

## Minutes of the Meeting of Skirlaugh Parish Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs. Beaumont, Kay.

### 1. Declarations of Interest

- Cllr Corden declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7, minute no. 5, the Village Hall, as he is a tenant of the hall and parish council representative to the committee.

2. The minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August, 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, Right of Way:** Clerk to contact enforcement office and Mr. Wharam at ERYC for update on path on Goldy Wood Avenue. Confirmation received from ERYC that Barn Street is a private road. The roads to be adopted will be inspected, to be followed by a 12-month maintenance period, after which the roads can be formally adopted. Clerk to ask ERYC about responsibility for maintenance of the open area between the housing and the Lambwath Stream.

ERYC has confirmed that the two litter bins will be installed this month.

### 4. Jubilee Wood

The contractor has confirmed a start date week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> September to install the fencing and field gates and bollard. Cllrs. Johnston and McKee will erect the warning signs. Replacement of the outer gates and maintenance of trees to be discussed at the next meeting.

### 5. Village Hall

The committee plans to re-open the hall in early September. The committee members wish to resign as soon as possible. Options for future management are to appoint a new committee or the parish council to take over responsibility. This may be on a temporary basis until a committee is elected. It was agreed there should be further discussion, if possible with members of the current committee. They will be asked to provide the accounts for the past five years. Cllr. Johnston will look through the constitution. A meeting with committee members will be arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

### 6. Community Speedwatch Scheme

Cllr. Johnston has met with PC Goodwin. Normally a survey using wires across the road would be undertaken to establish the most appropriate time to carry out the speedwatch. The parish council would have to pay for this at approximately £300 or the speedwatch can be carried out without the initial survey data. The most suitable location is outside the village hall. Several volunteers will be needed to carry out the scheme.

- **Resolved** that the parish council will pay for the survey to be carried out by Safer Roads up to a cost of £400.

Cllr. Johnston will contact PC Goodwin to arrange this.

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### **7. New Children's Play Area**

Cllr. Shanks reported that the application for commuted sums to provide new play equipment has been approved by ERYC for an amount of £71690. Agreed that a letter of thanks is sent to the playing field committee for this achievement and the considerable amount of work they have done.

### **8. Planning Applications**

**20/02374, extension to front dormer at 71 Cawood Drive.** No comments.

### **9. Highways and Grounds Maintenance**

(a) **Clock planting:** Plantec have carried out some pruning and will check again when the next clock service is due.

(b) **Poplar Close footpath:** Clerk to follow up complaint regarding poor condition of paths which has been reported to ERYC. Cllr. Corden will visit Poplar Close again to take more photos.

(c) **Parking on pavements:** Several areas of the village are affected by parked vehicles obstructing the paths. New national legislation is being proposed to deal with this problem. Cllr. Johnston will contact PCSO Darren Bainton. Items to be put on Facebook and the website.

(d) **Reading Room hedge:** The Reading Room committee will be asked if they wish the parish council to continue to arrange maintenance of the hedge with Plantec.

### **10. ERYC Correspondence**

(a) **Planning legislation:** changes in planning enforcement relating to Covid 19 have been made. A workshop for councils on new planning service developments will be organised when possible.

(b) **Community Survey:** this has been circulated. Responses to be sent to the clerk for collation and reply to ERYC.

### **11. ERNLLCA Correspondence**

An online event Putting Trees at the Heart of Your Community to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> September. One place booked for Cllr. Hakeney.

### **12. Reports from Committee Representatives**

Cllr. Shanks reported that the playing field committee will meet with the FA and ERYC to discuss funding for a new pavilion.

### **13. Payment of Accounts**

Lawn N Order	327.81	Playing field cutting
Mrs. S. Towne	558.01	August salary, backdated increase
E. MacKee	19.68	Signage for Jubilee Wood

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

### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30 p.m. by Zoom.