

**Minutes of Skipwith Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Village Hall,  
Skipwith commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillors Trevor Britain, Andrew Faulkes, Tom Hill, Glynnis Smith and Michael Ward

**341. Apologies** – All members present – Councillor Andrew Faulkes left the meeting early due to a prior engagement

**Declarations of interest:** None

Jennifer Hubbard – North House Farm Planning Consultant

Twelve members of the public

**342. Public Session**

A resident spoke to the Parish Council about his concerns regarding the proposed planning application for a free range egg production unit on land east of Bonby Lane, Thorganby which would be only 100 meters from his property.

Two members of the public present expressed an interest in being co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**343. Jennifer Hubbard – North House Farm Redevelopment**

Ms Hubbard advised that she had received brief feedback from the applicant following the Extraordinary meeting of Skipwith Parish Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Discussion took place regarding the existing problems with the Westfield pumping station and concern was raised that adding the additional 8 proposed properties along with the 14 properties already approved will greatly exacerbate the situation.

It was noted that the Parish Council have previously raised concerns with both Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency on a number of occasions and Ms Hubbard agreed to speak to Yorkshire Water and the applicant about the concerns raised.

Councillor A Faulkes advised that at the Extraordinary meeting (9<sup>th</sup> November) Mr Hale (as owner of the adjacent property) had outlined his submission forwarded to Selby District Council in detail and it was agreed that all the points raised were valid and are supported by the Parish Council.

Residents raised concern about the loss of the existing barn facing the pond which will have a significant impact on the character of the village and discussion took place regarding the potential alternatives and the irregularities of the proposed plans relating to the building line.

Councillor Andrew Faulkes left the meeting at 7.55pm

Ms Hubbard listened to the views of the Parish Council and the residents present and agreed to revise the proposed plans with a view to attending a future meeting to review them again.

It was also agreed that the clerk would contact County/District Councillor L Casling to ask for her assistance and request that this application is determined by the Planning Committee.

Ms Hubbard left the meeting.

#### **344. Election of Chairman/Vice Chairman**

Councillor Glynnis Smith (Proposed by Councillor Michael Ward, seconded by Councillor Trevor Britain and unanimously agreed.

Councillor Glynnis Smith was elected as Chairman unopposed and signed her acceptance of office statement.

#### Vice Chairman

Councillor Tom Hill to remain in his current position of Vice Chairman

**345. Reports Selby District Councillor and County Councillor** – District/County Councillor Liz Casling was not present at the meeting.

#### **346. Minutes of Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

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

#### **347. Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

With a few minor amendments as agreed, the minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record, proposer Councillor Michael Ward and seconder Tom Hill.

#### **348. Matters Arising**

##### Christmas Lights

Councillor Trevor Britain volunteered to sort out the nativity and Councillor Tom Hill agreed to speak to Mr Anthony Cole with regards to putting up the Christmas lights.

#### **349. Village Greens/Pond**

#### **350. Allotments**

#### **351. Children's Play Area**

#### **352. Village Sign**

#### **353. Refurbishment of benches**

Due to time constraints the above items were deferred until the January 2017 meeting.

#### **354. Street Lights**

Following a query raised at the 12<sup>th</sup> September meeting regarding the current street light register it was noted that Mr Anthony Cole had identified 28 street lights within Skipwith and that he has renumbered each one with a black number on a yellow triangle.

The following street lights were reported as faulty and the clerk was asked to report these to L.A.W Electrical:-

No. 14 – Town End Pond village green, facing the pond (Extension of Main Street) **Light out**

No. 18 – York/Escrick Road, next to School Farm/opposite Avalon **Light very dim**

No. 21 – Blackwood Road, leaving the village (right hand side) Intermittent **Fault**

#### **355. Correspondence**

##### a) St Helen's Grant Application

Detailed amounts for the upkeep of the churchyard and the detailed income & expenditure for Round Up was noted.

A contribution of £250 towards Round Up and £300 towards the upkeep of the churchyard was agreed, proposed by Councillor T Hill and seconded by Councillor M Ward.

#### b) St Helen's Floodlights

Request for payment for the running and insurance of the church floodlights was discussed. The Parish Council agreed the amount requested of £109.18.

#### c) Selby District Council Chairman's Charity Donation Request

Due to time constraints the above item was deferred until the January 2017 meeting.

### **356. Planning**

#### Planning Applications Received:-

2016/1170/FUL – Proposed erection of 8 dwellings, 3 double garages and 1 single garage following demolition of existing farm buildings at North House Farm, Main Street, Skipwith. Object

On behalf of the Parish Council Councillor M Ward agreed to formulate a further response to be sent to Selby District Council.

2016/1152/HPA – Proposed demolition of rear extension, garage and conservatory and erection of new rear extension, alterations to rear elevation, conversion of loft space, new front porch, new garage at rear and new vehicular access at School Farm, York Road, Skipwith. No Objections

2016/1183/FULM - Proposed erection of an agricultural building for free range egg production, together with associated egg packing and storage building, feed bins and hardstanding area on Land East of Bonby Lane, Thorganby. Object

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support the resident who had raised concerns regarding the application and on behalf of the Parish Council Councillor G Smith agreed to formulate a response to be sent to Selby District Council.

### **357. Finance**

Clerk's Salary £ As Agreed

HMRC 46.12

Glynnis Smith £17.40 (Tree Stakes & ties)

360 Internet Solutions £168.00 (Website Hosting)

#### Income

HMRC (VAT Refund) £777.06

Skipton Interest £1171.40

### **Skipton Building Society Financial Services Compensation**

#### **External Auditors Report**

#### **Projection of Finances**

Due to time constraints the above items were deferred until the January 2017 meeting.

#### Precept

It was unanimously agreed that no precept would be raised for 2017/2018, proposer Councillor G Smith and seconder Councillor T Hill.

### **358. Clerk's Report**

### **359. Representatives Reports**

Due to time constraints no reports were given

**360. Agenda items for the next meeting**

All items deferred

**361. Date for next meeting – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm**