

Minutes of the Meeting of Skirlaugh Parish Council held on 4th December 2019

Present: Cllr. Corden (in the chair), Cllrs. Beaumont, Johnston, Navier, Shanks.

Apologies: Cllrs. Hakeney, McDonald, Phelan.

1. **Open Forum:** one parishioner attended to ask if there had been progress on his request for a street light on the footpath between Hillfield Drive and Old Forge Way. Parking issues outside the school and the shop. Traffic speed on the main road. PCSO Bainton will be asked about the traffic issues and Cllr. Jacob Birch about the street light.

2. It was agreed Cllr. Corden would take the chair for this meeting.

3. **Co-Option to Vacancies**

Cllr. Kay has submitted his resignation, therefore there are now three vacancies. There have been no expressions of interest.

4. The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2019, having previously been circulated, were taken as read.

- **Resolved** that the minutes should be approved and signed.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

(a) **Playing field:** The playing field committee had distributed a letter regarding control of dogs on the field. A further complaint was sent to the Clerk regarding the committee's actions, which has been passed on to them to deal with.

(b) **Christmas Tree:** a successful lighting event and umbrella parade was held. Thanks have been given for the provision of refreshments and to those who helped erect the tree.

(c) **Overview & Scrutiny topic:** this committee does not get involved with planning issues and would only pass on any comments to the planning officer.

(d) **Donkey Lane:** Cllr. Corden will contact John Naylor regarding work still to be completed.

(e) The litter bin has now been installed near the village hall. The clock has not yet been repaired as the order for parts had been mislaid.

6. **Commemoration of VE Day 2020**

The East Riding Brassband has replied that they are willing to play at an event. They would wish to cover basic costs. Clerk to confirm the booking for 8th May.

7. **Code of Conduct**

- **Resolved** that the Code of Conduct is amended to reflect additions made by ERYC.

8. **Support in the Community**

Discussion on ways of offering support to parishioners in particular regarding health issues, such as a point of contact for information, restarting the youth club, establishing links with community groups and clubs.

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9. Pocket Park Funding

The playing field committee has met with Lea Anne Wright to discuss funding. There is some funding available to refurbish play areas. A letter from the parish council as custodian trustee needs to be submitted with the documentation.

- Resolved that a letter giving consent from the parish council for the playing field committee to apply for this funding is submitted.

10. Bookkeeping Computer Program

Information on the Scribe program for town and parish councils.

11. Highways and Grounds Maintenance

(a) **Flood control measures:** Cllr. Corden suggested that a pump should be purchased for use on Church Lane where flooding has occurred recently; also triangular warning signs and run-off channel into the stream. Prices for a pump to be sought for January meeting.

(b) **Overhanging tree A165:** ERYC replied that the tree, on the stream bank, is not their responsibility and there is no sight line interference.

(c) **Salt Bin:** clerk had submitted a request under the salt bin scheme, but nothing has been heard. Clerk to contact ERYC again.

12. ERYC Correspondence

(a) **Precept 2020-21:** provisional tax base Band D is 588.4.

(b) **ERY Future Communities:** consultation survey.

(c) **REYTA Awards:** request for nominations for these awards.

13. ERNLLCA Correspondence

(a) Nominations invited for Smaller Councils committee.

(b) Consultation on strengthening of police powers.

14. Other Correspondence

(a) **Parking:** further complaint received about post office vans parked near the bend at the sorting office. PCSO Bainton is already aware of this issue.

(b) Survey from Office of Police & Crime Commissioner regarding improving services for victims of crime.

15. Reports from Committee Representatives

(a) Cllr. Corden reported that the boiler in the upstairs offices at the village hall has broken down.

(b) Cllr. Shanks reported matters concerning damage to the fence, litter in the ditch, fund raising event. The trees have been surveyed and found to be safe.

16. Payment of Accounts

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| Staff wages | 421.90 | November |
| Tony Cook Ltd | 108.00 | Grass cutting |
| Lawn N Order | 327.81 | Maintenance of playing field |
| Plantec | 961.00 | Planting maintenance |

17. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 7.30 pm in Church Cottage.