

Skipwith Parish Council Meeting Minutes on Monday, 6th March 2023 at 8.00pm

Present: Councillors Mike Ward (MW) Chairman, Kate Baxter (KB), Karen Thompson (KT)

Parish Clerk: Isobel Greatrex (IG)

Apologies: Sharon Worrall (SW), Jeremy Gerken (JG)

Guest: Neil Reader, District Councillor

Item No.	Discussion	Action by	Due Date
	MW welcomed Karen Thompson as Skipwith's new Parish Councillor and confirmed her co-option.		
088	To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence Apologies were received from Councillors Sharon Worrall and Jeremy Gerken.		
089	Declarations of interest not already declared under the council's Code of Conduct or members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests None		
090	Public Session Two members of the public were present.		
091	Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2023 and the Extraordinary Meeting minutes on 6th February 2023 were approved by members of the PC as true and accurate records. KB proposed and MW seconded.		
092	County and District Councillor Reports Neil Reader, District Councillor, informed the PC there was nothing to report as the last Selby District Council meeting had been cancelled due to lack of business because of the imminency of the North Yorkshire Council. MW asked NR if he had any further information regarding NYCC's proposal to charge Selby residents a fee for the disposal of the green bin waste, in line with its other districts. NR replied that it was a decision to be made by NYCC and John Cattanach, County Councillor., was involved with the consultation. IG informed the PC that she had received a briefing document regarding the consultation which she would post on the notice board. KB confirmed she would ask SW to place it on Skipwith Village Facebook page. As this was the last PC meeting NR would attend in his position as District Councillor MW thanked him for his support during his tenure. There was nothing to report from John Cattanach.	IG/KB/SW	Asap

093 093.1	<p>Information on the following ongoing issues and to decide further action where necessary:</p> <p>Recreation Area</p> <p>MW updated the PC regarding the planned works on the recreation area. He had met with a representative from Escrick Estate and its fencing contractor, Dave Swinglehirst, on site. The fencing was due to be installed this week, with the boundary line being placed in one of the field troughs. MW had asked the contractor if he would be able to install the pedestrian access at the same time. Unfortunately, this was not his area of expertise although he informed MW that he would provide him with the name of a contact for the PC to obtain a further quote. MW has since followed this up as no contact has yet been made.</p> <p>KB expressed her concern that if the pedestrian access wasn't started in March, it may not be possible to remove some of the hedging due to nesting birds. In addition, she reminded the PC that the previous contractor, Richard Robinson, may not be able to conduct the work after March due to other commitments.</p> <p>KB informed the PC that Jonathon Morgan, the previous Chairman, wished to remind them that the turning circle needs to be 1500mm not 1000mm, as stated on the plan, to enable access for wheelchairs.</p>	MW	Asap
093.2	<p>Allotments Water Supply</p> <p>MW has yet to hear from his Yorkshire Water contact so he will follow this up one more time.</p> <p>The PC had received some correspondence from one of the allotment holders, expressing her concern that the tree canopy above her shed and water butts was significantly reducing her ability to gather water. The PC decided to try to progress obtaining a Community Grant from Yorkshire Water before taking any further action.</p>	MW IG	Asap Asap
093.3	<p>Civility and Respect Project</p> <p>The PC agreed to go ahead with the Civility and Respect Pledge now that the outstanding actions had been completed.</p>	IG	Asap
093.4	<p>King's Coronation Event</p> <p>The PC had received the minutes from the meeting with village hall representatives and the PC's representative and endorsed the proposals. The event will be similar to that of the Platinum Jubilee. It was agreed that KB and JG would conduct the risk assessment and that IG would inform the PC's insurers and enquire about insurance cover should a few games be played on the village green and to inform the Event Committee of the outcome.</p>	KB/JG IG	6 th /7 th May Asap

093.5	Bus Shelter Ownership IG had enlisted John Cattanach to help ascertain the bus shelter ownership. He had recently provided a contact name at Selby District Council who should be able to assist. IG will follow up should a response not be forthcoming.	IG	Asap
093.6	Round Up Editorial It was agreed that in the next Round Up issue updates regarding the recreation area, the King's Coronation Event and the Parish Councillor outstanding vacancy would be provided.	KB/JG	Before 7 th April
094	Planning IG confirmed she had written to the Planning department reinforcing the PC's previous objections to The Rowans planning application. MW confirmed that the PC had no objections to Avalon's planning application for an extension.		
095	Matters Requested by Councillors None		
096 096.1 096.1.1 096.1.2 096.1.3	Financial Matters <u>The following accounts for payment were approved:</u> St. Helen's Church – backdated electricity bill and replacement bulbs £421.57 Parish Clerk's salary for 5 months - £558.50 HMRC – employee tax - £155.80		
097 097.1	Correspondence Late correspondence was received requesting endorsement from the PC regarding litter picking work which had been carried out by a Duke of Edinburgh participant. It was agreed that further information was required before a decision could be made.	KB	Asap
098	Matters for Inclusion on the Agenda for the Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Area • Allotment Water Supply • Bus Shelter Ownership • Items for Round Up and Facebook 		
	Meeting closed at 9.05pm. The next PC meeting will be the Annual Meeting, directly followed by a PC meeting on Monday, 15th May at 8.00pm.		

