

**SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN SKEEBY JUBILEE VILLAGE HALL
at 7.30m, THURSDAY 27thAUGUST 2020**

PRESENT:- Cllrs Budden, Richardson, Rummery and Dixon.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Moreton, Dist Cllr Heslop and Co Cllr Thompson

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Dixon, seconded by Cllr Rummery and carried unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2020 were accurate and were signed as a correct record.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As there changes in election rules due to COVID-19, it was proposed by Cllr Rummery, seconded by Cllr Richardson and carried unanimously that Cllr Budden continue as Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr Dixon, seconded by Cllr Rummery and carried unanimously that Cllr Richardson continue as Vice-Chairman. Both appointments would be in force until the next election in May 2021.

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) **Travellers Rest** - The Clerk wished to record her displeasure that the Community Pub Group had issued a press release without informing SPC of its contents, nor had it had the courtesy to ask whether the Clerk wished her contact details to be included in that document or ask if the Clerk was willing to record any replies to a request for responses. Only seven people had got in touch with the Clerk, two of whom lived outside Skeeby. Mr D Harker had mailed the Clerk to ask that SPC wrote to RDC expressing support for the pub reopening. Mr Harker was informed this had already been done on more than one occasion and at the January meeting Cllr Heslop had undertaken to hold a meeting, should there be sufficient interest in re-establishing a public house in the village. With COVID-19 restrictions this had obviously not taken place.

b) **Community Park - Springfield** - As Cllr Moreton was not present at the meeting, the policy for the two parks was deferred to the next meeting. A safety report from RDC had been received and would be circulated following the meeting. Cllrs Budden and Richardson agreed to rectify some of the matters raised.

ACTION: Cllrs Budden and Richardson

c) **Planning Application - Lambing Shed, Scurragh Lane** - no further information was available.

ACTION: Clerk

d) **Water egress/Skeeby Bridge Repairs** - Remedial work to the bridge structure was in progress and was anticipated to take until the end of October to complete. It is hoped that the problems with the water egress would be rectified at the same time.

e) **Duck Race** - This has been cancelled for this year as it was felt that it was not a viable event for many reasons. It was agreed that SPC would carry the annual costs for the upkeep of the defib for the current year.

f) **Flooding - Olliver Lane - (1)** The resident of 1 Olliver had cleaned out the beck running through his property, which had reduced the water level and it was hoped that this would cure the flooding on the A6108. The problem would continue to be monitored. **(2)** It was noted that the resident of the Willows had blocked the free flow of an overflow culvert into a long-standing water trough and the Clerk was asked to write to ask him to remove the obstruction.

ACTION:- Clerk

5. VILLAGE GREENS

a) **Gates at Tenby House** - No approval has yet been received for the replacement gates.

ACTION:- Clerk

b) **Tree Survey** - It was decided that it would be prudent to have a survey carried out on the health of all the trees standing on SPC owned land and Cllr Richardson agreed to contact Martin Goldsbrough to inspect the trees and provide a written report.

Action: Cllr Richardson

c) **45 Richmond Road - Beech Tree** - It was noted that work had commenced on the garage at this property and that any trimming to the tree would be closely monitored.

ACTION:- All Councillors and Clerk

d) **Parking outside 40 Richmond Road** - It was noted that cars were persistently being parked on the village green outside this property. The owner of the vehicles had been spoken to and a letter sent advising them that it was illegal to park on the grass, the owner has continued to do so. The Clerk had contacted RDC who advised that SPC should write to the owner stating that it would rectify the damage to the green and charge the costs to the owner. A letter would be sent by registered post to the owner. As an interim measure the Clerk sought permission to contact the person who had carried out the work to the cottage to see if his daughter had moved into the property and if so, ask him to tell her and her partner not to park on the green.

ACTION: Clerk

e) **Parking Outside 42 Richmond Road** - It was noted that a vehicle had been parked on the driveway to this property and two large traffic cones had been placed to prevent other vehicles access. The Clerk had been in touch with Irvings, the estate agent in charge of the sale, asking them to pass on her contact details to the new owner. Irvings informed the Clerk that the contract had not yet been signed so they would ask the interested purchaser to contact her. Mr Christopher Burton rang later that day and informed the Clerk that he had parked there to preserve his right of access. He was not happy with being told that it was illegal to park on registered common land and he only had access across the village green and was not permitted to park on the driveway, nor was he able to block the access by the use of cones. After discussion, Mr Burton agreed to remove the cones within 24hours, if they were still there they would be impounded and he would have to retrieve them from the Clerk. He blamed various neighbours for parking cars there and blocking his access. The cones had been removed, and it was agreed to monitor the situation, in tandem with Item(d) above.

ACTION:-All Cllrs and Clerk

6. RIGHTS OF WAY

a) The footpath markers had been received and distributed.

b) **Olliver Lane** - The Clerk was asked to contact the tenant of Halfe Hill Farm to ask if he would mow the verges of Olliver Lane which were becoming very overgrown.

ACTION:-Clerk

7. FINANCE

a) **Report** – This was accepted. The Clerk suggested that, as RDC had paid the full years' precept in April instead of in two parts, the sum of £4K should be transferred to the reserve account to gain the benefit of the small interest applicable to this account. This was unanimously agreed and the Clerk would prepare the necessary paperwork.

ACTION:- Clerk

b) **Final Accounts/AGAR forms** - The final accounts, together with the AGAR forms, which had been prepared by Ian Crisop Accountancy, were approved and two copies signed, one of which would be returned to ICA. The AGAR forms would be completed and returned to PFK Littlejohn by the Clerk.

ACTION:- Clerk (2)

c) **Pension Regulator** - The Clerk had completed the forms for re-declaration of compliance, confirming that she did not wish to receive a pension from SPC. The declaration is valid for three years.

d) **Clerk's Pay** - After discussions (at which the Clerk was not present) a pay increase of £75pa commencing September 2020 was awarded to the Clerk. Her thanks are recorded.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) **PC Wood - (3)** - These reports were accepted.

- b) **White Rose updates** - These documents were received.
- c) **RDC/NALC** - Documents relating to the proposal of a super council, along with a report by Cllr Thompson, were received and retained for future consultation
- d) **NYCC - Suported bus Services/Rural Mobility fund** - This document was received -and it was agreed that the current bus service was adequate.
- e) **51/53 Richmond Road** - This planning application was renewed and SPC had no objections to the development.
- f) **Northern Forest** - After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Rummery could pursue the provision of trees with a view to planting them on the perimeter of Linden Road Community Park. This would provide a screen for the properties adjoining the park, but would also help to improve the environment by encouraging more wildlife. Cllr Rummery agreed to request a quantity of small trees suitable for the area.

ACTION:-Cllr Rummery

- g) **52 Richmond Road** - SPC had objected to several alterations to the original plans for this property for which they had not received notification. The Clerk had yet to receive an approval notice for the alterations and would contact RDC Planning.

ACTION:-Clerk

- h) **North and East Yorkshire Strategic Housing Partnership** - This document on affordable homes was received.
- i) **Removal of Tree - 23 Richmond Road** - It had been noted that a tree in the front garden of this property had been removed. The Clerk had written to the owner advising them that planning permission was needed prior to the removal of trees in a conservation area. The owner had telephoned to say that permission had been sought and granted. The Clerk apologised and said that SPC had not received any notification from RDC to this effect
- j) **Planning Permission - 51 Richmond Road** - SPC had no objections to the addition of a window in the west gable.
- k) **Broadband** - Several complaints of poor broadband connection had been received and the Clerk had written to both Cllrs Heslop and Thompson to see if this was within their remit.

ACTION: Cllrs Heslop and Thompson

- l) **CAB** - This request for funding would be deferred to the next meeting.

ACTION:- Clerk

Journals - Several copies of The Clerk and Clerks and Councils Direct were received

Tabled - The Clerk had received a request from Morrisons Utilities requesting permission to replace a leaking stop tap outside 16 Richmond Road. This work was approved by the Councillors and would be carried out and completed on 4th September. *Following the meeting the Clerk was advised that a stop tap was leaking outside 19 Richmond Road and in her reply to Morrison asked whether this work could be carried out at the same time.*

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) **Speed Cushions** - It was noted that one of the speed cushions was missing and the Clerk would contact Highways.

ACTION:- Clerk

- c) **Traffic Lights, Skeeby Bridge** - Assurance was sought that the traffic lights at Skeeby bridge were a temporary measure due to road works. The Clerk said that she had not received any notification that these lights were to become permanent. Concern was raised that if the lights were to stay, visibility on the blind corner leading to the bridge from the west would be a problem.

14. DATE AND VENUE-

The next meeting will be held in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall at **7.30pm on Thursday 29th October 2020.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30 pm