

SKEYTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at Skeyton Village Hall on Tuesday 18th May 2021, 7.40.p.m.

Present: Cllr: M. Hicks, Cllr: S. Bunting, Cllr: H. Randell, Cllr: I. Stevenson, Cllr: A. Morton, Cllr: G. Berry, District/County Councillor Saul Penfold and Parish Clerk Mrs. D. Fields.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr: J. Hughes.

2. Election of offices

Cllr: I. Stevenson proposed Cllr: M. Hicks as Chairman, and was seconded by Cllr: S. Bunting. Chairman Cllr: M. Hicks proposed Cllr: J. Hughes as Vice-Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr: A. Morton.

Vice-Chairman Cllr: J. Hughes was absent from this meeting but when asked previously if he would accept this role he agreed.

Chairman Cllr: M. Hicks explained that he had been Chairman for ten years come 2022 and would like to step down, but was happy to remain on Skeyton Council as a Councillor.

3. Minutes from the meeting dated 8th February 2021 were signed and accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings on 18th May 2021.

4. Matters Arising

a) Up-date on Defibrillator

A grant of £648.00 has been received from North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund to help pay towards a Defibrillator which is going to be placed in the old telephone box which is being refurbished.

The Parish Council has found out that BT no longer own the telephone box but was given to Community Heartbeat. In the mean time a lady contacted Community Heartbeat saying she would like to pay for a defibrillator in memory of her late brother and Skeyton was contacted for this donation. A parishioner has offered to refurbish the telephone box and is making good progress. The electricity has now been connected to the telephone box.

Therefore the £648 has gone towards paying for the defibrillator leaving the balance of the defibrillator and the four years maintenance costs to be paid by the benefactor.

b) Up-date on Dog Fouling Bins

It was brought to the Council's attention that there had been quite a bit of dog mess in the village and on the fields that had not been cleared up by the dog's owners. Enquiries were made from NNDC who wanted £175.00 to supply and erect one dog bin. Wybone supplies metal dog bins (56 litre) at a cost of £124.99 +VAT. NNDC would empty these bins at a cost to the Council of £3.50 Also, the Parish Council would have to get permission from the Highways as to where these bins were going to be sited due to access in emptying said bins.

It was decided that the bins and emptying of them would cost the Council too much revenue and it was thought purchasing some laminated signs was the way forward. The signs would ask the owners to keep their dog on leads. Especially when walking through fields where any type of food is growing, as it is an offence to let your dog foul in such a field. "Polite reminder" was thought to be the best option.

c) Up-date on Goat camping site.

During Covid lock down in February it was reported that there had been semi-permanent motorhomes being occupied on the site, contravening the planning policy and then Coronavirus Act 2020 restricting movement and general health and safety. This was reported to the Planning at NNDC who visited the site and said the motor-homes were occupied by construction workers.

It was also reported that sewage had been pumped out into a farmer's adjoining fields. This has been reported to the Environmental Agency and we are still waiting on a reply.

District/County Councillor S. Penfold at the meeting emailed the Agency reminding them we still had not received a reply.

It was reported that the site had a package treatment plant, but was it big enough to cope with the site.

5. Correspondence

- a) No correspondence at present.

6. Planning

- a) Beech Farm Bungalow. NNDC recommended alterations with Conditions, ie only one chimney. Reduced the height of the

Building. It was suggested that Skeyton Parish Council kept a watchful eye on the building works so conditions would not be breached.

- b) NNDC holding a zoom meeting on Monday 24th May 2021 Parish Clerk unable to attend and the Chairman asked Cllr: I. Stevenson if he would join the meeting and report back.
- c) Pre-applications. A question from Cllr: G. Berry regarding Pre-applications. District/Councillor S. Penfold to investigate with Planning at NNDC.
Answer has been emailed to all Councillors

7. Finance

- a) Accounts Section 1 Annual Governance Statement and Section 2 Accounting Statements were both signed and the Certification of Exemption will be posted.
- b) Bank Statement. TSB Account = £2,9000.08
- c) Insurance stays the same as last year £71.00, cheque signed.
- d) First Precept for 2021-22 received.
- e) Grant for defibrillator of £648.00 received
- f) Community Heartbeat Invoice for £648.00 paid.
- g) Clerk's wages and tax paid.
- h) Invoice for new cartridge for printer, paid.
- i) NALC invoice for £98.41 2021/22 paid.
- j) Bottle Bank, first invoice for 2021 £10.80 paid.

8. Highways

- a) Up-date on Causeway. No conclusion as yet, keep reminding. All Councillors concerned that something will happen along this stretch of road. District/County Councillor S. Penfold going to keep pushing for a result. He is going to give the Highways a monthly report on short term, medium term and ongoing problems.
- b) Pot holes. Still potholes outside Beech Farm. This has been reported time and time again. A cyclist could have a serious injury if they fell off.
Large pot hole at Crossroads, tree root coming to the surface of the road.
Outside Skeyton Lodge a gully has been filled in with tarmac from the road.

9. Any other business.

A report from District/County Councillor S. Penfold.

Plans for a Western Link around North Walsham, relief road for the B1150, sweeping round near the Water Tower, carrying on to the Industrial Estate, meaning no large vehicles would be entering into the town. 1800 houses to be built around this area over the next 15 years up to 2036.

Open consultation at the moment go to www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/northwalshamwest for more information.

County Council having a meeting at the Show Ground on Monday 7th June to decide on Western NDR. Very controversial.

Up-date on Covid

18 cases per 1000,000 in Norfolk. Indian Variant, 10 cases, 6 different locations. Perhaps third spike in Autumn! Like first Spike in 2020 but more transmittable.

It was report by Cllr: I. Stevenson that he was not happy about how his Council Tax was explained and he was still waiting for a reply from NNDC.

Cllr: S. Bunting raised concerns re: Chapel Road, Skeyton.

The road was in a bad state of repair and tradesmen were not willing to deliver goods to properties down this road. An old freezer and several old cars had been dumped. Council to find out who is responsible for the road.

Cllr: H. Randell reported a sign broken from Breck's Loke to Swanton Abbott. This had been reported before but would be raised again.

It had been brought to the attention of the Council that on 28th September 2020 a storm caused a tree to fall on a telephone cable and pole. 30th October 2020 open Reach erected 2 new poles but left a large expanse of cable lying in the verge over a meadow access point. It has laid there now for 8 months. Their concern is will the cable be shredded when the verge is cut. This has been reported to their phone provider, but to no avail.

All above were reported to S. Penfold who in turn would try and get to the bottom of these complaints.

Lastly Skeyton Parish Council would like to say "THANK-YOU" to

Skeyton Village Hall for donating funding to help with the new Village Sign and the Defibrillator.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

The next date of the meeting will be published shortly.