

SKEYTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 15th MAY 2023, 7.30pm AT SKEYTON VILLAGE HALL.

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

1. Apologies:
 - a) Apologies were received from NNDC District/County Councillor Saul Penfold.

2. Minutes
 - a) Minutes dated 10th May 2022 were signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings on 5th September 2022.

3. Chairman's Report.
Skeyton Parish Council Chairman's report 2022/23

Yet another twelve months have passed since my last chairman's report. We have met for all of our parish council meetings along with some planning meetings as required.

At our last parish council meeting we said farewell to Jason Hughes as he informed us that he would be standing down as Vice chairman and leaving the parish council as his employment is taking him elsewhere. We thanked Jason for his service, support, experience and expertise along with his wealth of knowledge, his efforts are greatly appreciated and I wish him well.

We have just had the local elections, luckily for Skeyton it was not contested so things remained the same apart from a vacancy to fill Jason's position on the council.

Highways. The causeway which is in need of some serious attention with repairs have been pushed back although remains on the highways to do list. Potholes are in abundance and get filled eventually.

A new replacement grit bin that was kindly funded from councillor Saul Penfold's budget was positioned further up the hill on church road.

Planning. We had a few plans to look at and give our views and comments, mostly all are acceptable apart from one in particular, which the parish council believed to be unsatisfactory. The PC called a meeting regarding this application and came to the conclusion that there were significant reasons as to why the application should not be given approval, the PC replied to NNDC planning department stating our concerns. The application got granted planning permission.

Finance. Again, with careful spending the parish council's financial position is in good health. All expenses are paid promptly.

The parish precept was increased last year 22/23 as it had been at the same amount for many years, this year the PC decided not to increase the precept for 23/24.

The bottle bank is still generating a little income, sincere thanks go to the proprietors of the Goat inn for their continued permission allowing the bottle bank to be sited on their property.

The clerk's wages are paid periodically.

I would like to thank Diane for her hard work keeping things in order and to my fellow parish councillors and Saul Penfold for their continued support over the last twelve months.

Michael Hicks. Chairman

4. Any other business
None at present.

Meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.