

SKEYTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Held at Skeyton Village Hall on Tuesday 16th June 2020. 7.30.p.m.

Present: Chairman Cllr: M. Hicks, Vice-Chairman Cllr: J. Hughes, Cllr: A. Morton and Parish Clerk Mrs. D. Fields.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr: S. Bunting, Cllr: I. Stevenson and District Councillor S. Penfold.

2. Minutes:

Minutes from previous meeting dated 16th May 2019 were signed and accepted as true and accurate record of proceedings on 10th September 2019.

3. Chairman's Report:

Again, twelve months have passed since my last Chairman's report.

PLANNING. Plans viewed for the demolition and rebuilding of the Bungalow at Highview. The Parish Council and a local resident had concerns regarding the size of the new development and these were communicated back to the planning department, the application was then withdrawn only to be resubmitted with revised design, again we had our concerns and arranged a site meeting with the Planning Officer and District Councillor Saul Penfold. These concerns were fed back to the applicant and revised plans were submitted which were favourable to all and was duly granted permission.

We also looked at plans for alterations to the property called "Thistledew", on Tuttington road Skeyton, and also plans for alterations and the conversion of a garage into extra sleeping capacity at Gable End Cottage on Church road, the Parish Council had no objections to either.

There was also the possibility of a corridor slicing through the village to accommodate the route of an underground cable from the offshore wind farm. I believe this is no longer the case as a more acceptable route has been chosen.

HIGHWAYS. Potholes, we have had our share, some have been filled promptly some have not. The causeway from Beech Farm down to the Blackhorse is in need of some attention, concerns was raised with

Norfolk County Councillor John Timewell but as yet no work has been carried out probably due to lack of funds.

FINANCE. Once again, the Parish Council have kept the Precept at the same level, and the bottle bank continues to generate income although it maybe a little slow at the moment with the Goat Inn being closed due to Covid19.

The Parish Council also contributed to a third of the cost of running the Village Hall/Parish Council/Skeyton Church Website. A contribution was also made to Skeyton Church for the grass cutting of the Churchyard.

Twenty-five pounds was given towards the annual remembrance poppy wreath which the Chairman laid at the Remembrance Sunday Service.

Once again with careful spending the Parish Council remains solvent.

VILLAGE SIGN. (Ongoing) The Old Village Sign has undergone a bit of refurbishment and is now mounted on the wall under the porch of the new extension of the village hall, this will prolong the life of the sign as it is undercover and protected from most of the elements.

The decision was made to have a new sign designed and fabricated out of steel which would be laser cut, galvanised and then powder coated to give a long lifespan. Hopefully it will soon be in our possession.

We were sorry to receive the resignation of our fellow Parish Councillor Dorothy Scott, due to other demands on life, I would therefore like to thank Dorothy for her contributions to the Parish Council. The position was advertised but as yet nobody has applied for the position.

March, April and May and the Covid19 lockdown, well what can I say about that, only that we are all thankfully still here and from now on hopefully things will slowly return to some kind of normality.

Finally, I would like to thank Diane our Parish Clerk for all her hard work throughout the year, and to my fellow Parish Councillors for their support.

Michael Hicks, Chairman.

4. Neech Laon Trust Report:

Due to Covid19 no meeting has taken place, therefore no change.

5. Any Other Business:

None

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.