

**SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN SKEEBY JUBILEE VILLAGE HALL**  
**at 7.30pm, THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**PRESENT- Cllrs P. Rummery (Chairman) I. Moreton, K Richardson, J Budden, R Dixon**

**IN ATTENDANCE Mrs S Perks (Parish Clerk), Reverend Yvonne Callaghan, John, and Liz Weatherby (Church Wardens), 2 residents.**

**The Chairman welcomed the new Parish Clerk, Mrs S Perks to Skeeby Parish Council**

**1. APOLOGIES**

None received

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None declared

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was corrected to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

Item 3.e was corrected to read Cherry, Rowan, and Birch trees.

It was then resolved to accept the draft minutes of the last meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and they were signed as a true record of the meeting.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES**

1) Missing Speed Cushions. It was noted the work had not been completed within the 30 days as suggested. **ACTION AT/SP**

2) Village Greens. It was noted a Solicitor had been sought to deal with the access issue of 42 Richmond Rd, to be funded privately by a resident.

3) Rights of Way. 4 complaints had been received from residents about the dangerous barbed wire that has been erected along a section of fence to the Northwest of Skeeby Manor field. It was resolved to write to the occupants of the field and ask for the barbed wire to be removed. **ACTION SP**

The Chairman made a motion to add the Annual Duck Race to the agenda. Councillors agreed.

4) Duck Race.

It was reported the person who usually provided the ducks was unable to do so this year. Kay Richardson had proposed to buy 500 ducks at the cost of £95.95 with sponsorship to covering approximately 50 per cent of the cost, the remaining 50 per cent to be funded by the Parish Council. Councillors agreed unanimously to fund the remaining amount to cover the cost. It was noted that between 160- 180 ducks had already been sold.

**5. REV. YVONNE CALLAGHAN**

A report written by Sue Booth, former Buildings of Mission Officer, was presented, announcing the incredibly sad news that the Parochial Church Council has decided to close St Agatha's Church following a recent survey of residents of Skeeby. It was confirmed the Jubilee Village Hall will be used for services instead. Letters will be sent to every house in the village by the end of September informing them of the decision, with the opportunity to respond by the end of October.

**6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

CC AT reported that the views of the Parish Council are sought on the A6108 proposal scheme. The £183,000 grant scheme includes two proposals. The first would include traffic lights and a footpath on the bridge. The second would include removal of the speed humps and install chicanes at either end of the village. After much discussion it was noted Councillors are opposed to the schemes. CCllr AT recommended voicing concerns sooner rather than later, and he would send the clerk details of the proposals.

KR asked about funding for a matrix board. AT reported he wasn't sure how much was left in the Locality Budget. The new budget will be available from 5th April 2022.

Suggested that the PC contacts Darren Griffiths to conduct a site survey. The approximate cost of a Matrix Board is £2700 + VAT with the possible additional cost of £500 for a post, if needed.

The May 2021 elections have been deferred for 12 months. The elections will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022. It is not yet decided how many County Councillors will be elected. It could be as many as 90. With the announcement last week of Central Government deciding to support having a Unitary Authority, the District Councils will remain in place until 2023. Whoever is elected in 2022 will be in office for 5 years, one year with the District Council and four years in Unitary. RDC staff will be TUPE, with only the number of senior officers reduced, with streamlining of offices to save £25 million in the first year. It is proposed to have a Mayor for the NYCC area and the City of York.

#### **7. RDC REPORT**

In the absence of DC Heslop, C. Cllr AT reported that the planning application for the Garden Centre near Scotch Corner had been approved. It will be the biggest garden centre in the UK with 640 car parking spaces and a café. RD asked if it would cause more traffic using Scurragh Lane? After some discussion, it was suggested that the PC could request some of the A6108 proposal scheme money be spent on Scurragh Lane.

#### **8. ACCESS TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS WEBSITE**

It was resolved to give Councillors the log-in details for NALC website

#### **9. COMMUNITREE- TREE PLANTING IN COMMUNITIES IN RICHMONDSHIRE.**

It was resolved not to take part in this scheme as 60 trees had already been planted November 2020

#### **10. Play Areas.**

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact RDC for a quote to carry out the repairs and clear the moss. **ACTION SP**

#### **11. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**

It was resolved to organise a Tea in the Jubilee Hall, a Beacon to be lit on Halfe Hill and to hold a Scarecrow competition. Details TBC.

#### **12. Planning Matters**

- 1) Noted
- 2) Noted

The Chairman made a motion to add Planning application at 14 Linden Rd. Councillors agreed. Councillors offered no objection to the application. **ACTION SP**

#### **13. LAW AND GOVERNANCE**

It was resolved to adopt the complaints procedure provided by YLCA. **ACTION SP**

#### **14. COMMUNITY HEATBEAT TRUST**

It was resolved to sign the Emergency Telephone Agreement

#### **15. FINANCE**

Payment for items 1-3 were approved.

The Chairman made a motion for payment for Item 4 to be added to the agenda. Councillors agreed.

Payment for Item 4 for Clerks Final Salary of £137.50 was approved

15 a) Noted

#### **16. Correspondence**

The correspondence received was noted.

**17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Transparency code  
Website  
Speed Cushions

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

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
At 7.30pm in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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