

**Minutes of Skipwith Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th January 2016 at the Village Hall,
Skipwith commencing at 7.30pm.**

Present: Councillors Anthony Cole, Andrew Faulkes, Tom Hill and Glynnis Smith

227. Apologies – Councillor M Ward and District/County Councillor L Casling
Declarations of interest: None

228. Public Session – No members of the public were present

229. Park Farm – Recreational Open Space Provision

It was noted that the draft planning application had been prepared and the Parish Council talked through the application making a few minor amendments. Councillor Hill to complete the additional paperwork and drawings which are to be sent to SDC with the application and it was estimated that these would be submitted within the next couple of weeks.

230. Co-option for the vacancy of Councillor

Unfortunately no expressions of interest have been received so it was agreed that the vacancy would continue to be advertised on the Parish Council noticeboard & website.

231. Reports SDC – District/County Councillor L Casling was not present at the meeting.

232. Minutes of Public Meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 2015

The minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record, proposer Councillor Glynnis Smith and seconder Councillor Tom Hill.

233. Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 16th November 2015

With a couple of minor additions as listed below the minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record, proposer Councillor Anthony Cole and seconder Councillor Glynnis Smith.

219. Agreed that the crib would be removed as soon as possible.

222. Projection of finances was noted and the transfer of 10K from the Skipton to the Yorkshire Bank was authorised.

234. Matters Arising - None

235. Village Greens/Pond

The Chairman reported that the pond looks much better following the clearance and that positive comments have been received from residents. It was noted that the bulrushes on the bank must be controlled when they grow back.

236. Tree Planting

It was noted that two trees are to be planted to replace those that have been removed, the Parish Council also discussed planting another Willow so that when the existing Willow dies there would be

another one starting to establish. Councillor Glynnis Smith advised of the shortlist of species to be considered (Amelanchier, Prunus subhirtella autumnalis, Malus hupehensis and Sorbus) and due to the lower cost and better long-term durability potential it was agreed that saplings would be planted rather than established trees. Councillor Smith to seek further advice before the Parish Council make a final decision.

It was also agreed that a plaque would be erected in honour of Mr Geoff Eastwood in recognition of his service to the Parish Council.

237. Traffic Calming

The clerk reported that she had spoken to Darren Griffiths (NYCC) regarding the position of the socket for the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) and that she was awaiting a response on this.

It was noted that speed monitoring was available via two tubes laid across the road at a set distance apart and that this should be done either before & during the presence of the VAS or during & after the presence of the VAS.

Due to the high costs involved it was agreed that the clerk would make further enquiries regarding the data obtained and how this can be used before the Parish Council make a decision on whether to proceed with the speed monitoring.

238. Allotments

Councillor Glynnis Smith advised that all the allotments are currently occupied and discussion took place concerning the planting of trees on the allotments which as per the tenancy agreements is not permitted.

Having considered the poor facilities on site, and comparable allotments locally, it was proposed by Councillor Anthony Cole, seconded by Councillor A Faulkes and unanimously agreed that there would be no increase in the rent for 2016.

239. Children's Play Area – No further update (see No. 229)

240. Street Lighting

It was noted that all the faulty street lights have now been repaired by L.A.W Electrical (Selby) Ltd.

241. Correspondence

a) North Duffield Community Primary School Donation Request - The request for a donation towards their Christingle Service was discussed and the Parish Council agreed to a contribution of £140.00.

b) Letter received from a resident regarding setting up of oil buying group was noted and the clerk was asked to contact The Oil-Club and advise them that there is potential interest in the village.

c) George Fillingham (Tree Surgery & Garden Maintenance) – Receipt of letter of introduction was noted and it was agreed that this would be kept on file.

242. Planning

Planning Permission Granted: -

(2014/0894/FUL) Proposed redevelopment of farmstead (including the conversion of former agricultural buildings) to provide 14 No. dwellings, garaging and hard and soft landscaping at Park Farm, Main Street, Skipwith.

(2015/1100/FUL) Proposed installation of a 95kw Solar Array and associated works and infrastructure for the generation of renewable energy at Street Record, Bonby Lane, Skipwith.

243. Finance

Clerk's Salary £ As Agreed

HMRC £46.12

J.A.Massey (Grass Cutting) £1200.00

L.A.W Electrical (Selby) Ltd (Floodlights St Helen's Church) £378.97

L.A.W Electrical (Selby) Ltd (Street Lighting Repairs) £458.34

L.A.W Electrical (Selby) Ltd (Village Green Lighting Work) £588.00

Skipwith Village Hall (Rent) £100.00

Selby District Council (Planning Application Fee) £385.00

Cheque for £10K from the Council's account at the Skipton Building Society to be paid into the Yorkshire Bank was given to the clerk.

North Duffield Under Fives Donation Request

It was noted that the accounts requested had been received and distributed by the clerk prior to the meeting. Discussion took place and it was agreed that unfortunately at the present time the Parish Council were not in a position to make a donation.

St Helen's Grant Application

It was noted that the detailed amounts for the upkeep of the churchyard and the detailed income & expenditure for Round Up had been received and distributed by the clerk prior to the meeting.

A contribution of £250 towards Round Up and £300 towards the upkeep of the churchyard was agreed, proposed by Councillor A Faulkes and seconded by Councillor Anthony Cole.

As requested by Councillor A Faulkes it was agreed that the grant application would be put back on the May agenda for further discussion.

244. Clerk's Report – The clerk advised of a Parish Council presentation on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) being held by Selby District Council at the Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby on 28th January 2016.

The clerk was asked to contact Mark Lumby (Highways) again regarding the blocked drains.

245. Representatives Reports - None

246. Agenda items for the next meeting – Transparency code, clerks pension & new audit regime

247. Date for next meeting – Monday 14th March 2016 at 7.30pm.