

Minutes of the Meeting of Skirlaugh Parish Council held on 3rd February 2021

Present: Cllr. Corden (in the chair), Cllrs. Beaumont, Chapman, Conlon, Hakeney, Johnston, Kay, McDonald, MacKee, Shanks, Stewart.
Cllr. J. Holtby. One member of the public.

1. **Open forum:** Sun Inn planning application: the proposed houses are for first time buyers. Traffic problems should not be exacerbated. Query raised regarding access to Sandringham Lane.

2. The minutes of the meetings held on 6th and 27th January 2021, having previously been circulated, were taken as read.

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

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) **A165 mud on road:** replies received from Graham Stuart MP, ERYC and the police. Cllr. Holtby has spoken to the farmer.

(b) **Website:** Cllr. Stewart is drafting a disclaimer, for approval by the parish council when this has been completed.

(c) **Online Q & A session.** No members of the public attended. This idea may be tried again in the future.

4. Planning Applications

(a) **20/04211, erection of four dwellings following demolition of Sun Inn.**

- **Resolved** that the draft response, having been circulated, is approved with some amendments and submitted. Cllr. Conlon abstained.

5. Jubilee Wood

ERYC replied that they will not be able to provide an empty litter bin as there is already one nearby. Cllr. MacKee will provide details of costs for three tables, a wheelchair accessible table and three benches to the Clerk in order to submit an application to Witherwick Wind Farm Fund. Cllr. MacKee will also look for a suitable type of litter bin. ERYC confirmed that an application can also be made to Routh WFF for a different purpose.

Enquiry received from a parishioner regarding temporary vehicle access through Jubilee Wood in order to erect a fence at his property. Cllr. Corden will meet him on site.

6. Playing Field Access

The developer is unwilling to allow access in view of potential damage which may be caused prior to formal adoption by ERYC. The ProW office does not object to the use of the path from Hillfield Drive to the playing field but permission will need to be obtained from the landowner. The developer has undertaken a search and it appears the path is owned in part by Sanctuary Housing and in part by ERYC. Cllr. Corden will contact the owners.

7. Christmas Lighting

Cllr. Johnston reported that it will not be possible to hang lights from the lamp posts. The cost of decorative silhouettes for each post would be much higher. Options are to increase the budget in order to buy a quantity of decorations this year or buy individual decorations

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7. **Christmas Lighting**(contd.)

each year. It was agreed the Finance Committee will discuss amendment of the budget. Cllr. Conlon will find out what grant aid may be available. It was suggested that local businesses could be asked for their support, or collection boxes placed in shops.

8. **Mental Health**

Cllr. Conlon has completed an audit of current provision. He will draw up a plan to prioritise actions. The food bank has been successfully established.

9. **Mobile Library Van**

Cllr. Holtby has contacted the officer to ask her to look at the Cawood Drive layby. She will contact Cllr. Corden.

10. **Highways and Grounds Maintenance**

(a) **A165 zebra crossing:** Cllr. Corden has spoke to ERYC. It is proposed to replace the beacons and if possible install poles with LED lighting. Some repair work has been carried out on the road surface.

(b) **Clock:** Cumbria Clock Co has confirmed they have added the work to their schedule. It was agreed they will be asked if the lights can be upgraded to LEDs. Clerk to ask for a price.

(c) **Bulb planting:** Cllr. Conlon circulated proposals received from Plantec. There are cowslips to be planted and hellebores are also available. It was agreed that Plantec is best placed to suggest a suitable site. Plantec will be asked to plant additional bulbs at Vicarage Lane corner. Cllr. Conlon will contact Plantec.

(d) **Gritting of paths:** Cllrs. Corden and Kay have discussed this. Regular snow and ice clearance would be too costly but use of the salt bins will be promoted through social media. It was suggested a bin is moved, or a new bin obtained, for Cawood estate. Permission will be required from ERYC and nearby residents consulted. Agreed that Cllr. Corden will speak to Mr. Kemp about refilling the bins. Suggested that the spreaders could be stored by Cllrs. Corden and Conlon and be available for public use.

(e) **Bus shelter:** it was reported that there is a crack in the back wall of the shelter. Cllr. Corden will look at this.

11. **ERYC Correspondence**

- Community hub update; weekly Covid briefing, both circulated. Covid posters.
- Revised mode code of conduct, for comments. Circulated.

12. **ERNLLCA Correspondence**

(a) **Planning training:** Cllr. Johnston will attend session on 24th February.

(b) **Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill:** Cllr. Johnston had drafted letters based on information received from The CEE Bill Alliance. Proposal that the parish council declares a climate emergency will be discussed at the next meeting.

(c) **Remote meetings:** NALC will ask government to extend regulations to permit remote meetings beyond May 2021.

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13. Other Correspondence

- (a) **Covid vaccinations:** letter from Cllr. Jacob Birch.
- (b) **Census:** information from Office of National Statistics for promotion of 2021 census.
- (c) **Rathlin Energy:** letter from Cllr. Jacob Birch regarding the planning decision which will result in multiple vehicles using rural roads around Ellerby and West Newton. Clerk to reply that this parish council shares his concerns and supports the points he has raised.

14. Reports from Committee Representatives

Updates received on Playing Field and Jubilee Wood.

15. Payment of Accounts

Staff salaries	452.71	
ERYC	905.18	Litter bins Crown Park
Lawn N Order	327.81	Playing Field cutting
Marsh Commercial	399.12	Playing Field insurance

16. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7.30 pm by Zoom.