

**SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN SKEEBY JUBILEE VILLAGE HALL**  
**at 7pm, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**PRESENT- Cllrs I. Moreton (Chairman), K Richardson, J Budden, J Frankland**

**IN ATTENDANCE Mrs S Perks (Parish Clerk),**

**1. Apologies**

- 1.1 Received from Cllr R Dixon
- 1.2 The reason for absence was approved.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

- 2.1 Cllrs I Moreton, J Frankland and K Richardson declared an interest in item 5
- 2.2 Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests were received from Cllrs I Moreton, J Frankland and K Richardson
- 2.3 It was resolved to grant the requests for dispensation for Cllrs I Moreton, J Frankland and K Richardson

**3. Minutes of the last meeting.**

- 3.1 It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the parish council held Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 as a true and accurate record.

**3a. County Councillors report**

- 3a.1 A report was received from C. Cllr Angus Thompson

**4. Police bulletin**

- 4.1 The latest report from the Police was received.

**5. Travellers Rest**

- 5.1 To was resolved to inform the tenants of the Travellers Rest that the parish council is unable to grant permission to display an 'Open' flag and A-board on the public carpark, as it is a registered village green but can ignore a non-obtrusive sign, kept close to the building and not in anyone's way. **Action SP**

**6. Public Footpaths**

- 6.1 An update from the Clerk was received. It was noted that the works to the bridge across Skeeby beck would not be taking place this year despite the bridge being closed over a year ago as there was no money in the budget. It has been placed on a schedule to be repaired next year, but there are no guarantees this will be possible. It was resolved to ask Cllr Angus Thompson to intervene and put pressure on the County Council as there is no safe crossing of the beck. **Action SP**

**7. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.**

- 7.1 Safer Roads Fund (SRF) -It was noted that Alex Gardner, Improvement Manager (Areas 1 & 2) has informed the parish council that following public consultation the signalling of the bridge will not be proceeding. It was resolved to respond to Alex Gardner to inform him that the parish council were uncomfortable that the monies from the Road Safety Fund had been transferred to the Road Maintenance fund. **Action SP**
- 7.2 Coronation Bench – It was noted the bench has been received and installed. The old bench will be sanded down, repainted and the plaque re-instated. **Action IM**
- 7.3 Parking on Pear Tree Close – It was resolved to write to Area 1 Highways department to request White T Bar lines be painted between the driveways of Pear Tree Close. **Action SP**
- 7.4 Duck Race – It was noted that the annual Duck Race was held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and little over £470.00 was raised and has been received to help maintain the village play areas.

**8. Play Parks**

- 8.1 The latest play park inspection report was received. It was reported the 'No Ball Games' sign in Linden Road play park has been secured in place. Cllr I Moreton has adjusted the spring on the gate but it doesn't close together as the concrete holding the gate post in place is loose/ breaking up and needs re-concreting in place. **Action JB & KR**

**9. Village Hall- Electricity Costs for the Defibrillator and Clock**

- 9.1 The correspondence from the village hall committee thanking the parish council for the contribution to the electricity costs of the hall, but outline that the Defibrillator and Clock together are using 1 unit of electricity a day, being charged at 99p per unit and therefore the sum is not enough, was considered.

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Cllr I Moreton reported that the CHT advertise that the running costs for the Defibrillator and cabinet are between £3 and £10 per annum. Cllr I Moreton will contact the Clock company to ask for the power consumption of the village hall clock. It was suggested to review the minutes to see if any agreements were made at the time of purchase as to who would foot the bill for electricity costs. **Action IM**

#### 10. Village Green

10.1 No report received. It was noted that a For Sale sign had been erected on the village green. Cllr I Moreton volunteered to call the estate agents to have it removed. It was also noted cars/vans were parking on the village green opposite Olliver Lane whilst building works were taking place at a property. It was agreed to monitor the situation as it was with the corner of village green by the entrance to the new development off Richmond Road.

#### 11. Planning Matters

11.1 ZD23/00471/VAR – Variation of Condition 1 Attached to Planning Permission 20/00654/FULL for the Rear External Site Layout Would Currently Result in the Loss of an Existing Stone Building which is of Good Quality and can be Utilised within the Development, Creating more Surface parking would Create more Space for Parking and Manoeuvring, the New Layout would Result in the Ability to Allow for Level Access from each Car Parking Space into each Unit. – It was resolved that there were no objections to this application. **Action SP**

11.2 22/00667/FULL Full Planning Permission for Proposed Single Storey Extension to Existing Leisure Club and Single Storey Entrance Lobby Extension (Revised Details Dated 05/09/2023) Active Life Leisure Club Scotch Corner Richmond. It was resolved to respond saying to hold in abeyance until a strategic review of Scotch Corner is in place. **Action SP**

11.3 22/00402/OUT – Hybrid Planning Permission for Drive- thru restaurant (Use Class E/Sui/Generis) and associated access, servicing and landscaping and outline planning permission for an electric vehicle parking facility with all matters reserved, land at Scotch Corner (Applicant McDonalds). It was resolved to respond saying to hold in abeyance until a strategic review of Scotch Corner is in place.

#### **Action SP**

11.4 21/00418/FULL – Full Planning Permission for Extension of Amenity Building and Construction of Additional Car Parking Spaces with Relining/ Remarketing of Parking Area, Moto, Scotch Corner Services. It was resolved to respond saying to hold in abeyance until a strategic review of Scotch Corner is in place. **Action SP**

#### 12. New approach to managing speed limits in North Yorkshire

12.1 It was resolved to respond to contribute to this review saying it should be a 20mph speed limit outside schools.

#### 13. Potential BT Payphone and Telephone Box Removal

13.1 It was decided not to respond to this consultation.

#### 14. Finance

14.1 Received.

14.2 The following payments were agreed.

14.2.1 Clerks expenses August & September 2023	£30.74
14.2.2 Clerk's salary	£349.79
14.2.3 Community Heartbeat Trust – Emergency phone system Yr. 5	£100.00

14.3 None received.

#### 15. Correspondence

15.1 Alex Gardner- Improvements Manager (Area 1 & 2) – Safer Roads Fund. Received

15.2 Paige Linley- Planner, pwa planning – Skeeby Solar Farm project summary. Received

15.3 Jo- Anne Scott- Health and Community Engagement Officer- North Yorkshire Council- BT payphone and telephone box removal. Received

15.4 Gareth Bentley – Head of Licensing, North Yorkshire Council – Statutory Notice -Hackney Carriage Zones. Received.

16. **Items for the next agenda**

- Precept
- Budget

17. **Date and time of next meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 30th November at 7pm, in the Jubilee village hall. Noted

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**