

**SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING HELD IN SKEEBY VILLAGE HALL**  
**at 7.30pm, THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017**

**PRESENT:** - Cllrs Rummery, Budden, Dixon, Metcalfe and Richardson together with Dist Cllr Thompson. Four members of the public attended (Mr and Mrs Kendall, Mr Haswell and Mr Wenham).

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Mrs Coates

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Richardson declared an interest in Item 3(i).

**2. MINUTES**

Acceptance of the Minutes for the meetings held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017, was proposed by Cllr Budden and Metcalfe, carried unanimously and the Minutes were signed as a correct record of the meetings.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Community Parks** - Cllr Metcalfe gave a brief report on the success of the Burns Luncheon which had been attended by forty-four people. The gross profit was £205.00, £65.83 offtakes, with an additional £20.00 being paid after the event, making a total of £161.17 banked. Letter of thanks had been sent to Mrs Coates and Ms K Richardson and Mrs Kendall was thanked for her contribution at the meeting. Plans for the musical evening by Fourum were well in hand, with flyers and notices distributed. Mrs Coates and Ms Richardson were organising the pie and peas, Cllr Metcalfe and Mrs Kendall, tea/coffee etc, and Mr Wenham agreed to assist in setting up the hall at 6.30pm.,. If extra chairs are required, those stored at Mr Long's could be used or alternatively chairs from the church. 20<sup>th</sup> February was the cut-off date for tickets. Cllr Dixon raised a query regarding an entertainment licence and Cllr Metcalfe agreed to look into the matter. If a further musical evening was proposed, Mr S Kowall had offered to bring his music group.

**ACTION: Cllr Metcalfe**

b) **Dog Fouling** - Cllr Rummery had finally received a reply from the office of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government which basically referred the Parish Council back to DEFRA, which had dealt with the initial request from SPC. It was agreed to take no action but file the correspondence for future reference

c) **Car Parks Rates** - Confirmation had been received from RDC that no rates would be charged on the car park up to the end of the financial year in March 2017. Cllr Thompson was asked if he could confirm whether rates would be charged in the future and although he felt it unlikely, he could not state categorically that this would be the case.

d) **Scotch Corner Retail Park** - Approval for this had been received from the Secretary of State, it was proposed that work on this would commence in the second quarter of 2017, with completion by December 2018.

e) **Speed Watch** - The Clerk was still waiting for a reply from PC Woods.

f) **Average Speed Checks/NICE report** - The Clerk had written to the late Cllr Heseltine regarding the NICE report and following his reply had been in touch with Highways, but so far had not received a reply as to whether SPC could be regarded as a test site for installation of average speed cameras instead of speed cushion. The Clerk would continue to press for a response and copy the correspondence to Cllr Thompson.

**ACTION: Clerk**

g) **Telephone Box** - It was not known whether it had been disconnected.

h) **Highways England** - Cllrs Budden and Metcalfe had attended the meeting and reported that the work was on track to be finished by June 2017. Some delays had been experienced due to archaeological surveys and there were some complaints about access to the A1 from residents from further south. Cllr Dixon asked whether anything had been raised about the bund to the east of Scurragh Lane which now had a solid wood fence along the top and the Clerk was asked to contact the project manager to see whether this had replaced the proposed larger bund shown on the plans.

**ACTION: Clerk**

i) **A6108 Water Egress** - Cllr Richardson declared an interest. The Clerk had been in touch with Highways but had not had a reply. A further email would be sent, copied to Dist Cllr Thompson to ask what progress had been made.

**ACTION: Clerk**

j) **Travellers Rest** - The owner had taken the matter to the Secretary of State and it was agreed that as RDC already had comments from SPC on record, nothing further should be added.

j) **GNAAS** - A letter acknowledging SPC's donation had been received.

#### 4. VILLAGE GREENS

a) **Beck Clearance** - This had been carried out.

b) **27 Richmond Road** - The Clerk had written to the home owner but no response had been received. Although the skip was still in situ, it was decided to monitor the situation for a little while longer.

c) **Tree** - Mr Hall had been given permission to remove the tree.

d) **Village Green Damage** - Cllr Budden expressed concern regarding the damage to the village green, both outside 45 Richmond Road and Tenby House, with the latter causing the most worry as there was some slippage of the bank, which the contractors kept shoring up. As both home owners had been sent letters regarding reinstatement of the green, it was agreed to monitor the situation. Mr Price (43 Richmond Road) had been in touch with the Clerk to apologise for the damage which had occurred when he was not on site and stated that as soon as it was practical the village green would be restored.

#### 5. RIGHTS OF WAY

There was nothing to report although Cllr Thompson advised SPC that a public consultation would be carried out later in the year on this matter.

#### 6. FINANCE

a) **Report** - This was accepted

b) **Cheque** - A cheque was signed for the grass cutting/beck clearance.

#### 7. CORRESPONDENCE

a) **Cllr Heseltine's Bullet Points** - This document was received

b) **PC Wood's Report (2)** - These documents were received.

c) **Newsquest** - In future all submissions to the D&ST had to be made by email

d) **NYCC Richmondshire Area Committee** - This document was received

e) **RDC - Consultation of Council Tax Base** - This document was received.

f) **Rural Action Yorkshire** - The Clerk had received two maps which would be archived

g) **RDC - Changes to Waste/Recycling Rounds** - This document was received

h) **YLCA - Richmondshire Branch Meeting** - This document was received

i) **Journals** - The Clerk, Clerk and Councils Direct,

#### 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

**ACTION: Cllr Rummery and Clerk**

b) **Mercury Bridge** - It was hoped that the bridge would re-open at the end of February.

c) **Yoga** - Cllr Richardson raised a query regarding the conflict of dates with the yoga classes which were held on Thursday evening and it was agreed to find more details regarding the problem together with information regarding alternative venues for SPC meetings for discussion at the next meeting.

**ACTION: Cllr Richardson and Clerk**

d) **Cycle Path** - The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether the footpath from Mile Planting down to Skeeby constitutes a cycle path.

**ACTION: Clerk**

e) **Overhanging Hedge** - It was reported that an overhanging bush on the footpath just west of the 30mph sign was obstructing the footpath. Cllr Budden agreed to look into the matter.

**ACTION: Cllr Budden**

e) **Speeding** - Mr Kendall expressed his views on speeding through the village and asked whether any further action could be taken by SPC to curb excessive speed. Cllr Rummery advised him that every action possible had already been taken by Highways, Fire and Police personnel and H&RSP and that SPOC was in the process of ascertaining whether average speed cameras could be installed.

**9. DATE AND VENUE**

**The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council** will take place at 7.00pm on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017** in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall and would be followed by the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

