

SKEYTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Held at Skeyton Village Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Present: Chairman Cllr: M. Hicks, Vice-Chairman Cllr: J. Hughes, Cllr: S. Bunting, Cllr: H. Randell, Cllr: I. Stevenson, Cllr: A. Morton, District Councillor S. Penfold, George Berry and Parish Clerk Mrs. D. Fields.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from County Councillor John Timewell

2. Minutes: Meeting both dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Minutes from Skeyton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting and Skeyton Parish Council Annual General Meeting were signed and accepted as true and accurate record of proceedings.

3. Matters Arising:

a) Village Sign At long last we have a new Village Sign. Our Chairman brought it along to the meeting and everyone thought it was very smart. The Councillor's went outside and proposed a site where it could be erected. A working party was proposed. The Chairman asked Cllr: I. Stevenson if he would ask The Village Hall Committee if this site was O.K.

b) The Council welcomed Mr. George Berry as our new Councillor. Mr. Berry was co-opted onto to Skeyton Parish Council.

4. a) Retirement of the Big Society Fund and the Launch of the North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Grant Fund.

District Councillor S. Penfold explained he was still heading the Committee on this. The re-naming is to make applicants think more about the environment when applying for funding on their projects. Using local suppliers, tree planting and Well Being. How can we keep our community active. The committee is next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and thereafter once a month for projects £1,000 and under. Quarterly meetings for grants over £1,000 and up to £15,000. It was suggested that Skeyton Parish Council might be eligible for help with purchasing a defibrator. Vice-Chairman J. Hughes to obtain some quotes.

- b) A letter has been received re: Parish Partnership. The scheme will again be repeated with Parish/Town Councils in 2021/22. Most Schemes apply to Highways improvements.
- c) Update on The Local Electricity Bill's Reintroduction.  
The Council agreed not to do anything regarding the above.
- d) Climate Change Project. The Chairman explained "that we all do our bit", which makes more of an impact. The Well-Being Initiative of NALC hopes that all Town and Parish Councils in Norfolk will persuade many of their residents to "Get Informed Know Your Impact".
- e) Fact Sheets on Adult and Children's Wellbeing, to be put on the Skeyton Web Site.
- f) Norfolk Citizens Advice Centre at Holt.  
Holt office are offering limited services on Tuesday and Friday, Interview rooms are small and impossible to set up safely for face to face appointments, but they are trying ways to work around this; using rooms in the Community Centre next door to them and/or setting up a video call between 2 rooms. This information is also going on the Web Site. Poster also on Notice Board.
- g) E-mail received regarding Norfolk Assistance Scheme and Development Worker role. is to signpost vulnerable adults to activities, services, learning and volunteering opportunities. This also is going on the Web Site.
- h) Up-date on Norwich Western Link Local Access Consultation Reminder. Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020 is the last date when you can give them your thoughts on their proposals. This is also going on the Web Site.

## 5. Planning.

- a) After the Clerk approached the Planning Department at NNDC it was agreed that more information should be given to the Planning Department re: Glamping sites as this still appears to be somewhat of a grey area.

## 6. Finance

- a) Bank Statement (after paying for the sign) stands at £1,409. 23
- b) Bottle Bank. Money received from NCC was £94. 16.  
Still being used well. Thank-you to all.

- c) Cheque sent to Steel-Fx – last payment for the sign.
- d) Clerk's Wages and Tax paid.

## 7. Highways.

An e-mail has been received regarding a Highway Inspection on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

It was reported that certain gulley's in the village need cleaning out. Gulley's on New Road, Common Road at Skeyton Corner. Ten houses at flood risk, as drains have not been cleared out in School Road.

Also, opposite "The Lodge" there is another drain that needs cleaning out.

Clerk to contact Justin Le-May re: the on going problem with the road that runs directly North from Black Horse road to Aylsham Road, Norwich/Felmingham Road.

As County Councillor John Timewell is absent from work at the moment District Councillor Saul Penfold offered his services of help if we needed it. The Council thanked him.

## 8. Any other business

It was reported that branches from an oak tree were obstructing higher vehicles, the Parish Clerk would contact the owner.

District Councillor Saul Penfold reported that infection of Covid 19 was low in North Norfolk. The coastal areas of Norfolk have been extremely busy, extra bin collections in Weybourne and Bacton. Coastal paths have been heavily populated and people need to be reminded about social distancing. New Car Park has been built at Bacton.

Leisure facilities opened. North Walsham supermarkets donating food to needy people.

Regarding the new Village Sign it was proposed to have a plaque made up and an unveiling sometime in 2021 with a local speaker.

An e-mail was received from County Councillor John Timewell:-

County is still in on-line meeting mode and may be for some time it seems. Advice to Councillors still is not to attend PC meetings, though I have been attending as and when I can.

My main push in committee has been to make sure Norfolk backs the economy and business after the C-19 lock down. This is via our own Economic Development Department and also the LEP.

There is a lot of upset at the moment about a multi-storey car park and the last phase of the refurbishment of programme at County Hall, the thinking is that monies being so tight have forced cuts to services, the monies should be spent on these not building programmes. In principle I agree but the way Council finances are designed means that they come in different pots and those pots are not interchangeable. This is set by Government and County and District Councils are not powered to change this.

Covid-19 is still in the forefront of all our minds and we must all take note and abide by the standards and rules as set by Government. At County level there has been an enormous amount of work in organising and setting up systems as laid down by Government. The cost of this has been and still is huge and we are informed that we will be aided by a central fund. I hope this is the case.

We wish County Councillor John Timewell a speedy recovery.

The meeting closed at 8.35.p.m.

The next date of the meeting is 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020. 7.30.p.m.