

SKEYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held at Skeyton Village Hall on Wednesday 24th January 2018. 7.30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Cllr: M. Hicks, Vice-Chairman Cllr: J. Hughes, Cllr: S. Bunting, Cllr: H. Randell, Cllr: I. Stevenson, County Councillor John Timewell and Parish Clerk Diane Fields.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr: A. Morton.

2. Minutes from previous meeting.

Minutes from the Parish Meeting dated 1st November 2017, were signed and accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

3. Matters Arising

a. Skeyton Village Sign. The Village Sign has been taken down to dry out, which it has been doing for the last two months. It was suggested that after it has been repaired the oak post will still be used but fitted into a 4 x 4 steel box section.

It is also to be moved to a more prominent place.

b. The Skeyton Parish Emergency Plan has been updated. Cllr: D. Scott and Cllr: S. Bunting to hold the keys of the Village Hall. Cllr: D. Scott has been given a copy of the Emergency Plan. The Emergency Plan will be looked at again in November for any further up-dates.

c. New Notice Board. Clerk has ordered this and it should be delivered on 2nd February 2018. This will be then delivered to the Chairman and installed on the wall of the Village Hall. It was suggested that the Village Hall might like to contribute towards the cost of this as they will have access to it.

4. Correspondence

a. An e-mail had been received regarding the "Storm Eleanor" regular updates on UK Power networks can be found on www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk

b. An update from North Norfolk Town and Parish Forum has been received regarding the Second Homes Council Tax Campaign. Cromer and Sheringham Town Councils proposed a motion that NALC would take this campaign forward and lobby parliament to ensure that there is a fair and equal distribution of the revenue created by Second Homes Council Tax, this was passed overwhelmingly.

c. A Norfolk 2020 Planned Policing Model has been received. The main cause of concern is that the PCSO will be removed and the link with the Community will in turn suffer.

d. New guidelines regarding Data Protection (GDPR) will come into force on 25th May 2018. The Council has been advised that a Data Protection Officer should be appointed within the Parish Council. Vice-Chairman Cllr: J. Hughes has offered to take on this role.

5. Planning

a. Plans PF/18/0065 labelled as Courtyard Barns 2 & 3. The Parish Council had

no problems with these plans. However, it was noticed that when the Clerk went on to NNDC to comment on these plans they were listed as Barns 1 & 2. The Clerk contacted NNDC and Barn 1 is now called "Fairview Barn" and Barns 2 & 3 are now listed as Barns 1 & 2.

b.The Parish Clerk is to attend a workshop on 13th February to go over problems that have occurred with on-line plans.

6.Finance

a.Bank Statement up to 1st December 2017 = £2,795. 83

b.URM Invoice paid 15/01/18 for £11. 52. Claim to be submitted end of March.

c.Precept 2018-19. The Precept was agreed in the November 2017 meeting, but there were not enough Councillors to form a quorum. The Parish Clerk contacted NNDC who were happy with the paper work sent them but wanted the Precept to be minuted in the next set of minutes.

d.Correspondence has been received from HM Revenue & Customs regarding new way of claiming VAT back.

e.Notification that PKF LittleJohn LLP instead of Mazars will be auditing Skeyton's Accounts this year.

f.NALC subscriptions for 2018-19 are set to rise by 1.93% together with the introduction of a £30 annual charge for provision of their current supported "Wordpress based" Norfolk ALC websites where applicable.

g.Cheque for work carried out by the Parish Clerk includes tax bill which now has to be paid on line, instead of in "The Post Office"

7.Highways

a.One of the Councillor's said that there was a large pot hole in the road outside Randell's farm which caused damage to one of his car tyres. This was reported to the Highways Saturday lunch time and was repaired the same evening.

It was also reported that there are several rotten branches on the righthand side of the road leading to North Walsham. County Councillor John Timewell to have a word with Highways regarding these over head branches and get back to us.

8.Any Other Business

a. It was reported that a bad accident happened on Black Horse Corner the other day. A Land Rover Defender had hit a truck which ended up upside down. It was thought that although there is a GIVE WAY sign at the crossroads the driver of the Land Rover went straight across. The Police were called. It was suggested that perhaps a STOP sign would be better than GIVE WAY.

b.Insurance paid by the Council to cover accident and liability for the Clerk is due in March 2018. It was suggested that if this increased by 10% the Council would be happy to pay this. The Company

who provided this service is Simply Business.
£71.59 was paid for 2017-18.

a. County Councillor John Timewell reported that Council Tax is likely to rise by at least 6% for 2018-19. Government not paying for improvement/increases so therefore Council Tax will have to rise.

b. Business & Property Committee hoping to invest by bringing businesses into Norfolk.

c. NDR Wroxham/Postwick link to open soon. Bids have been invited for completion of NDR in the Wensum Valley.

d. Scottow Enterprise Park now 89% occupied. Swift Air moving in to one of the hangers. Solar panels restricting part of the use of the run way.

e. Due to the retirement of District Councillor Glyn Williams, three candidates have put up for Election.

Saul Penfold - Liberal Democrat

Robin Russell-Pavier – Conservative

David Spencer – Labour. The Election will be held on 15th February 2018.

f. It was reported that a Post Box in Westwick had been stolen.

g. A young resident in Skeyton not happy about the Broadband speed.
When is fibre coming?

h. The Chairman voiced his concerns about the water supply in Skeyton. Several times recently his water pressure has been very low and leaks in the old pipes have been found. Something must be done before they build any more houses which will be connected to these pipes.

The meeting closed at 8.35.p.m.

The next meeting will be the Annual General and Parish Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 2nd May 2018.