

SKEYTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at Skeyton Village Hall proceeding the Annual Parish Meeting, commenced at 7.50.p.m.

Present: Councillor M. Hicks, Cllr: I. Stevenson, Cllr: A. Morton, Cllr: G. Berry, NNDC District /County Councillor Saul Penfold and Mrs. D. Fields.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr: J. Hughes, Cllr: S. Bunting and Cllr: H. Randell

2. Election of offices

Cllr: I. Stevenson proposed Cllr: M. Hicks as Chairman and was seconded by Cllr: A. Morton. Chairman Cllr: M. Hicks proposed Cllr: J. Hughes as Vice-Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr: G. Berry. Vice-Chairman Cllr: J. Hughes was absent from this Meeting but when asked previously if he would accept this role he agreed.

3. Minutes

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting were signed and accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings at the 8th September meeting. Also, minutes from the meeting dated 1st February 2022 were also signed.

4. Matters Arising

- a) A New Grit Bin has been sited on Church Road and the Chairman has filled the new bin with grit. Thanks to Councillor S. Penfold for his generosity paying for same out of his budget. Reflectors to be purchased and placed on the bin.
- b) Plaques on Village Sign and in Telephone Box.
New plaques have been paid for and erected on the V. Sign And in the Telephone Box.
- c) Garden Party on 4th June 2022.
More information to follow.
- d) Fly Tipping.
- e) It was reported that parishioners were tipping their garden waste, ie grass cuttings, hedge trimmings etc., into hedges and farm land. Please dispose of above either in Garden waste bins or by taking Waste material to a nearby Council Tip, North Walsham or Bux-

ton.

5. Correspondence.

All correspondence had been forwarded to the Councillor's.

6. Planning.

Plans had been received PF/22/0771 for a riding arena & equestrian Grazing. These have been approved by the Council.

A new property has just been built in Skeyton and previously a condition to keep the trees which are on this land, saved are now looking out of place. Could this condition be removed and more suitable trees planted? Councillor S. Penfold to make enquiries.

7. Finance

- a) Accounts Section 1 Annual Governance Statement and Section 2 Accounting Statements have been signed and approved.
- b) Bank Statement reads £1,011.67 up to 31st March 2022.
- c) First Precept for 2022 of £572.00 has been received.
- d) Bottle Bank. Unfortunately, URM have raised their collection price from £15.00 per tonne to £36.00 per tonne. The Council will review this in a year's time to see if it is still worthwhile.
- e) Clerk put a VAT claim in for £155.06 (this has been received now)
- f) NALC paid for the year of £101.36
- g) Insurance also paid for the year £76.00
- h) Invoice for new cartridge for Clerk's printer paid £31.49
- i) Clerk's Wages and Tax also paid.
- j) National Salary Award received from NALC. Clerk to be Paid an increase of £0.75 per hour.

8. Highways.

Several years ago, Long Road, Skeyton was called Devil's Hill. This road runs from the Church to Skeyton Goat. One of the Parishioners asked if the road could be re-named Devil's Hill. The question was put to Councillor S. Penfold who suggested perhaps a supplementary sign or Heritage Sign as changing the name of the road completely was very long winded.

9. Any other business

It was put to the Council that tractors, lorries and cars were speeding along Church Road. No speeding limit is along this road so they in fact could drive at 60mph. Walking along this

road was very dangerous as there is no footpath.
Councillor S. Penfold suggested that he would speak to Justin at Highways, asking him if he would do an annual visit to Skeyton to review this situation. It was also suggested that Land owners who used tractors and contractors could be spoken to also.

Report by District/County Councillor S. Penfold.

Norfolk County Council refused to give out vouchers for vulnerable families at Easter, this met with opposition from NNDC. At the moment there are 29,000 free school meals given out. Morrison's and Sainsbury's were very generous and donated groceries to families. A better provision for May and the Summer hopefully will be in place. Climate emergency canvased people around Norfolk, Worstead and Aylsham declaring a climate emergency.

NNDC giving out £150 to each Band A – D household to help with the cost of living.

Trees, 70,000 trees have been planted in North Norfolk, 110,000 being the ambition.

The new swimming pool at Sheringham called "The Reef" is looking very smart and has attracted several to join the membership there.

Biggest Capital Project so far.

Natural England, temporary hold on rivers not been polluting such as the River Wensum and the Bure. Also looking into rock salt off roads going into water courses. This might lead to planning applications being delayed for at least eighteen months.

NNDC Council Tax might be doubled on holiday properties if they are not used regularly.

The meeting closed at 9.00.p.m.

The next meeting will be To be advised.