

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Skirlaugh Parish Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Present:** Cllr. Phelan (in the chair), Cllrs. Corden, Johnston, Kay, McDonald, Navier, Shanks.

**In attendance:** PCSO Bainton (part)

**Apologies:** Cllrs. Beaumont, Hakeney. Absent: Cllr. Kay.

**Open Forum:** One member of the public attended to express interest in co-option to the council and VE Day commemoration. Five parishioners attended to discuss any further developments regarding the Sun Inn.

### **1. Co-Option to Vacancies**

- **Resolved** that Mrs. Susan-Ann Navier is co-opted to the council.

**2.** The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, having previously been circulated, were taken as read.

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

### **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**(a) Donkey Lane:** Cllr. Corden will contact John Naylor to check that the work has now been completed.

**(b) Litter Bin:** Cllr. Corden has met with Paul Smith of ERYC and agreed a location outside the village hall for a new bin.

**(c) Parish Allowance:** information from ERNLLCA regarding taxation of allowances.

**(d) Graffiti:** this has now been removed from the bus shelter by ERYC.

**(e) Soldier Silhouettes:** Mr. Kemp has checked the fixings, but pointed out that the fittings provided are not very strong.

### **4. Playing Field**

A letter of complaint regarding loose dogs on the field has been received. The playing field committee has introduced measures to deal with this and will monitor the situation. Cllr. Phelan suggested using a company to enforce the bye-laws.

### **5. VE Day 2020 Commemoration**

The event has been registered on the SSAFA website. The Vicar has suggested a party can be held on the grass in front of the church; a beer festival; community singing of 1940s songs. Party with 1940s dress and music. Clerk to contact ERY Band again to ask for confirmation on whether they can attend. Cllr. Hakeney had spoken to Village Voices but they have not yet confirmed their participation.

### **6. Christmas Tree Lighting Event**

A risk assessment was circulated to members. Cllr. Hakeney had contacted the church group regarding provision of refreshments. Mrs. Wilson has started to organise the umbrella parade, which two parish councillors will judge. The 2020 event will be on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### **7. Planning Applications**

**(a) 19/03212, alteration/extension to garage, Beech Lawn.** No comments.

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### 8. Highways and Grounds Maintenance

- (a) **Clock:** This has not yet been repaired. Clerk to contact ERYC again.
- (b) **Overhanging trees:** the overgrown foliage in South Skirlaugh has been cut back. The overgrown tree near Mallard Close which has been reported to Streetscene has not been cut. Clerk to contact Cllr. Birch to ask for his assistance.
- (c) **HGVs:** ERYC replied that the road across Wawne Common is not covered by a weight restriction as it is used by farm vehicles and enforcement of the restriction has to be carried out by the police.
- (d) **Fly tipping:** report received about fly tipping next to the church. It is thought this has now been removed.
- (e) **Salt bin, Poplar Close:** The residents have asked again to have a bin installed, but ERYC has previously said it will not do this.
  - **Resolved** that the parish council will purchase a salt bin for Poplar Close.

### 9. ERYC Correspondence

- (a) **Revised Code of Conduct:** details of amendments to ERYC's current code of conduct which parish and town councils may, if they wish, adopt for their own codes. Copy to be circulated to councillors for consideration.
- (b) **Rough sleepers survey:** annual estimate on 19th/20th November.
- (c) **Overview & Scrutiny committee:** suggested that a topic relating to planning consultation, in particular the requirement to state that comments need to include the phrase 'strongly object' to be classed as an objection as many people would not appreciate the need for this. To be submitted by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- (d) Grant for youth projects; dementia-friendly communities.

### 10. Other Correspondence

- (a) **Parking outside school:** complaint made about cars parking on the double yellow lines. PCSO Bainton is aware of this and will carry out patrols, but the school must ask ERYC to enforce the restrictions. Details to be passed to Cllr. Birch.
- (b) **Newsletter Appeal:** request for funding. Agreed that a donation of £100 is made.
  - **Resolved:** that in accordance with its powers under Sections 137/139 of the LGA 1972, the expenditure for a donation to the community newsletter is incurred which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.
- (c) **Reading Room:** request for funding assistance towards the cost of replacing the boiler. This could not be agreed as it is a private club for members only.

### 11. Reports from Committee Representatives

- (a) Cllr. Shanks reported on the playing field committee meeting. The anticipated funding for the pavilion has been reduced. Trees on the boundary have been checked and are not dangerous. A meeting with Lea Anne Wright will take place shortly.

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**12. Payment of Accounts**

Staff wages	421.90	
Tony Cook Ltd	540.00	Grass cutting
ERYC	60.00	Jubilee Wood lease
ERNLLCA	216.00	Conference fee
Poppy Appeal	25.00	Poppy wreath, S137/139
2 Commune	180.00	Renewal of domain name
Lawn N Order	327.81	Playing field cutting
ERY Band	160.00	Christmas tree event S137/139
ERYC	453.00	Street lighting maintenance
SLCC	76.00	Contribution to subscription
The Newsletter	100.00	Donation, S137/139
2 Commune	564.00	Hosting website

- **Resolved:** that in accordance with its powers under Sections 137/139 of the LGA 1972, the expenditure for a poppy wreath is incurred which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.
- **Resolved** that payment of these accounts is approved.

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30 pm in Church Cottage.