

**SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD IN SKEEBY VILLAGE HALL  
at 7.30m, THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

**PRESENT:** - Cllrs Budden, Dixon, Metcalfe, Richardson and Rummery, together with three members of the public (Mrs D Nolson, Mr and Mrs G Hall).

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Co Cllr Thompson.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2. EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT**

Cllr Budden welcomed Mr I Crisop of Chipchase Manners who had been appointed as the Parish Council's external auditor. IC presented his report (a copy of which is filed with these Minutes), declaring that there were no areas of concern. He pointed out that a cheque to RDC had been signed for an amount ten pounds above the sum on the invoice and acknowledged that the Clerk was in the process of reclaiming the outstanding amount from RDC. The accounts were signed by Cllr Budden on behalf of the Council and IC was thanked for his report.

**3. MINUTES**

It was proposed by Cllr Metcalfe, seconded by Cllr Dixon and carried unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were accurate and signed as a correct record.

**4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was proposed by Cllr Rummery, seconded by Cllr Metcalfe and carried unanimously that Cllr Budden be returned as Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr Budden, seconded by Cllr Dixon and carried unanimously that Cllr Richardson be appointed as Vice-Chairman.

**5. Mr JD LOVELL**

It was with sadness that Cllr Budden reported the sad death of former Cllr Lovell, who had served on the Parish Council for a great many years and a minutes' silence was held as a mark of respect. Cllr Budden then read out a short tribute (a copy of which is filed with these Minutes) to Mr Lovell and his contribution, not only to the Parish Council but to the village as a whole. The Clerk had sent a card of condolence on behalf of the Parish Council and SPC had been represented at the funeral.

**6. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Community Parks:-**

*Insurance* - The Clerk had received a telephone call from the Chair of Snape Parish Council regarding insurance for playground equipment. In conversation he mentioned that because Snape PC had a zip wire, its current insurance had quoted a much higher premium. The Clerk informed him that SPC was insured with Zurich and that it had not asked for a list of the equipment, but she was now concerned that perhaps this should be looked into. After discussion, it was agreed that rather than be faced with a invalidation of the policy should a claim be made, the Clerk, following perusal of the documents by Cllr Rummery would ask Zurich if it required a list.

**ACTION; Cllr Rummery and Clerk**

*Springfield Community Park* - Cllr Metcalf reported that in his latest safety inspection, Mr Lodge (RDC) had highlighted the perceived danger of dog roses which were included in the wild hedgerow surrounding the park. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Metcalfe would arrange for the roses to be dug out. A lose handgrip had been rectified.

*Linden Road Community Park* - Cllr Metcalfe reported that the zip wire had been inspected by representatives from Streetscape and Mr Lodge had agreed that it was working satisfactorily. The gate had been oiled and re-hung.

b) **Speed Watch** - Cllr Budden had received a communication from NYPA regarding the use of equipment by members of the public who had a pace maker installed and it was established that none of the team fell into this category. Cllr Budden referred to a report from Catterick Village Parish Council regarding the use of matrix boards where it was reported that during the use of the boards, speeding actually increased. It also pointed out that there was no legal enforcement by parish councils and that the cost of £6 ½K over a four year rotation with adjoining councils was not practical. Cllr Rummery again pointed out that average speed cameras positioned at each end of the village would solve the problem. It was agreed to arrange a speed watch in the near future.

**ACTION: Cllr Budden**

c) **Water Egress A6108** - The Clerk reported that the area around the repair site was sinking and Cllr Richardson agreed to inspect the area and if necessary the Clerk would report the incident to Highways.

**ACTION: Cllr Richardson and the Clerk**

d) **45 Richmond Road - Gas Pipe** - No further information was available on this matter and Cllr Thompson would be asked for an update.

**ACTION: Cllr Thompson**

e) **Railings** - The Clerk had been able to inform Cllr Thompson that this work was still outstanding. Mr Hall (member of the public) had been in contact with Highways, who had informed him that the railing were in an acceptable condition and that no work was required at present. Cllr Metcalfe was keen to carry out the work himself, but as the railings are not the property of SPC this work could not be carried out without the express permission of NYCC. The Clerk expressed her concern regarding the insurance implications of volunteers working in close proximity to the road and the standard of the work which would have to be approved by NYCC. Cllr Budden pointed out that whilst there were volunteers available at the present moment, this might not be the case in the future and SPC had to be careful as to what work it took on, particularly with the financial constraints of the budget. Cllr Metcalfe suggested that Highways be contacted, but it was agreed that Cllr Thompson should be given the opportunity to resolve the issue.

**ACTION: Cllr Thompson**

f) **Ward Boundary Changes** - The Clerk had received an email from Cllr Thompson in which he suggested that the changes had not gone the way that SPC had hoped. In the absence of any information from RDC, Cllr Thomson would be asked to clarify the result,

**ACTION: Cllr Thompson**

g) **Scurragh Lane Signage** - The signage had been altered so that traffic was no longer sent down Scurragh lane from Scotch Corner.

h) **Damage to Speed Cushions** - The damaged speed cushion had not yet been replaced and Cllr Thompson would be asked to seek further information regarding the urgent remedial work.

**ACTION: Cllr Thompson**

i) **Outline Planning Permission** - The Clerk had received a telephone call from Mr Partridge who had declared himself to be unhappy with the letter which had been sent to RDC asking that the application be refused. He disputed SPCs claim that he intended to build more than one house on the plot or to develop the site further. No decision had yet been received.

j) **Best Kept Village** - The list of criteria and points scale had been circulated for the completion in July. The weeds in the car park would be dealt with by Cllr Budden. Cllr Metcalfe asked that the Clerk contact RDC regarding the weeds growing on the carriageway/footpaths.

**ACTION: Cllr Budden and Clerk**

## 5. VILLAGE GREENS

a) **Damage to beck bank outside Tenby House** - This would continue to be monitored.

b) **Repair to the village green** - The Clerk was asked to write a second letter to Mr Price asking him to restore the village green to the satisfaction of the Parish Council following damaged caused by contractors vehicles during recent building work.

**ACTION: Clerk**

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a) **Signpost Olliver Lane** - The Clerk had received an email from the Footpaths Officer which stated that he was unable to see the problem and the Clerk had responded but had not yet received a reply.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## 7. FINANCE

- a) **Report** – This was accepted
- b) **Final Accounts** - These were received (see Item 2)
- c) **Cheques** - A cheque was signed for Chipchase Manners.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **PC Wood's Report** - Reports for March and April were received.
- b) **NYCC** - A letter was received concerning a consultation on the future of the Archive Service. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to enquire what documents were being held on its behalf. Once this was known, it would be decided how best to respond to the survey.

**ACTION: Clerk**

- c) **Police and Crime Commissioner - National Crime Survey** - It was agreed that the Clerk would complete this.

**ACTION: Clerk**

- d) **Police and Crime Commissioner -Neighbourhood Policing Survey** - It was agreed that the Clerk would complete this.

**ACTION: Clerk**

- e) **Full Planning Permission, 53 Richmond Road** - The Clerk had written to RDC requesting that this application be refused. Several residents were upset by this application and the Clerk had requested that they put their concerns in writing to RDC, but reminded everyone that SPC can only comment on the planning application itself and not the more emotive issues involved with the proposal.

- f) **Full Planning Permission - 5 Springfield** - The Clerk was asked to write recording the objections of SPC for this proposed development on the grounds that it was incompatible with surrounding properties.

**ACTION: Clerk**

- g) **Seafarers UK** - This document was received and it was agreed that it be forwarded to Mr Helmanis to see if he wished to participate.

**ACTION: Clerk**

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

**Tabled** - SLCC legislation, YLCA Branch Meeting , both of which would be circulated.

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

**ACTION: Cllr Budden and Clerk**

- b) **Village Hall Parking** - Cllr Dixon reported that Mr N Morton had contacted her regarding the parking in Pear Tree Close by users of the village hall, particularly during keep fit and pilates/yoga sessions. As this was not the responsibility of SPC, it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr Ian Moreton asking that village hall users park with consideration to local residents, particularly from the view that driveway access was being blocked, double parking was occurring, both of which obviously presented a problem should emergency vehicles require urgent access.

**ACTION: Clerk**

- c) **Duck Race** - It was agreed that this would be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August and Cllr Dixon agreed to organise this event. Cllr Richardson would seek permission from Mr G Richardson and would also ask Miss Kay Richardson to contact Cllr Dixon regarding the production and sale of tickets. Refreshments and a raffle would be organised for the village hall following the event, the booking for which would be confirmed.

## 10. DATE AND VENUE

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at **7.30pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018** in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm