

SKEYTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT MANOR FARM, SKEYTON ON MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2024.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr: A. Morton and District/County Councillor S. Penfold.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting dated 2nd September 2024 were signed as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising.

a) Risk Management

Risk Management is the process of identifying, assessing and controlling financial, legal, strategic, and securing risks to an organisations capital and earnings.

The above statement is all in place within Skeyton Parish Council.

b) Norfolk ALC – re: letter

An email had been received by the Council regarding the dismissal of one of their colleagues. The Council has agreed to make no comment on this, not to get involved.

c) Daffodil bulbs have been planted at the Village Hall and along the Bank. There are a few left over and Cllr: I. Stevenson suggested planting these near the Church.

d) Up-date on Septic Tank- High View.

Chairman S. Bunting spoke to Mr. Mokes and the Binder lorry is still visiting the site at least twice a week. No damage to road side as yet because we have had little rain. As pointed out before there must be a health issue here if the tank needs constantly emptying. Clerk to contact our NNDC officer S. Penfold to see if Victory Housing has been informed.

e) Web site telephone number.

The Web site telephone number if contacted through Google Is incorrect. Cllr: M. Scott to investigate.

f) Verg Cutting letters.

An email has been received regarding two RNR's (Roadside Nature Reserves). A letter was sent to Norfolk highways stating that

Skeyton received its first cut early compared with some other villages and on some bad corners and junctions, barely enough was cut to provide adequate visibility resulting in local farmers increasing that visibility at their own expense.

Wet conditions prevailed for late Spring and early Summer resulting in a lot of new growth. Some corners and junctions were re-cut in early August while the rest of the verges were left uncut which has now resulted in foliage leaning into the highway making for poor visibility, reduced road width and damage to vehicles.

Regarding the RNR's the Councillor's discussed these and thought that the cost of this would be better spent on safety factor of mowing the verges properly.

Response from Norfolk County Council.

"In line with last year's agreement, we cut rural grass verges along main (A and B classified) roads twice between May and September each year. C and U roads will be cut once followed up with a safety cut at visibility splays if required subject to growth. In conjunction with the surrounding parishes (Scottow, Westwick, Swanton Abbott) as part of the rural grass cutting schedule. Skeyton is cut in week four of the overall (four week) programme, and there is no further cutting planned".

4. Correspondence

- b) Letter received from Finn Geotherm, this was given to the Village Hall

5. Planning

- a) PF/24/1927 these plans were passed by NNDC on 24th October 2024.

6. Finance

- a) Second half of Precept for 2024 received £572.00
- b) Precept for 2025/26 to remain the same as 2024.
This was proposed by Cllr: I. Stevenson and seconded by Vice-Chairman G. Berry.
- c) Bank Statement stands at £1554.50 less £404.87 (cheques to be cleared) leaving £1,149.63.
- d) A Poppy Wreath has been purchased for Remembrance Sunday
At a cost of £25.00
- e) An ink cartridge for Clerk's printer was purchased at £37.00
- f) Cheques were given to Skeyton Churchyard and Skeyton Village Hall.

- g) Clerk's Wages and Tax was also paid.
- h) Bottle Bank. A bottle bank return for 3.80 tonnes has been Sent to Norfolk County Council.

7. Highways

- a) A, Z sign as you approach Cats Corner in Skeyton has faded and is barely visible, to be reported to Highways.
- b) Potholes from previous minutes have been reported and acknowledged by Highways.

8. Any other business

Cllr: I. Stevenson spoke again about an article in the EDP had been seen regarding grants for new Septic Tanks. Groups of ten to apply.

District Councillor S. Penfold has been contacted but as yet no reply has been received, a follow up will be sent.

Signs belonging to "The Goat Public House" have been reported as stolen, new ones have been erected.

The Chairman asked the Councillor's if they would check their local Grit Bins to make sure they are full of salt in case of any inclement weather.

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Dates for Parish Council meetings 2025, will be forwarded as soon as possible.