

SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN SKEEBY JUBILEE VILLAGE HALL
at 7pm, Thursday 27th July 2023

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

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs S Perks (Parish Clerk),

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies received from Cllr J Frankland.
- 1.2 The reason for absence was approved.

2. Declaration of Interest

- 2.1 Cllr I Moreton & K Richardson declared an interest in item 5

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

- 3.1 The minutes of the annual meeting of the parish council held Thursday 25h May 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record.
- 3.2 The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the parish council held Thursday 25th May 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. North Yorkshire Councillors report

None received.

5. Skeeby Community Pub Society

Kay Richardson from Skeeby Community Pub Society attended to present their proposal for car parking on an area of land within Halfe Hill field. Kay confirmed a lease has been agreed with Lord Ronaldshay for an area of 650 squared meters to accommodate 15 car parking spaces, with an open entrance, available for use during operational times of the pub and for pub patrons only. The current entrance to the field would be retained but widened slightly to allow for two cars to pass through. The dog waste bin and footpath sign would need to be moved to provide a good line of sight for drivers. The type of fencing selected had been chosen to reduce headlight glare for those residential properties directly opposite Halfe Hill. Grass Crete matting would be used as the ground surface of the car park which allows the natural grass to grow through the matting. North Yorkshire Highways said the track from the main road to the entrance of the field would need to be tarmacked to accommodate the traffic of the cars. Kay informed the council that the Pub Society will be conducting a consultation with residents before applying for planning permission. It was noted that Monday nights tended to be the busiest for cars because of the Bingo, but the cars which parked opposite the pub on the main road actually had a positive effect in slowing the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. The Clerk asked Kay if the Highways department were aware the track is registered village green and if planning permission would be dependant on the track being tarmac? Cllr I Moreton informed Kay it is illegal to tarmac over a village green, and asked could the use of grass Crete on the track be considered as an option. Kay agreed to have further conversations with the Highways department regarding this issue. Cllr J Budden informed Kay of a drain which runs across a section of the field and under the gateway entrance. Kay agreed to investigate this further.

6. Parking

- 6.1 It was noted that most of the discussion regarding parking had been included within item 5.

7. Police bulletin

- 7.1 Received.

8. Scotch Corner Developments

It was agreed to join forces with other local parish and town councils, Richmond Civic Society and individuals to make representations to the new North Yorkshire Council to propose to seek to stop further planning approvals to give time to assess the effect of existing approved schemes, both at Scotch Corner and Catterick Junction 52 and ask the council to defer making decisions on these planning applications until a strategic policy for development at Scotch Corner is in place. It was also agreed that the Clerk should request from the planning department that Skeeby parish council is consulted on every planning application at Scotch Corner, not just the national developments, on the basis that all developments at Scotch Corner will have an effect on Skeeby and the residents of the village.

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

9.1 **SRF Road Safety along the A6108, Skeeby bridge traffic lights-**

No response received.

9.2 **Coronation Bench**

Cllr I Moreton presented a proposal for a wood engraved teak bench at a cost of £595 including VAT, of is recoverable. The cost of which to be funded by the £500 received from the roadworks disruption compensation and the £144 funds from RDC left over from the Queens Jubilee grant funding pot. The new bench would be sited outside the village hall. Cllr I Moreton agreed to restore the current bench and when ready to be used in the bus shelter instead. Cllr K Richards would look at making something to secure the bench on the concrete slab. Councillors agreed to go ahead with the purchase
Action SP, KR & IM

10. **Play Parks**

10.1 The latest report showed that the 'No Ball Games' sign was hanging off at the Linden Road play area. Cllr I Moreton agreed to take a look with a view to securing it back in place. Cllr J Budden noted he had been spraying the ground surface of the play equipment in Springfield with Wet & Forget and asked the clerk to order some more. **Action SP & IM**

11. **Village Green**

11.1 It was noted that the white marker posts had now been installed, and the 'No Parking' signs had been made ready to be put up. **Action IM**

12. **Village Warden**

12.1 It was noted that an advert has gone on the parish council website and on Skeeby Life Facebook page for a volunteer to be the new handyman, no volunteers had come forward yet. Cllr J Budden agreed to spray the weeds in the car park. The Clerk to chase with NY Council that weeds killing had not taken place around the village. **Action SP & JB**

13. **North Yorkshire Council**

13.1 **Review and Renewal of North Yorkshire Council Subsidised Local Bus Services, in the Areas of Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate, Richmondshire and Ryedale**

It was decided not to respond to this consultation.

13.2 **Local Transport Plan- Engagement for Stakeholders**

It was decided not to respond to this consultation.

14. **Planning Matters**

14.1 Variation of Condition 1 20/00181/FULL – Councillors had no objections to this planning application. **Action SP**

15. **Finance**

15.1 A financial report from the Clerk was received.

15.2 The following payments were approved.

15.2.1 Clerk's salary April -June 2023	£395.99
15.2.2 HMRC Employees Tax	£98.80
15.2.3 Information Commissioner's Office- Annual Fee	£40.00
15.2.4 SLCC- Annual membership fee	£73.00
15.2.4 Community Heartbeat Trust- Emergency phone Annual Rental Year 4 + 5 year service agreement	£270.00
15.2.5 Business Stream	£56.67
15.2.6 Expenses- Cllr I Moreton- Paint for bus shelter	£30.00
15.2.7 Eye Catching Signs – 'No Parking' signs	£72.00

15.3 The following payments were noted.

15.3.1 HMRC VAT reclaim year ending 31st March 2023 £3017.36

16. **Correspondence**

Environment Agency

Rachel Vart- Community Funding Scheme Administrator, North Yorkshire Council.
Tessa Fletcher- Planning Manager, Harmony Energy 23/00342/FULL
PKF Littlejohn LLP- received our notification for exempt status for the year ending 31st March 2023.

17. **Items for the next agenda**
Public Rights of Way

18. **Date and time of next meeting.**
The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th September at 7pm, in the Jubilee village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed: _____ Date _____
Chairman