

**SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

at 7pm. in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall

**There was a 10 min public open speaking session prior to the meeting at 6.50pm**

Attendees: Cllrs I Moreton, J Budden, K Richardson, R Dixon, J Frankland  
Clerk - Samantha Perks, 4 x residents. Guests: Martha McBarron, Anne & Edmund Baker from Holmedale Nature Project.

**1. Apologies**

- 1.1 None received.
- 1.2 None.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

- 2.1 None received.

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

- 3.1 The Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the parish council held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**4. County Councillors report**

- 4.1 None received.

**5. Holmedale Nature Network**

5.1 The parish council welcomed Martha McBarron, Anne & Edmund Baker who spoke about Holmedale Nature Network, how the group came into being, projects that they are working on, funding and volunteering opportunities and monthly talks held. It was discussed how the group could engage with residents of Skeeby. It was agreed that Holmedale Nature Network would conduct a resident consultation to find out what is important to Skeeby and areas of interest, and the parish council would publicise on the website and circulate to the admin of the village Facebook pages any events and activities the Holmedale Nature Network were holding.

**6. Police bulletin**

- 6.1 Received.

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

- 7.1 Safer Roads Fund/ Highways FOI request- It was agreed to write to Cllr A Thompson to request a meeting with himself, Jayne Chalton and Cllr John Frankland. **Action SP**
- 7.2 D Day Celebrations – Plans were agreed for the evening of 6<sup>th</sup> June. The Pub have confirmed they will be serving Fish and Chips. Cllr J Budden will re-confirm use of Halfe Hill, bale of hay and bring matches. Cllr I Moreton will write a risk assessment. Cllr K Richardson will organise posts and rope to create a cordon and a fire extinguisher. Clerk to alert the local emergency services. **Action ALL**
- 7.3 Footpaths. The Clerk provided an update.

**Speeding Vehicles**

- 8.1 Our decision to have a speed survey carried out at the cost of £110 +VAT to help determine the need for a Vehicle Activated Speed sign was ratified.
- 8.2 Following information received from Willian Monkman, North Yorkshire Police & York & North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership it was decided to canvas the village for volunteers to re-instate the Community Speed Watch. Cllr I. Moreton will design a flyer for a leaflet drop. Clerk to collate the responses. Nadine Dudman kindly offered to help deliver the leaflets. **Action Cllr I Moreton/ SP**

**9. White Line Markings- Pear Tree Close**

- 9.1 It was agreed by 4 votes with 1 abstained to use funds available under section 137 of the Local Government Act to contribution 50% of the cost towards white demarcation lines across the driveways of 3 properties in Pear Tree Close, following continued issues with parking since the re-opening of The Travellers Rest. Clerk to contact NY Highways to arrange. **Action SP**

**10. Best Kept Village Competition**

- 10.1 It was agreed that the noticeboard on the village hall needed sanding and re-varnishing (Cllr I. Moreton & J Frankland) Weeds needed to be killed and cleared on the car park (Cllr J Budden) Posts to be re-painted (Cllr K Richardson) Bus stop railings need to be washed. It was agreed to ask John Earl to help with litter picking and other jobs. It was also agreed to write to the developers of No. 42 Richmond Road to inform them that judging for the Best Kept Village competition will be taking place the first 2 weeks in July and to allow the grass on the village green time to re-grow, the parish council will be removing the bollards on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, if the developer has not moved them themselves before that date.
- 10.2 It was agreed a leaflet drop will be done through the village to inform residents we have entered the Best Kept Village Competition and to encourage them to get involved. Cllr I Moreton will design the flyer. Nadine Dudman again kindly offered to help deliver the leaflets. **Action ALL**

## **11. Play Parks**

- 11.1 The latest play park inspection report was received.
- 11.2 An update regarding the loose manhole cover in Springfield play park was received. The Clerk to confirm with Yorkshire Water that the works have now been completed. **Action SP**
- 11.3 It was agreed to hold a 'Family Fun Day' to raise funds for the play parks maintenance instead of the Duck Race, as proposed by Kay Richardson given the problems of the last few years.

## **12. Village Green**

- 12.1 Issues relating to the village green were discussed. It was resolved to write to NY Highways to suggest they use a local Blacksmith to complete the repairs to the damaged barriers. **Action SP**
- 12.2 It was agreed Cllr I Moreton will speak to Martin Goldsborough to discuss the condition of the Beech Tree and any action that needs to be taken. **Action Cllr I Moreton**
- 12.3 It was agreed to leave placing more post markers along the village green towards the bus shelter for the time being. The posts we have in reserve are earmarked to be used to protect the corner of village green opposite St Agatha's once the housing development is finished.

## **13. Solar Farm**

- 13.1 It was resolved to write to the operators of the solar farm to let them know we have been made aware on an incident on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024, and advise them that should wildlife enter the site, they should leave the wildlife alone and let them make their own way out. **Action SP**

## **14. Halfe Hill Development Proposal**

- 14.1. It was noted Cllrs Moreton, Budden, Frankland, Dixon and Richardson attended a meeting with Matt Ball Architects on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024, to learn about changes to the proposal following feedback from the public sessions, and that the revised proposal will be presented to residents and another public meeting in due course.

## **15. Emergency Plan**

- 15.1 It was agreed to set up an Emergency Plan for the village **Action SP**
- 15.2 The parish council thanked Mr Morton for providing 2 Emergency Kits that contain items such as heat blankets and radios, that can be used in emergency situations.
- 15.3 It was noted that these Emergency Kits will be stored in the village hall.

## **16. Website**

- 16.1 It was agreed to investigate if the current company hosting our website can accommodate switching over to a.gov.uk domain for the website and email as per the expectation required of parish councils set out in the 2024 Practitioner's Guide. **Action SP**

## **17. Planning Matters**

- 17.1 ZD24/00156/FULL – Full Planning Permission to Convert a Stable Block into a Dwelling Consisting of 2 Bedrooms with ensuite, Kitchen/Utility and Living Area with the inclusion of Windows (1 French door) for the use of an Agricultural Worker Permitted at Present to Live On-site in a Static Caravan. After much discussion it was resolved to object to this planning application. **Action SP**

## **18. Finance**

- 18.1 A financial report had been received as part of the annual meeting of the council prior to this ordinary meeting from the Clerk.
- 18.2 *The following payments were agreed.*
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| 18.2.1 Ian Crisop Accountancy              | £150.00 |
| 18.2.2 NYC Playpark inspections -2023/2024 | £386.88 |
| 18.2.3 YLCA annual subscription            | £148.00 |

18.3 *The below payments made to the parish council were noted.*

18.3.1 NYC 1<sup>st</sup> Half Precept

£3,500.00

**19. Correspondence**

It was noted the below correspondence had been received.

19.1 NYC Notification of Commencement for the Call for Sites- Local Plan

19.2 NYC Standards Bulletin for March 2024

19.3 National Highways- A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project, an update from Director Stewart Jones.

19.4 NYC Home to School Travel Policy Consultation- the meeting has been rescheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

19.5 York & North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner – Notice of online meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May where the Chief Constable will be held to account on behalf of the public.

19.5 It was agreed that a copy of the minutes will be posted on the village notice boards. **Action SP/JB**

**20. Items for the next agenda**

20.1 None at this time

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

21.1 The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm, in the Jubilee village hall.

Meeting closed at 21.05pm

Signed.....Date.....