

Minutes of the Meeting of Skirlaugh Parish Council held on 7th October 2020

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

Apologies: Cllrs. Beaumont, Hakeney, Stewart.

1. Declarations of Interest

- **Cllr. Corden** declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 13, minute no. 11, future management of the village hall.

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

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

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) **Crown Park:** the public right of way issue is being investigated by ERYC. The clerk has enquired about the responsibility for maintenance of the open area, but has heard nothing yet.

(b) **Poplar Close paths:** ERYC will resurface the paths this week.

(c) **Reading Room hedge:** the Reading Room committee confirmed they are happy for the parish council to maintain this hedge. Clerk to contact Plantec.

4. Jubilee Wood Gates

The contractor has not yet started work on the interior fencing. Replacement of the outer gates will be discussed at a future meeting. Suggested that the nearby residents should be consulted and kept informed of the proposed works.

5. Christmas Tree Lighting

The Clerk will confirm the tree order with Tony Cook Ltd. It was agreed that the usual lighting event must be cancelled. The band may be available to play but it was felt this would not be appropriate. Clerk to confirm cancellation; a donation of £100 in lieu to be made. It was agreed there should be a live streaming on Facebook of the switching on of the lights. Rev. Simpson is willing to attend.

- **Resolved:** that in accordance with its powers under Sections 137/139 of the LGA 1972, the expenditure for a donation to the East Riding of Yorkshire Band 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.

Switch on next year to be 27th November 2021.

6. Production of Temporary Newsletter

It was agreed that Cllrs. Corden and MacKee will work together on the content for this, aiming to publish in mid to late November.

7. Community Speedwatch Scheme

Cllr. Johnston confirmed that a speed survey will be carried out at no cost to the parish council. To be discussed at November meeting.

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8. Finance & Forward Planning Committee

Four members are required to form this committee. Cllr. Shanks expressed a wish to vacate his place. Agreed that Cllrs. Conlon and MacKee will join the committee with Cllrs. Corden and McDonald.

9. Remembrance Day

Clerk to confirm the order for a poppy wreath. Agreed that Cllr. Corden will lay the wreath.

- **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.

10. Branding and Logo

Cllr. Johnston suggested there should be a slogan as well as the shield logo, which appears on the website. Agreed that the school pupils are asked to suggest a slogan. Suggested that the writer of the chosen slogan is invited to officially open the Jubilee Wood next year. Cllr. Chapman will contact the school.

11. Future Management of the Village Hall

Cllr. Johnston had prepared some notes regarding replacement of the trustees after studying the documents provided by the committee. It would be preferable for the hall to be managed by an independent committee. A request for residents to join the committee will be put on Facebook.

12. Planning Applications

(a) **20/02727, extension to Criftins, Benningholme Lane.** No observations.

13. Highways and Grounds Maintenance

(a) **School hedge:** Clerk to contact the school to ask when the overgrown hedge will be cut back.

(b) **Zebra Crossing A165:** complaint received from parishioner about traffic hazard around the crossing. Clerk to contact ERYC Highways to ask if an engineer can survey the site to in view of safety concerns. Cllr. Corden will attend.

(c) **Crown Park:** complaint received from parishioner about damage to planted areas by youths. It was also requested that danger signs are installed at the SUDS site. Cllr. Johnston will contact PCSO Bainton.

(d) **Millhouse Way parking:** complaint received about cars parked on Millhouse Way on match days. Cllr Johnston will speak to PCSO Bainton about this. Cllr. Shanks has spoken to the football team leaders. Cllr. Chapman will ask the school if they would allow their car park to be used by the away teams.

(e) **Parking on paths and verges:** Cllr. Corden suggested that funds presently in the old Horticultural Society bank account are used to provide planting to prevent parking on the verges. Clerk to check with ERNLLCA whether the parish council can use this money. Should a new horticultural society be started then the parish council would replace the funds.

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14. ERYC Correspondence

- Withernwick Wind Farm Fund; Rural Gigabit Voucher scheme.

15. ERNLLCA Correspondence

(a) **Planning white paper:** details of the government's consultation on changes to the planning system.

(b) **Leaders Talk – supporting mental health.** To take place on 30th October, fee payable.

- **Resolved** that Cllr. Conlon will attend this online event.

16. Reports from Committee Representatives

(a) **Playing Field:** Cllr. Shanks reported that the committee is considering applying for commuted sums to fund stop nets behind the football goal.

(b) **Village Hall:** Cllr. Corden reported that the hall has now re-opened. There was discussion on how to use the community support funding which had been agreed at the March emergency meeting, such as paying the hall hire charge on behalf of groups which may otherwise not return to the hall. Clerk to check with ERNLLCA whether there are any restrictions on how such funding can be allocated.

17. Payment of Accounts

September wages	450.65	
Tony Cook Ltd	792.00	2 months' grass cutting
Lawn N Order	327.81	Playing Field cutting
Poppy Appeal	25.00	Poppy wreath. S137
ERY Band	100.00	Donation in lieu of performance. S137.

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

18. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 7.30 pm.