

SKEYTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at Skeyton Village Hall on Wednesday 12th September 2018. 7.30.p.m.

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

1. Apologies.
Apologies were received from Cllr: A. Morton and Cllr: D. Scott.
2. Minutes from previous meetings.
Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting both dated Wednesday 2nd May 2018 were both signed and accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.
3. Matters Arising
 - a) Data Protection Bill. It has been brought to the Council's attention that the web site which we share with the Village Hall needs to be made secure.
The website needs to be updated and mobile friendly and also to have a calendar which members of the public can see and use when planning to book the hall. Our web site host has quoted a costing of £450.00 to carry out this work. The Parish Council thought this was an awful lot of money, even though we would only have to pay fifty percent of this. A young entrepreneur who has just designed the web site for the Neech Loan trust might be prepared to help.
 - b) The Skeyton Village Sign which has been taken down and stored in a barn to dry out is in a far worse state than first thought. Lettering is off the sign and the sign itself is rotten half way up. It was felt that it would be a waste of money and time trying to save it. It was suggested that the Clerk contact "The Village Sign People" to see if they could give us a costing for a new sign, perhaps in resin or metal. This the Clerk would do. Also, to find out who make the Hares that have been around Norwich recently, as they are made of fibreglass. It was decided to get the old sign back. District Councillor Saul Penfold sits on the committee of The Big Society Fund, and will look into seeing if there might be some funding available once we get a quote for a new sign.
 - c) The Norfolk Vanguard Wind Farm. More literature received regarding the update of this, although it will not affect Skeyton.
4. Correspondence
 - a) Skeyton's War Memorial was erected around 1920 to hold the names of soldiers who were killed during the First World War, later on Second World War additions were added. The Memorial has been recommended for listing at Grade II. This means that any work carried out on the Memorial has to be carried out sympathetically. The Chairman said that the Memorial was O.K. at the moment, only a bit of lichen on it. Literature regarding the procedure of maintaining the Memorial has been downloaded.
 - b) Norfolk Association of Local Councils. A Newsletter has been received listing all the services they give to Town and Parish Councils.

5. Planning

- a) PF/18/0702. Although, these plans were agreed on by Skeyton Parish Council, NNDC turned them down. This up-date is an appeal made by the client.

6. Finance

- a) Bank Statement up to 2nd September 2018 has been received.
- b) Clerk's Insurance has been paid.
- c) URM, the company we use for our bottle bank. Since 3rd April 2018, we have collected 1.8 tonnes which in turn will give us around £100.00 in revenue.
- d) Clerk's Wages and Tax has been paid.
- e) Accounts – no news as yet. Clerk has e-mailed.

7. Highways

- a) Parish Partnership. Correspondence has been received regarding funding support. NCC has provisionally been allocated £325,000 to fund schemes put forward by Town and Parish Councils and they are particularly keen to encourage and support first-time bids. The letter also goes on to encourage bids from Town and Parish Council with annual incomes (precept plus any other income) below £2,000 they are offering the following support:-

75% County Council contribution

£5,000 maximum bid value

Offer available only once to any bidder.

Our Chairman explained that a few years ago we tried to get help laying a hard standing area down Common Road, so house owners could park their cars on this which would make more room for farm vehicles and the dustcart, but it was felt that this would incur an awful lot of the Precept allowance. County Councillor John Timewell suggested that if we furnished him with all the correspondence regarding Common Road, he would see what he could do.

A footpath between the Bunting end of Chapel Loke by the side of the field to join up with the path across the stubble fields towards Model Farm Cross Road is impenetrable due to undergrowth. This has been reported to the Highways.

Also, the sign saying "Footpath" on Green Lane has broken off, this has been reported before, Clerk to report again.

Flooding in School Lane. Fifty percent dug out like grapps, not soak-aways.

As you approach Skeyton on the Flemingham Road, there is a slight bump in the road, this road is cracked here and needs repairing.

Black Horse Road dropping every side. Surface is so smooth, if we get a bad winter this road will be lethal. Also, the road is on the Bus route into the village. Clerk to report all this and also to check with Jon Winnett, about the purchase of grit salt.

8. Any Other Business

District Councillor Saul Penfold said "The full Council tried to get NNDC to write to NCC proposing that they scrapped the charges on waste re-cycling as this was leading to people putting the wrong items in their black bins". The letter was turned down and not sent.

Lorne Green suggested that the Fire Service came under his wing, this was thought not a good idea.

County Councillor John Timewell, also thought that the Fire Service should retain Control, hopefully that will happen. He went on to say "They gave a B RILLIANT SERVICE to the public.

County Hall met up for the first time since summer last week. Select committees, 13 members in each.

- 1) Corporate
- 2) People and Communities
- 3) Infrastructure and Development.

Budget for next year – three month run up.

An intruder in Skeyton was disturbed trying to break into a caravan. Police were called. Noise was heard near a local farm. It was also reported that Suffield had had an incident, perhaps travelling families.

SUNDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2018 TROSH AT SKEYTON.

An idea to purchase a defibrillator using the bottle bank funds was put forward by Vice-Chairman Cllr: J. Hughes and seconded by Cllr: S. Bunting. Clerk to get some prices.

A big THANKS to County Councillor John Timewell in helping with the Broadband problems that Skeyton had.

The meeting closed at 8.45.p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS NOW THURSDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2018. 7.30.p.m.