

SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD IN SKEEBY JUBILEE VILLAGE HALL
at 7.30m, THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2019

PRESENT:- Cllrs Budden, Richardson, Rummery, Dixon and Moreton and Dist Cllr Heslop, together with two members of the public (Mr A Bell and Mrs N Icton)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Thompson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Budden declared an interest in item 8(b).

3. MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Moreton, seconded by Cllr Richardson and carried unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2019 were accurate and were signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

a) **SJVH Access** - The meeting was late in starting due to the inability of the Councillors to access the Village Hall. Despite several requests the access code for the new key safe had not been issued to the Clerk, which the Parish Councillors felt was totally unacceptable, as many outside organisations had been given the access code and no valid reason had been given for the refusal to allow the Parish Council to use the code. The omission was very keenly felt as, when the village hall was struggling to survive, the Parish Council had for a considerable number of years given an annual donation and had also given a substantial sum to upgrade the heating so that the hall would be a more attractive venue to outside hire. Access was also required to maintain and adjust the Parish Council clock and the filing system for the Council was in the village hall and it was felt that the Clerk and the Councillors should not have to request permission to access its own documents. Contact with the SJVH Committee Chairman was attempted but the phone call went to an answer phone. Access was eventually achieved when an access code holder came to release the key. It was agreed to wait to see whether following this incident, the code would be provided.

b) **Travellers Rest** - Cllr Heslop reported that a site meeting had recently been held and requested that SPC submit a letter of support for the project. After discussion, it was agreed that a letter would be sent stating that whilst the Parish Council had always been in favour of a public house in the village, it was concerned as to whether there was sufficient support within the village to make reopening the pub a viable option. When a survey had been carried out many years ago, the small percentage who had responded had been evenly split between reopening the pub and allowing a change of use for the property. SPC also had concerns as to whether the Community Group had sufficient funds to purchase and equip the property.

ACTION: Clerk

c) **Community Park - Springfield** - It was agreed that SPC had no published policy regarding the safety and maintenance of the community parks and whilst it was agreed that SPC had never intended to pursue the possibility of applying for a bye-law preventing ball games, it was felt that some protection in the event of an accident was required, over and above an insurance policy. Cllr Moreton agreed to investigate how best to provide a policy. Deryck would be asked to trim the hedges and would liaise with Cllr Rummery. Cllr Budden agreed to secure the loose gates and fence posts at the entrance to Springfield.

ACTION: Cllrs Moreton, Budden and Clerk

d) **Streetlights** - Whilst the lights in the middle of the village had been changed to the new LED lights, those at each end of the village remained as sodium lights and the Clerk was asked to contact Nicholas Wilson to see if there were any plans to change the remaining lights.

ACTION: Clerk

e) **Leak on A6108** - BT and NYCC had been on a site visit and it would appear that investigation was underway, but no information had been received regarding intended works.

- f) **40 Richmond Road - Satellite Dish** - It was not known whether this work had been carried out.
- g) **Cinema for All** - Following a report by Cllr Rummery regarding committed costs over a period of years, it was agreed that perhaps this idea was not viable as a fundraising activity as it was not known how many people would be willing to attend on a regular basis.
- h) **FPA - 45 Richmond Road** - No further information has been received regarding work to the trees.
- i) **White lines** - This work had been carried out.
- j) **Skeeby Bridge Repairs** - Listed Building Consent for the dismantling and rebuilding of the bridge had been received and SPC was disappointed to see that the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the Council for British Archaeology had both objected to the works. However SPC felt that if the bridge was in a dangerous condition, providing the work was carried out with sensitivity, it had no objections to the application and the Clerk was asked to respond to RDC.

ACTION: Clerk

5. VILLAGE GREENS

- a) **Tarmac at the Croft/Gravel outside Tenby House** - Cllrs Budden and Richardson had met with Mrs Bell regarding the white gravel outside the property and Mrs Bell was able to show that there had been light coloured stones outside the property when it had been purchased. It was therefore agreed that Mr and Mrs Bell had in fact replaced like-for-like and no further action would be requested. A neighbour would be contacted in respect of this decision. Regarding the tarmac, the Clerk had still been unable to get a date for the removal and would contact Cllr Thompson to put pressure on NYCC to carry out this work immediately.

ACTION:- Cllr Thompson and Clerk (2)

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

ACTION: Cllrs Budden, Richardson and Rummery

- c) **Beck clearance** - The Clerk had not received a reply to the request for this work to be carried out and would contact Mr Gibb again.

ACTION - Clerk

6. RIGHTS OF WAY

There was nothing to report

7. FINANCE

- a) **Report** - This was accepted.
- b) **Precept** - After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Dixon, seconded by Cllr Moreton and agreed unanimously to apply for a precept of £6,000.00 for the year 2020/21 and the Clerk would complete and submit the precept request to RDC.

ACTION:-Clerk

- c) **Cheques** - Cheques were signed for the Clerk, RDC and GNAAS

ACTION: Clerk

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **PC Wood** - This report was accepted. The Clerk was asked to contact him regarding Border Watch. With reference to the problem of a vehicle parking at the entrance to Linden Road it was noted that this car was now being left on the drive and the situation would continue to be monitored.

ACTION: Clerk

- b) **31 Springfield** - A revised planning application had been received and it was noted that the size of the proposed garage had been reduced and moved back from the front of the building by approximately one metre allowing greater visibility on a blind corner and that a window had been added to the west elevation to break up a solid wall. Following these amendments SPC had no objections to the proposed development and the Clerk was asked to confirm its approval to RDC.

ACTION: Clerk

- c) **Scurragh Lane Planning Variation** - No further information had been received.
- d) **NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby - public consultation meeting** - This document was received. -

e) **Val Hepworth - BEM** -- The Clerk had written to Mrs Val Hepworth congratulating her on being the recipient of a British Empire Medal for Services to Yorkshire Gardens Trust and Conservation.

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

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

ACTION: Cllr Budden and Clerk

b) **Accidents at western end of village** - Concern was raised by Mrs Iceton regarding the three accidents which had recently occurred in a short time, resulting in damage to the walls of three properties and asked whether any action could be taken. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to NYCC to see if any further signage could be installed. The addition of a speed cushion before the corner was ruled out as being impractical and dangerous considering the proximity of the bend in the road. Further discussion ensued about matrix boards, but it was reported that this was an on-going matter with which Cllr Thompson was involved. The rumble strips were worn and the Clerk would contact Cllr Thompson and NYCC Highways regarding these.

ACTION- Clerk

c) **Wall at Halfe Hill Farm** - Mrs Iceton pointed out that the wall beside the footpath at this property was in a dangerous condition and was asked to contact the Aske estate manager.

14. DATE AND VENUE

This will be held in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th January 2019

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9 00 pm