

SKEYTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Skeyton Village Hall on Monday 14th November 2022. 7.30.p.m.

Present: Chairman Cllr: M. Hicks, Vice-Chairman Cllr: J. Hughes, Cllr: H. Randell, Cllr: I. Stevenson, Cllr: A. Morton, Cllr: G. Berry, NNDC District/ County Councillor Saul Penfold and Mrs. D. Fields Parish Clerk.

1. Apologies

Cllr: S. Bunting

2. Minutes.

Minutes from the Meeting dated 5th September 2022, were signed and accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

3. Matters Arising

a) Election date is 14th May 2023.

b) Tree restriction on Bungalow, Beech Farm. District and County Councillor S. Penfold to ask Daryl at NNDC if they were happy for The Tree restriction to be removed and nicer looking trees to be planted in their place.

c) Oak Tree at Garden Barns, recently a very old oak tree had been felled and Councillor S. Penfold to check if there was a TPO on this tree.

4. Correspondence

a) An email had been received regarding Keeping Warm and Well this Winter. Several libraries from Monday 10th October until the end of March 2023 were going to have bags of essential items and hot drinks available to take for FREE. (No questions asked).
See the email on the Notice Board.

b) New Beat Managers – see Poster on Notice Board. Two Beat Officers PC Alex Barnes and PC Emma Robinson both contactable @ norfolk.police.uk or 101 Ext: 1086 also Pete Davison Engagement Officer on 07970458204

NALC – posters to help you stay healthy throughout winter.
See Notice Board.

c) Letter from Duncan Baker MP. Firstly, in the summer Duncan volunteered with the East of England Ambulance Service and soon became aware of the considerable costs that can come with being a First Responder. Therefore, he has helped to

support the existing First Responders by recruiting more volunteers and went on to say he was proud to announce that from the 1st November 2022 they will be able to claim expenses, payments including the cost of the historic joining fees.

Secondly, he is delighted to announce that Cromer Hospital will see weekly mental clinics on a Friday afternoon. A drop in clinic will also take place every three months for anyone concerned about their own mental health, or that of a loved one.

He went on to say that he raised £30,000 for local charities in this Year's London Marathon and thanked people for their support.

He has a monthly newsletter which you can sign up to on his web site which is www.duncanbaker.org.uk

5. Planning

There are the present no plans.

6. Finance

- a) Parish Precept for 2023-24. It was proposed by Cllr: I. Stevenson and seconded by Chairman M. Hicks that the precept should not be increased.
- b) The Second Half of the Precept for 2022 has been received.
- c) Bank Statement up to the 14th November 2022 is £1,663.69
- d) Clerk's Wages and Tax paid
- e) Bottle Bank. Clerk has put in for a claim of 2.1 tonnes.
(So far this year the bottle bank has cost the Council £75.60. Based on the figures of 2021 (63.73 a tonne)
The Council should receive approx.: £134.00)
- f) Cheques were signed £30 for Poppy Wreath, £125.00 For Skeyton Churchyard and £100.00 for Skeyton V.Hall

7. Highways

- a) Wooden marker posts outside Skeyton Church. Some are Rotten and need replacing. Councillor S. Penfold to speak to Highways about this issue.

8. Any other business

Norfolk Community Fund have money to help over 65's, people with disabilities and struggling families. When this funding was open a few months ago the funding was allocated quite quickly and Skeyton did not receive any so this time the

Council decided they would try and help some of the Parishioners in the village. It was decided to try and Claim money to help twenty households. Perhaps advertise In the King's Beck Magazine which is issued Jan/Feb 2023. to find out who was eligible for this. If successful the money had to be spent by the end of March 2023. The funding was called The Household Support Scheme.

Report by District/County Councillor S. Penfold

Norfolk County Council having their budget squeezed, bigger Deficient. NCC worse performing Council in the County for Child Support.

Council Tax setting in next year of 2.99%. Council would like 9% but that would require a referendum and no one would vote for that. County Council have a web site where you can have your say.

Holt Hall, Holt has been purchased by Greshams School. Problems with bin collections since the NNDC gave the contract to Serco. Skeyton parishioners were given Wednesdays as their collection day but in fact Serco were collecting Tuesdays and there were complaints that the rubbish/re-cycling had not been collected. Cllr: S. Penfold to look into this. Lots of different providers helping with the Cost of living Crisis. Churches, Food Banks and Libraries all helping people with low incomes.

Planning System on line till 30th November 2022, asking people to comment on their experiences with this on line system.

Cllr: J. Hughes asked Cllr: S. Penfold if there was any news regarding the final stage of the NDR, no results as yet.

Costessey Council in favour of the NDR going over the Wensum Valley as this would take away lot of the traffic pollution from the village.

Cost of finalising the NDR has gone up. Government to fund 85% Council 14%. The 85% has not yet been finalised.

The trees on the existing NDR have not all taken. Bat lines not working either. Awaiting consultation regarding the environmental issues.

Vattenfall project still in consultation. Laying of cables would

be hellish, traffic bad. Perhaps an Offshore Ring Main would be the answer. County to decide. NNDC in favour of Ring Main. Compensation, would be paid to land owners and Community Grant Schemes. Vattenfall to meet up with Mundesley in February. Cllr: S. Penfold suggested that he would approach Vattenfall and ask them if they would come and meet the Parishioners of Skeyton to let them know what was happening. Cllr: S. Penfold to meet with Justin Le-May for their annual get together and the subject of "The Causeway" would be discussed.

The meeting closed at 8.50.p.m.

Dates for your diary/calendar/phone for 2023

6th February 2023.

8th May 2023.

4th September 2023.

6th November 2023.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.