

SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Thursday, 25th July 2024
at 7pm. in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall

There was a 10 min open public speaking session prior to meeting.

Attendees: Cllrs I. Moreton (Chairman) J. Budden, K Richardson, J Frankland
Clerk and 4 residents.

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were given by Cllr R Dixon and County Cllr A Thompson
- 1.2 The reasons for absence were approved.

2. Declaration of Interest

- 2.1 None

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

- 3.1 The Minutes of the Annual meeting of the parish council held Thursday 30th May were agreed as a true and accurate record.
- 3.2 The minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the parish council held Thursday 30th May were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. County Councillors report

- 4.1 A report was received from C. Cllr Angus Thompson, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

5. Police bulletin

- 5.1 The Police reports for May and June were received.

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

6.1 Pear Tree Close, White line markings- An update from the Clerk was received. The works are due to be carried out as part of the contractors next 6 week schedule rotation, therefore it is likely the works will be completed at the end of August.

6.2 Footpaths- The clerk reported there was nothing to update the parish council with regarding the footbridge or the Abbey Close footpath. Cllr J Budden proposed that the parish council make a donation of £25 to Darren Bowler to cover his costs for cutting back over grown branches and keeping the footpaths clear and thank him for his time and effort. Cllrs unanimously agreed. Cllr J Budden also proposed that as they very final section of the blocked off Abbey Close footpath actually lies in the parish of Middleton Tyas, that we ask Middleton Tyas parish council to challenge the PROW officers from their side too. This was agreed.

Action SP

6.3 Community Speed Watch- It was reported that the parish council has received responses from 5 residents who wish to volunteer for the Community Speed watch. Cllrs JB and JF agreed they would also join and that Cllr JF would be happy to lead the group. The Clerk will contact William Monkman to arrange the next steps and training.

Action SP

6.4. Speed Survey results – After discussing the results it was agreed to proceed with the purchase of a vehicle activated speed sign. The clerk will contact North Yorkshire Highways to agree a location with them.

Action SP

6.5 Safer Roads Fund – An update was received. Cllr I Moreton proposed that the council accepts that we achieved to have traffic lights on the bridged axed, and that we should not make an enemy of NY Highways. Cllr J Frankland asked if County Cllr A Thompson had replied about having a meeting? It was noted that he was not able to arrange a meeting with Highways. Cllrs agreed to support Cllr I Moreton's proposal.

6.6 Holmedale Nature Network, Skeeby Consultation- Cllr I Moreton & J Budden agreed that hard copies of the survey could be returned to their addresses. It is expected that the survey will be distributed in September after the holiday season. Two residents volunteered to help distribute the surveys throughout the village.

Action SP/IM/JB

7. Play Parks

7.1 The latest play park inspection report was received.

7.2 It was noted that there were overhanging branches from the Cherry tree in Linden Road playpark that was making it difficult for the grass cutters to get underneath. It was agreed to wait until September to discuss removing the branches. Cllr J Budden reported he has been and sprayed the moss with wet and forget in Springfield, removed and disposed of the dead tree and noted that there is Ragwort

grounding around the park. Cllr I Moreton agreed to take a look to see if he had appropriate tools to tighten the loose fastenings on the swings. Cllr K Richardson agreed to take a look at the gate in Springfield.

Action SP/IM/JB/KR

8. Village Green

8.1 Cllr K Richardson and J Budden removed the bollards outside No. 42 from the village green, and helped to remove other site materials which had been delivered and stored on the village green, in preparation of the Best Kept Village competition. Cllr J Budden wished for the following people to be thanked for the efforts in preparing the village for the competition;

Gordon Alexander- weeding around the Church, cleaned and treated the seat at the entrance to Springfield and cleaned the Skeeby sign near the bridge.

John Brown and Darren Bowler - clearing the footpath from 11-19 Richmond Road and trimmed the ivy on the fence at Halfe Hill.

Nadine Dudman and Karen Sparrow- weeding around the village shop, their frontage footpath and around the metal railings.

Cllr Keith Richardson- repairs and repainting of Skeeby public car park sign.

Cllr John Frankland - Cleaning and painting the bus shelter railings.

Cllr Ian Moreton - varnishing the village notice board.

Zetland Estate – tidying Hale Hill entrance and gardens

Cllr Ros Dixon – for keeping Scurragh Lane tidy

And thank you to all the others too numerous to mention who have kept their frontages clean and tidy.

8.2 Beech Tree – A Tree Report from Martyn Goldsbrough Forestry & Landscaping was received. It was recommended that a further more detail inspection be carried out.

8.2.1 It was agreed that Martyn Goldsbrough Forestry & Landscaping proceed with a further inspection at the cost of £30.00

Action IM

9. Planning Matters

9.1 ZD24/00018/FULL- Full Planning Permission for Internal Alterations and Renovations, Removal of Existing Conservatory, Addition of New Side Extension- ***It was noted this application has been granted.***

9.2 ZD24/00019/LBC- Listed Building Consent for the above – ***It was noted this application has been granted.***

10. Finance

10.1 The clerk provided a verbal update since there had been very little change in financial transactions since the year end accounts in May.

10.2 The following payments were agreed

10.2.1 Clerk's salary- April, May, & June	£380.99
10.2.2 HMRC	£95.20
10.2.3 CHT – Emergency Telephone Annual Rental Yr. 6 19/08/24- 18/08/25	£72.00
10.2.4 CHT – Annual Support Cost AED Yr. 6	£198.00
10.2.5 NYC – Speed Survey, June 2024	£132.00
10.2.5 Clerk's expenses	£19.18
10.2.6 SLCC- Membership renewal	£76.00

10.3 To note the following payments.

None

11. Keep North Yorkshire Clean - Anti Littering Campaign

11.1 It was agreed to support the campaign

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12. The Safety of Electric-Powered Micromobility Vehicles and Lithium Batteries Bill

12.1 It was decided not to support this bill.

13. Correspondence *The following correspondence was received.*

13.1 Democratic Services- To note they have a new email address democraticservices.west@northyorks.gov.uk.

13.2 PKF Littlejohn LLP- To note receipt of the AGAR documentation

13.3 NYC – Strategic Finance, letter explaining the 2025/26 precept arrangements.

13.4 NYC – 'No Purchase Order, No Payment' Policy

13.5 NYC – 'Let's Talk Rubbish' consultation for circulation.

14. Resignation of the Clerk

14.1 The formal resignation of the Clerk was received.

14.2 The decision to advertise the position on the village noticeboards was ratified.

14.3 It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the vacancy amongst the local Clerk's network

14.4 There were no applications to receive.

15. Items for the next agenda

VAS sign

Beck clearance- notify Stephen Gibb

Bridleway sign Olliver Lane

Bulbs to be planted.

16. Date and time of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 26th September at 7pm, in the Jubilee village hall.