

SKEYTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held at Skeyton Village Hall on Tuesday 18th May 2021. 7.30 p.m.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Vice-Chairman Cllr: J. Hughes

2. Minutes from meeting dated Tuesday 16th June 2020 were signed And accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings on 8th September 2020.

3. Chairman's Report

After a rather turbulent twelve month due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel. We have carried our Parish Council business by face to face meetings when circumstances allowed and via Zoom meetings when in general lockdown.

Planning. There were several planning applications, none of which were controversial ranging from conversion of agricultural building to residential, garage to annex, French doors and so on.

Highways. All the usual potholes, standing water laying on the Highway and the Parish Council's concerns regarding the poor condition of the causeway.

Thanks, goes to Henry Randell for being out keeping the roads clear during the snowy period in the early part of this year.

Village sign. At last, the new village sign is erected, everyone having said It looks pretty good, now that the weather is improving, I shall lay a concrete base around the sign including a brick plinth. (When time allows).

Defibrillator/Phone Box. The old phone box is now in the process of being renovated by a local volunteer in preparation for a defibrillator to be installed. Vice-Chairman Cllr: Hughes submitted an application for a grant to the NNDC Sustainable Committee's Fund, this application

was successful. The phone box is now owned by the Community Heartbeat Charity Trust.

Finance. The Parish Council remains solvent.

Again, the Precept has remained the same. The new village sign is all paid for apart from cost of the base and plinth.

Income from the Bottle Bank was probably down on the previous years as unfortunately the Goat public house had to close during the lockdown although many folks were drinking at home so there appeared to be a steady flow of bottles.

The Clerk's wages are paid periodically.

Once again I would like to thank Diane for all her hard work and to my fellow Parish Councillor's and also to Saul Penfold and John Timewell for their support over the last twelve months.

Michael Hicks. Chairman.

4. Neech Loan Trust Report

Due to COVID restrictions there have been no meetings of The Neech Loan Trust, therefore there is nothing to report in this period.

5. Any other business