

**SKEYTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held at Skeyton Village Hall on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023. 7.30.p.m.**

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

1. Apologies
  - a) Apologies were received from Cllr: A. Morton and Cllr: G. Berry.
2. Minutes
  - a) Minutes from the Meeting dated the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022, were signed and accepted as a true and accurate record of proceedings.
3. Matters Arising.
  - a) Tree Restriction on Highview House (formerly Bungalow. Beech Farm) and
  - b) Oak Tree at Garden Barns no further information as yet.
  - c) Trees down School Road – A resident who lives down School Road is concerned about trees which are very closed to overhead power lines, one in particular has a very large bow which is dead.  
Cllr: I. Stevenson kindly answered this e-mail and advised the Resident, the best course of action to be taken.
  - d) May meeting date to be changed to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023, clerk just waiting for clarification of this.
4. Correspondence
  - a) An e-mail has been received from WCCTV regarding cameras which can be bought or hired to use to prevent Fly Tipping.
  - b) Local Elections – correspondence has been received regarding the Photo ID which is required when you go and vote. A driving licence, passport, Bus Pass, Blue Badge, biometric immigration document, identity card bearing the proof of age Standards Scheme hologram. *Expired documents are suitable providing the photograph is a true likeness.* If you have none of these you must apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate at [www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-votger-authority-certificate](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-votger-authority-certificate)  
Clerk to be in touch when election papers are issued.
5. Planning
  - a) PF/22/2638 still under consideration
6. Finance
  - a) Bank Statement – Current Account = £1,407. 36
  - b) Bottle Bank - £138.52 received from NCC . The cost of Hiring the bottle bank was £75.60 making a profit of £62.92
  - c) Clerk's Wages and Tax paid.

## 7. Highways

- a) Potholes – Black Horse Cross Roads. Common Road, “Lowlands” (family estimate recent) pot hole a metre long. Bungalow New Road (gobbling plot crumbs)
- b) Once more the gulley’s down New Road need cleaning out.
- c) Also grups down Crossroads need sorting and there is also mud in the middle of the road.

## 8. Any other business

It was reported that the electricity would be off for 8 hours on the 15<sup>th</sup> February, this was thought to be because of connection to new property “Garden Barn”.

Last year NALC asked for volunteers from each Parish Council to act as a Representative for their Council. No more was heard of this even though Cllr: I. Stevenson kindly put his name forward for this. Clerk to contact NALC again. It is with sadness that Vice-Chairman Cllr: J. Hughes has resigned from Skeyton Parish Council. Due to work commitment Cllr: Hughes feels that he would not be able to fulfil his role as Vice-Chairman. We thank Cllr: Hughes for all his hard work, knowledge and expertise he has kindly offered to the Council and wish him all the best.

### Report by District/County Councillor S.Penfold

County discussing County Deal for Norfolk, devolution settlement.

600 million coming to Norfolk, 20 million a year, not linked with inflation.

Do not want to turn down money if you do not accept, not recognising rural deals, could have been better. Look on County Web Site – from 6<sup>th</sup> February for six weeks, Council to come back and decide. Felt money would be wasted on a leader, anyone could stand. Pressure on services. Make sense to have one authority not another layer.

County Council Tax rising at 4.99%. District Council 1.99%

Children’s Services had a good Ofsted.

Local Matters – The Causeway in Skeyton, work now postponed to 2024/25 due to budget cuts. Good news is that it is high priority. Costing to come out at £82k Councillor S. Penfold, to stay in touch.

Wood posts outside Skeyton Church need replacing, has been reported but nothing happened as yet.

A couple of road signs need replacing, Cllr: Penfold to help pay for these in his Budget.

As yet no communication from Vattenfall regarding a visit to Skeyton.

The meeting closed at 8.30.p.m.

The next meeting AGM hopefully will be Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023. 7.30.p.m.

