

Minutes of the Meeting of Skirlaugh Parish Council held on 6th January 2021.

Present: Cllr. Corden (in the chair), Cllrs. Beaumont, Chapman, Conlon, Hakeney, Johnston, McDonald, MacKee, Shanks, Stewart.

Cllr. J. Holtby, ERYC.

Apologies: Cllr. Kay.

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2020, having previously been circulated, were taken as read.

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

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) **Sun In Appeal:** the draft response previously circulated was approved; to be submitted by 11th January 2021. Cllr. Holtby reported that it was very unlikely ERYC would be prepared to compulsory purchase the site. He offered to liaise with the site owner to discuss possible future development proposals. Suggested that parishioners are asked for their ideas for use of the building as an Asset of Community Value (ACV).

(b) **A165 mud on road:** letter sent to Graham Stuart MP, ERYC, police and National Farmers Union. Cllr. Holtby reported that potato harvesting has finished so the situation will not arise again; he offered to contact the farmer.

3. Jubilee Wood

Applications to Withernwick WFF by 28th February. Providing match funding in money or labour is preferable. The committee will obtain for quotes for tables and benches. Application criteria for Routh WFF to be checked. Clerk to contact ERYC regarding cost of installation of litter bin.

4. Website

Cllr. Stewart asked whether the directory can be used to list local businesses. This was agreed; Cllr. Corden and Stewart will be in charge of this.

5. Online Q & A Sessions

Agreed that an open session will be arranged for Sunday 17th January from 1pm to 3pm. Details of this will be circulated on Facebook initially.

6. Christmas Lighting

Cllr. Johnston had made enquiries about extra lighting, which can be added to in subsequent years. A socket will have to be installed by ERYC.

- **Resolved** that a virement is used to transfer £500 from the contingency fund to a festive lighting budget.

7. Support for Mental Health Matters

Cllr. Conlon reported that he is undertaking an audit of current provisions, following which details of what is required can be established. He suggested setting up a food bank which he is willing or organise. Information can be circulated on social media. It was agreed that the parish council will support this initiative.

8. Village Hall

Details of a bid writer have been circulated. Cllr. Conlon reported that accounts must be published up to date before this work can be started.

9. Mobile Library Van

Clerk had enquired about ownership of the Council Offices land. Cllr. Holtby will ask ERYC whether they can use the layby at the top of Cawood Drive if this is suitable

10. Planning Applications

(a) **20/03858, Springfield House.** Internal alterations. No comments.

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11. Highways and Grounds Maintenance

- (a) **Zebra Crossing:** Some white lining has been refreshed. The amber beacons seem to have faded. Clerk to report this to ERYC.
- (b) **War Memorial:** Mr. Everingham has inspected the memorial and reported that he feels no repair work is necessary at the moment. Cleaning is better left until spring/summer. Cllrs. Corden and McDonald will tidy around the base and obtain a quote for supply of gravel chippings.
- (c) **Planting:** Cllr. Conlon will contact Plantec about planting daffodils at Main Road and Vicarage Lane corner and near Cawood Drive layby.
- (d) **Repair of clock:** quote received for repair to south face £150; full replacement of clock system £1940.
- **Resolved** that the quote for replacing the full mechanism is accepted.
- (e) **Road salt:** Tony Cook Ltd confirmed they have four pallets in stock; there is one pallet at Kemp's.
- (f) **Parking issues:** It has been noticed that parking on footpaths has become worse recently. This is a matter for the police to address. Cllr Johnston has collated some information on contacts for various issues which can be displayed on the notice board and website.

12. ERYC Correspondence

Winter grant scheme; forward planning newsletter.

13. ERNLLCA Correspondence

- (a) Planning training events: these are full but more may be arranged. Cllr. Johnston will attend if possible.
- (b) Guide to Community Businesses; to be circulated.
- (c) Climate and Ecological Emergency bill: to discuss at next meeting

14. Other Correspondence

- (a) **Fibre broadband:** enquiry from resident about lack of availability of fibre broadband in parts of the village. This may be available through KCom or Sky as well as BT. Clerk to enquire about provision of this service.

15. Reports from Committee Representatives

- (a) **Langdale Charity:** Cllr. Hakeney no longer wishes to represent the parish council.
- **Resolved** that Cllr. Conlon will take on this responsibility.
- (b) **Playing Field:** Cllr. Shanks reported that the developer will not permit creation of a temporary access from Crown Park for the installation of the new play equipment before the site is handed over to ERYC. Cllr. Holtby will ask ERYC if they would have any objection to this proposal.

16. Payment of Accounts

Staff salary	450.65	December salary
Lawn N Order	327.81	Playing Field cutting
Cumbria Clock Co	590.00	Deposit for repair work

- **Resolved** that payment of these accounts is approved.

HSBC Bank is still not processing new applications. The clerk will find out whether the account with Lloyds Bank can be transferred to a business account.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 7.30 pm by Zoom.