

SKEYTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD STEYTON VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2023 7.00 PM

Present: Chairman Cllr: M. Hicks, Vice-Chairman Cllr: S. Bunting, Cllr: H. Randell, Cllr: I. Stevenson, Cllr: A. Morton, NNDC District/County Councillor S. Penfold and D. Fields Parish Clerk.

Also attended: Will Sealey from Vattenfall, Councillor and Parish Clerk from Swanton Abbott, Jason Baxter and Brendon Rallinson from Scottow M. Hubbard from Suffield, M and D. Scott from Skeyton and Mrs. S. Hicks

1. Apologies
2. Minutes from previous meetings dated 15th May 2023, were both signed and accepted as a true accurate record of proceedings.
3. Matters Arising.
 - a) Co-option of new Councillor. Michael Scott was co-opted on as Councillor for Skeyton Parish Council. We welcome Cllr: M. Scott.
 - b) Monthly check of Defibrillator. This has kindly been taken over by Emma Daynes who lives in the village. Parish Clerk to write and thank her for accepting this role.
 - c) King Charles' portrait. It was decided to purchase a portrait of the new King and we all agreed on a print which was sourced on line from Etsy for £30.99. Clerk to purchase same and Vice-chairman S. Bunting kindly volunteered to purchase two frames from the Range so, both the late Queen and the King would be in identical frames.
 - d) Clerk contacted the TSB re: banking and making payments on line. Clerk to contact the TSB head office as soon as.
 - e) Will Sealey presented slides and information re: the laying of cables from Happisburgh to Necton. He spoke for about fifteen minutes and then answers from the floor.
For more information on Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone please visit the Dedicated project website:
www.nowzone.co.uk
4. Correspondence
 - a) All correspondence already froward to Councillor's.

5. Planning.

a) PF/22/1197 Decision already made.

b) Outcome of Static Caravan erected on land at Willow Farm.

This has been investigated by NNDC enforcement team who have advised the owner that the caravan should be removed.

It requires planning permission and we have advised that a planning application would not be supported if submitted.

Hopefully the owner will now remove the caravan without the need for formal action such as an enforcement notice.

Sent by NNDC Cathryn Elliott.

Recently a electric cable has been seen.

c) Explanation re: PF/22/2638 Field View Barn.

In spite of Skeyton Parish Council strongly stating they were against these plans they were passed by NNDC. District/County Councillor S.Penfold spoke to the residents, who thought it would be better to have the wooden structure removed. Planning policy had no grounds to turn it down.

Councillor's still not happy and said this would "Set Precedent" Councillor S. Penfold to go back to the Development Committee and see what they have to say.

6. Finance

a) Current Account now stands at £1,467.71 (Septembers Precept due soon)

b) Bottle Bank, has increased slightly since May 2023.

c) Cheque was paid for the Internal Auditor.

d) Cheque also paid for Clerk's Wages and Tax.

7. Highways

a) Westwick Estate. It was report that vision whilst driving any vehicle especially a lorry, is really bad approaching the North Walsham road from Skeyton. Branches are hanging down, vegetation needs to be cut back and appears to be worse since the road was re-surfaced. Councillor S .Penfold to ask Justin from Highways to visit the scene. Cllr: H. Randell says he is more than happy to bring his tractor so Justin

can see for himself what the problem is. It was also reported that the road near Captains Pond was bad also.

8. Any the business.

- a) Still problems with Serco emptying bins on the incorrect day.
- b) County Broadband dug up cables by mistake and parishioners in Skeyton did not have any internet for two weeks and some houses no land line either.
- c) Problems with footpaths in stubble fields, not being reinstated and turnips under foot.
- d) Cllr: I. Stevenson received correspondence from NALC regarding Norfolk ALC Autumn Conference & AGM.
- e) Cllr: M. Scott asked if we could purchase some signs indicating where the village hall is situated. Skeyton is quite spread out and locating the hall can be quite difficult. Cllr: Penfold to help.
- f) Felmingham road, south of chapel lane top half of road sign is broken off. Cllr: Penfold made note.

Report from District/County Councillor S. Penfold.

New Skeyton sign replaced and posts near Skeyton Church fixed.

Draft corporate plan in North Norfolk supporting villages,

Investment in North Walsham. Villages need some TLC.

Forty Councillor's elected including Saul, Tim Adams County Leader, full Council in September.

No up-date on Causeway, still scheduled for 2024 with a Cost of £60,000.

The meeting closed at 21.00 hours (9.00 pm)

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 6th November 2023 at 7.30.p.m. Where the Precept will be set for next year 2024.

