

**SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD IN THE VESTRY OF ST AGATHA'S CHURCH, SKEEBY**  
**at 7.30m, THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019**

**1. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS/ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Following the local elections when four previous councillors were re-elected, Cllrs Budden, Dixon, Richardson and Rummery affirmed their willingness to continue in post. It was proposed by Cllr Dixon, seconded by Cllr Rummery and carried unanimously that Cllr Budden be returned as Chairman and it was proposed by Cllr Budden, seconded by Cllr Dixon and carried unanimously that Cllr Richardson be returned as Vice-Chairman. Cllr W Heslop was welcomed as the new District Councillor.

**2. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

Following the advertisement of a vacancy, only one candidate came forward. It was proposed by Cllr Rummery, seconded by Cllr Dixon and carried unanimously that Mr Ian Moreton be co-opted as a Councillor and he was welcomed by the Chairman.

**3. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS**

Mr Ian Crisop presented the final accounts for the year and declared that he was quite satisfied with the way the Parish Council was conducting its financial matters; all the accounts were in the black, with no problems highlighted. A copy of the report is filed with these Minutes. Mr Crisop had also completed the required documents for submission to PFK Littlejohn, which would be submitted following delegated responsibility to Cllr Budden and the Clerk to sign the relevant sections. Mr Crisop was thanked for his work in this matter.

**ACTION: Cllr Budden and Clerk**

**4 PRESENT:** - Cllrs Budden, Dixon, Moreton, Richardson and Rummery together with three members of the public (Mr and Mrs H Nolson, Mr B Metcalfe)

**5. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Co Cllr Thompson

**6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Budden declared an interest in Item 8(f).

**7. MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr Richardson, seconded by Cllr Dixon and carried unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were accurate and were signed as a correct record.

**8. MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Defibrillator** - Following the re-submission of the application after amendments had been made, no further information was currently available.

b) **Travellers Rest** - The Clerk had circulated emails between SCPS and RDC. Cllr Heslop asked for information from SPC which he would take to a meeting with officers from RDC prior to a meeting with representatives of SCPS and RDC on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019. He was advised that, whilst SPC had always supported the hope that it would be possible to have a village pub, no firm plans or financial reliability had been proven by SCPS and SPC was not in a position to do anything other than monitor any planning proposal. There was a discrepancy between the valuation of the property submitted by the vendor and SCPS and as almost ten years had elapsed since the pub closed, the level of support of the residents now would be difficult to gauge. Cllr Heslop would advise SPC of the results of his meetings.

**ACTION: Cllr Heslop**

c) **Community Park - Springfield**

**Park Safety Inspection** - Mr Metcalfe complained that the rose bushes, which RDC Safety Officer had suggested be removed, were still in situ. Cllrs Budden and Richardson agreed that work commitments had prevented them from carrying out the removal but would carry out this work as soon as possible. Cllr Dixon raised the issue that David Lodge appeared concerned about the rose bushes in Springfield, but not the overgrown brambles in Linden Road. Although the Clerk had been in touch with David Lodge since the last meeting, no reply had been received and she was asked to write again to ensure that in future all reports were

sent to her and to ask for confirmation of his next visit so that a Councillor could be available to meet on site to discuss the problem. Regarding Mr Metcalfe's offer to carry on keeping Springfield park tidy and weed free, together with Deryck Hume, this was accepted

**ACTION: Cllrs Budden and Richardson and Clerk**

**Tree** - This work had been deferred but Mr Lawrence had agreed to submit a quote with a view to remedial work being carried out in the autumn, should this prove necessary.

d) **Gas Pipe - 46 Richmond Road** - Following work on this site, damage had been caused to the village green. The Clerk had written to the owners, who had responded by forwarding the letter to the gas contractors. If a reply was not received shortly, the Clerk would ask the owners for an update.

**ACTION: Clerk**

e) **FPA - 42 Richmond Road - Request to Widen and Tarmac Drive** - The Clerk had responded to the suggestions by Highways regarding access to this property, stating that the proposals that the drive should be resurfaced and widened were not acceptable, nor was the access to the rear of the property by site traffic a viable proposition. No response has yet been received.

**ACTION: Clerk**

f) **Best Kept Village Rules** - this document was received. It was noted by Cllr Budden (who declared an interest) that Halfe Hill Farm garden were in a poor state but as the property was currently empty, no action could be taken.

g) **39 Richmond Road** - The Clerk had written to RDC Planning regarding this empty property, but no response had been received.

h) **Duck Race** - This was all in hand and Cllr Dixon had received two raffle prizes of china dolls and would give the contact details of the donor to the Clerk so that a letter of thanks could be sent. Jackie Smith was willing to help with the refreshments. The Clerk had booked the village hall and would advise PC Wood of the date and time of the event.

**ACTION: Cllr Dixon and Clerk (2)**

i) **Car outside Travellers Rest** - The Clerk had contacted PC Wood who had spoken to the owner and the car had been removed.

j) **Streetlights** - The Clerk had received a response from Area Highways to say that the lights on Richmond Road were part of an ongoing update and would be replaced in the near future.

k) **Scotch Corner Development** - The Clerk had contacted Mr Nesbit twice regarding the use of the 'event space' but to date had not received a reply and would try to make contact again.

**ACTION: Clerk**

l) **Dog Fouling** - Letters of thanks had been sent to the two residents who had completed a clean-up of dog waste in Olliver Lane, however the problem persists and would continue to be monitored.

m) **FPA 45 Richmond Road - garage** - No approval had yet been received.

## 9. VILLAGE GREENS

a) **Village Green outside Lilac Cottages, Richmond Road** - Following a letter to the owners they had carried out remedial work to the damaged village green.

b) **Village Green outside the Manor House** - The Clerk had spoken to the landlords of the adjoining cottage asking that their tenants be requested not to park on the village green, but they had been reluctant to do so and the Clerk written to the tenants directly but the problem persists. The Clerk was asked to write to them again with a second request not to park on the village green, to use the two allotted spaces provided to the rear of the Manor House and park any additional vehicles in the car park outside the Travellers Rest.

**ACTION: Clerk**

c) **Posts outside cottages** - Cllrs Budden and Rummery agreed to paint these posts on a mutually convenient date. Cllr Richardson offered to provide the paint.

**ACTION: Cllrs Budden, Richardson and Rummery**

## 10. RIGHTS OF WAY

d) **Fencing of footpath behind the Manor House** - It was noted that a fence had been erected enclosing the footpath between two access points. No further action is required at present.

## 11. FINANCE

- a) **Report** – This was accepted.
- b) **Final Accounts** - These were presented in Item (3) with actions as stated. Cllr Budden proposed that the Annual Accounts be approved, together with the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19, seconded by Cllr Rummery and agreed unanimously  
**ACTION: Cllr Budden and Clerk**
- c) **Cheques** - Cheques would be signed for the hire of the Vestry and for the accountant in due course.  
**ACTION: Clerk**

## 12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **PC Wood report** - This document was received.
- b) **YCLA White Rose newsletter** - This document was received. The section on village hall grant eligibility would be sent to SJVH Chairman.  
**ACTION: Clerk**
- d) **Richmondshire Area Partnership Funding Scheme** - This document was received. The possibility of requesting funding for the defib should the application to the National Lottery Awards for All be refused.
- e) **Journals** - Clerk, Clerk and Councils Direct

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **D & S Times** – This report would be submitted at a later date.  
**ACTION: Cllr Budden and Clerk**
- b) **Best Kept Village** - Mr Metcalfe requested that RDC be contacted to spray the weeds on Springfield but was advised that this work is carried out on rotation by a contractor and SPC cannot request a change to that schedule. He also reported that Chris Haswell was willing to carry out work in preparation for the competition.
- c) **Speeding** - Mr Metcalfe again raised the perceived problem of speeding through the village and was advised by Cllr Heslop that Cllr Thompson was dealing with this ongoing matter and it was a problem which plagued an awful lot of villages in North Yorkshire.
- d) **White Lines** - It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Cllr Thompson regarding repainting the white lines on the approach to Skeeby Bridge from the east as these were now very faint.  
**ACTION: Clerk**

## 14. DATE AND VENUE

This will be held in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall at 7.30pm on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019.**

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

