richmond Road** - The damaged area had been reseeded and had grown back satisfactorily. No further action was required.
- e) **FPA - 42 Richmond Road** - Full planning permission had been granted with several conditions attached. The application would be circulated following the meeting as there were several conditions which would need to be monitored. Cllr Richardson suggested that photos be taken and he would arrange for this to be carried out so that any damage to the village green could be proven and reinstatement carried out to the satisfaction of SPC.
ACTION: Cllr Richardson
- f) **Best Kept Village Rules** - Skeeby was ranked at eleventh out of sixteen villages competing. This was felt to be a fair assessment considering the condition of several empty properties within the village.
- g) **Duck Race** - The final total for this event was £363.00, slightly up on last year and thanks are recorded to Cllr Dixon and Kay Richardson who worked so hard organising this event.
- h) **Streetlights** - There had been no work carried out as had been suggested by Area Highways and the situation would be monitored. The Clerk would contact Area Highways should the need arise.
ACTION: Clerk
- i) **Scotch Corner Development** - The queries raised by SPC regarding the event space had been answered by Ian Nesbit and the Clerk had written to let him know that SPC had no further objections.

j) **FPA 45 Richmond Road - garage** - RDC had queried ownership of the land outside this property and the Clerk had confirmed that it was definitely village green. RDC explained that a tree assessment needed to be carried out to the beech tree standing on this land. No further information was available at present.

k) **Planning permission - Scurragh Lane** - The applicant had taken his request for planning permission to the Secretary of State and SPC confirmed that it had nothing further to add to the objections it had already raised to RDC with regard to this development.

l) **White lines - Skeeby Bridge** - This work was still outstanding and Cllr Thompson asked that the Clerk email him with a further request for the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

ACTION:- Cllr Thompson and Clerk

9. VILLAGE GREENS

a) **Tarmac at the Croft** - The Clerk's attention had been drawn to the illegal dumping of tarmac on this section of village green following remedial work to the A6108. It was not considered to be the fault of the contractor but was most likely at the request of a resident who used the area for parking. Cllr Rummery had met with Neil Linfoot and the contractor to discuss what measures needed to be taken and the two options were that the tarmac be removed and then the surface would be assessed to see if further action needed to be taken, or that the area be covered with gravel. After discussion it was agreed that covering the offending area with gravel would only defer the problem to the future, as the gravel would inevitably erode over time and it also created a precedent for other areas of the village green to be tarmaced and then covered over. The Clerk was therefore asked to contact Neil Linfoot to request that the tarmac be removed in its entirety as soon as possible.

ACTION:- Clerk

b) **Posts outside cottages** - This work was in hand

ACTION: Cllrs Budden, Richardson and Rummery

10. RIGHTS OF WAY

There was nothing to report

11. FINANCE

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

b) **Non-domestic Rates** - The Clerk had confirmed that the car park was still in use and that SPC had no other business interests.

c) **Cheque** - A cheque was signed for SLCC subs and would be forwarded as requested.

ACTION: Clerk

d) **Notice of Exemption** - This had been received from PKF Littlejohn LLP.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

a) **PC Wood reports (2)** - These documents were received. PC Wood had asked whether it would be possible to use the village hall as a base for a visible presence and in principle this was thought to be a good idea, depending on internet connectivity. The Clerk would speak to the Chairman of SJVH committee to see if it was willing to accommodate this request, with the costs being shared between SPC and SJVH. The Clerk would let PC Wood know the outcome and make arrangements for collection/return of a key.

ACTION: Clerk (2)

b) **YCLA White Rose newsletter (2)** - These documents were received

c) **FPA - 52 Richmond Road** - The consensus of opinion was that, despite the amendments, the proposed alterations were completely out of keeping with the village and surrounding properties and the Clerk would inform RDC of the views of SPC.

ACTION: Clerk

d) **Remedial work on A6108** - This notification was received and it was noted that the work had been carried out.

e) **Unlicensed textile collections** - notification had been received of bogus textile operations being carried out in the area and this was passed to Kay Richardson for inclusion on Skeeby Life.

ACTION: Cllr Richardson (for KayR)

f) **NYCC - Richmond Area Meeting** - This document was received.

g) **Fly-posting on notice boards** - The Clerk has written to Easby PCC regarding the posting of notices on the outside of the notice board on Springfield, pointing out that SPC was always willing to accommodate notices from other organisations (providing space was available) on its boards, but did not appreciate fly posting of activities which might suggest that the event advertised had received the approval of SPC. The Clerk had to remove sticky residue which had been left on the glass.

h) **Valuation Office Agency** - An information request regarding the car park outside the Travellers Rest had been received and the Clerk would complete and return with particular reference to the fact that this area is a car park and there is no 'and Premises' attached to it and reminding the VOA that this had been pointed out in earlier replies.

ACTION: Clerk

l) **Journals - Clerk and Councils Direct** - an article regarding the reclamation of VAT on donations would be retained for future reference together with an article contained in the **Clerk** regarding tree surveys on council owned land, which it was recommended should be carried out annually.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

ACTION: Cllr Richardson and Clerk

b) **RDC Green spaces** - Cllr Rummery reported that he had received an email regarding the assessment of green spaces in Skeeby and would forward any future correspondence to the Clerk.

ACTION- Cllr Rummery and Clerk

14. DATE AND VENUE

This will be held in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall at 7.30pm on **Thursday 26th September 2019.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm