

Skerne and Wansford Parish Council



Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council which took place on Tuesday November 16th in Wansford Village Hall at 7.30pm.

- 1 **Present:** Councillors Ann Kitching, Catherine Bristow, Neil Robson, Caroline Harrison, John Batham and Lee Cawthorne. ERYC ward councillors Jane Evison and prospective Skerne & Wansford councillor Leonie Jordan.
- 2 **Apologies:** Councillor Charlie Dewhirst.
- 3 **Resignation of Chair:** Cllr Catherine Bristow's resignation as Chair of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council (SWPC) was received and accepted. It was agreed that the Vice Chair be asked to take on the role of Chair for the remainder of the term and that a new Vice Chair be appointed. **Resolved:** That Cllr Mark Padgett be appointed as Chair until the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the SWPC, proposed Cllr Harrison, seconded Cllr Bristow. That Cllr Catherine Bristow be appointed as Vice Chair until the AGM of the SWPC.

Cllr Padgett in the Chair

- 4 **Public session:** No issues raised.
- 5 **Declarations of interest:** None
- 6 **Confirmed:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2021 are signed as a true and correct record, proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Cawthorne.
- 7 **To dispose of any business remaining from the previous meeting and, if necessary, decide on a course of action:**
 - i Casual Vacancy/co-option. **Resolved:** That Leonie Jordan would be co-opted to the SWPC filling the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Lynn Stockwell, proposed Cllr Cawthorne, seconded Cllr Bristow. The co-opted councillor would sign an acceptance of office form and complete a Register of Interests.
 - ii Harmony Energy - Cllr Padgett signed the amended agreement with Harmony Energy as agreed at the previous meeting. **Action:** That the Clerk would arrange for the agreement to be signed by Harmony Energy with a copy being retained by both parties.
 - iii Wansford Village Hall Committee representative - Cllr Batham offered to represent the SWPC at meetings of the Wansford Village Hall Committee, proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Harrison. **Action:** That the Clerk to write to the Wansford Village Hall Committee to inform them of the appointment.
 - iv Lisset Wind Farm Grant – The clerk informed councillors of the options available to fund the installation of the road safety signs in Skerne via the Lisset Wind Farm Grant scheme. Councillors requested that the clerk obtain costings from East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) and if the cost was under £500 that an application would be made. **Resolved:** That the clerk would make an application to the Lisset Wind Farm Grant Scheme should the cost for the erection of three signs in Skerne village be under £500, proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Kitching. **Action:** That the Clerk would acquire costings and make an application if appropriate.
 - v Speed Gun Volunteers – Councillors had received information from the Humberside Police Community Speed Watch Scheme. Due to the level of involvement required by the volunteers it was agreed to consult with the residents of Skerne and defer the decision to the next meeting if necessary. **Action:** That the Clerk would identify who made the original request, pass on the information for Skerne residents to consider and await a response.
 - vi Wansford Bridge – The details of the structural engineer's report were considered. The Clerk reported that both the Humberside Police and ERYC had claimed that the enforcement of the 7.5ton weight limit on the bridge was the others' responsibility. Councillors agreed that it was vital that the bridge should both retain its aesthetics and be repaired to the standard required for it to regain its original weight bearing capacity so as to support local businesses. **Action:** That the Clerk would write to the ERYC reiterating the SWPC's concerns.

- vii Annual Meal – Due to the pandemic it was agreed that the annual meal would be postponed. **Action:** That the Clerk would write a letter of condolence on behalf of the SWPC to Mrs Marie Robinson.

8 Planning:

- i. **Resolved:** No comment regarding planning application **21/03189/STVAR**, Variation of conditions 3 (approved plans) and 9 (cable route) of planning permission 20/01962/STPLF.
- ii. **Resolved:** No comment with regards to planning application **21/03818/PLF**, Erection of a single storey extension to rear of Rose Cottage, Nafferton Road, Wansford. **Resolved:** That the SWPC would respond to planning application **21/04010/PLF**, Erection of a dwelling South West of Garden Cottage, Carr lane, Wansford, proposed Cllr Cawthorne, seconded Cllr Kitching. **Action:** That the Clerk would log a comment requesting that the ERYC reconsider the SWPC's flood alleviation plans with particular reference to the Victorian drain that runs across the proposed development site.

To note that Cllr Evison left the meeting.

9 Finance:

- i **Noted:** bank balances of £5234.84 (current account) and £1,281.69 (savings account) as at 29 October 2021.
- ii **Action:** That the Clerk would contact Lloyds Bank in Driffield with a view to transferring the SWPC accounts to a bank that has a branch in Driffield.
- iii Councillors considered the Clerks request to reduce the required cheque signatories to one. **Agreed:** That two signatories would be required.

10 Dog Fouling:

Agreed: That the SWPC would look to install additional general public waste bins in the villages as opposed to specific doggy bag bins. Two bins in Wansford and one in Skerne. **Action:** That the Clerk would make enquiries with ERYC to have more public waste bins in the villages; two in Wansford and one in Skerne.

11 Correspondence:

- i **Agreed:** That no comment be entered in response to Orsted Hornsea Project Four (UK) Ltd.
- ii **Resolved:** That the SWPC would not be adopting the ERYC's revised code of conduct, proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Harrison. **Action:** Clerk to inform ERYC of the decision and provide a copy of the SWPC's current code of conduct for councillors.
- iii **Agreed:** That the SWPC would, in principle, support the Newbald Parish Councils complaint to the ERYC with the condition that a draft copy would be made available for approval. **Action:** That the Clerk would respond to Newbald Parish Council.
- iv **Agreed:** That a request for a briefing be made to SEGL2. **Action:** That the Clerk would contact SEGL2.
- v **Agreed:** That the councillors would like to support performances in the village hall but due to covid concerns, it was felt that the size of the village hall would not accommodate the audience numbers needed to successfully support a production safely. The SWPC would revisit the request once covid concerns had passed.
- vi **Agreed:** That the information about free trees for landowner and community groups would be included in the parish newsletter.
- vii **Agreed:** That the SWPC would respond to the Dogger Bank Wind Farm planning application consultation raising the potential issues caused/impact on the Wansford bridge. **Action:** That the Clerk would log a comment with the Environmental Services.

12 Matters requested by councillors:

Noted: That the removal of a hedgerow in Skerne was a possible breach of the ERYC decision for planning application 21/00467/HEDGE. **Action:** That Cllr Bristow would contact the landowner to clarify the situation.

13 Highways:

Noted: ERYC notification of road closures around Skerne and Wansford to enable the repair of pot holes.

To note that Cllr Bristow and Cllr Kitching left the meeting.

14 To receive reports from representatives: Cllr Batham reported that Mrs J Pick had requested that the grit spreader is moved to its new home.

15 Items for next agenda: Newsletter, Harmony Grant, Email Domain and Clerk's Salary.

16 Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday 18 January 2021 at 7.30pm in Wansford Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.