

Skerne and Wansford Parish Council



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Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council, which was held in the Wansford Village Hall on Tuesday May 21 2013 at 7.30pm .

1 **Present:** Councillors Jackie Dobson, Sue Waites, Marian Terry, Neil Robson, Bryan Hills, Mark Padgett and ERY Coun Jane Evison.

2 **Apologies:** ERYC Coun Jonathan Owen, Coun Harrison, Coun Ian Lamble.

3 **Election of chairman and vice-chairman:** Coun Ian Lamble elected chairman, proposed Coun Terry, seconded Coun Waites. Coun Dobson elected vice-chairman, proposed Coun Robson, seconded Coun Padgett.

4 **Declarations of acceptance of office: Resolved:** to accept the chairman's reason for absence and approve the signing of his declaration of acceptance of office at a time when he was able. Proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Padgett. Coun Dobson signed her declaration of office as vice-chairman.

5 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on March 26 2013 as a true and correct record: Resolved:** to accept and sign the minutes. Proposed Coun Terry, seconded Coun Hills.

6 **Resolved:** To readopt Financial Regulations and re-appoint councillors Terry and Dobson to check books/receipts/payments on a meeting by meeting basis. Proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Waites.

7 **Resolved:** to amend standing orders to include provisions to
a) allow the clerk, following consultation with the chairman/vice chairman, to make appropriate responses, based on previous practice, to planning applications received between meetings, unless the consensus is that an extraordinary meeting should be called; and b) to circulate correspondence by e-mail. Proposed Coun Padgett, seconded Coun Hills.

8 **Resolved:** to continue membership of ERNLLCA, which members had found helpful over the years. Proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Robson.

9 **Resolved:** to readopt Complaints. Freedom of Information procedures and note the asset register. Proposed Coun Padgett, seconded Coun Robson.

10 **Election of representatives:** Coun Harrison re-elected as Feoffees representative subject to her consent, proposed Coun Robson, seconded Coun Hills. Coun Robson elected to Driffeld Navigation, proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Padgett.

11 **Future meetings confirmed as - July 16, September 17, November 19, January 21, March 20.**

12 **Public session:** No members of the public in attendance.

13 **.Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**

- i To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the type of interest being declared. None made. Subsequently Coun Hills and Coun Dobson noted their non-pecuniary interest in the Wansford Village Hall grant as members of the village hall committee, agenda item 16 iv..
- ii To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed. None.

14 To dispose of any business remaining from the previous meeting and, if necessary, decide on a course of action:

- i Wansford enhancement scheme. Deferred.
- ii Noticeboards: request for letter to Wansford Village Hall Committee re siting of the proposed Wansford noticeboard, if within the village hall curtilage. **Agreed:** the clerk would write to the Village Hall Committee with the request.
- iii Newsletter. **Agreed:** the next issue would be beginning of July. Mention made of upgraded access to bus shelters.
- iv **Noted:** upcoming parish cluster meeting on June 13 2013, clerk and chairman/vice chairman to attend
- v **Resolved:** To co-opt Mrs Lynn Stockwell, of Wansford, to the parish council. Proposed Coun Robson, seconded Coun Padgett.
- vi **Agreed:** That unused portion of grant should be spent on rock salt. Clerk to arrange.

15 Planning

- i **Members had no comment to make on either of the following applications: 10/00456/PLF –** Construction of new field access (renewal of full planning permission) at land east of 2 Main Street, Skerne, for J H Dixon & Son. Proposed Coun Terry. Seconded Coun Waites. **13/01319/PLB** Listed building consent for the installation of two timber framed windows in front elevation of Eagle Inn, Skerne. Applicant, Angus Naylor. Proposed Coun Padgett, seconded Coun Waites.
- ii **Noted:** the following decisions: **Refused:** DC/12/04866/PLF/EASTNN. Erection of wind turbine, height to hub 35m, height to blade tip 61m at land north west of Spring Farm, Skerne. Applicant, Harmony Energy. **Granted:** DC/13/00138/VAT/EASTNN Removal of ancillary occupancy restriction and holiday occupancy only restrictions at 1 The Old Chapel, Chapel Lane, Wansford. Applicant, Mr M and Mrs G Grassam.

16 Finance

- i **Resolved:** to approve Annual Return. Proposed Coun Terry, seconded Coun Padgett. **Noted:** that the Notice of Electors' Rights has been complied with
- ii **Noted:** bank reconciliation and receipts and payments account for the year to March 31
- iii **Resolved:** to pay churchyard grants of £210 each. Proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Padgett.
- iv **Resolved:** to pay village hall grant of £260. Proposed Coun Waites, seconded Coun Padgett.
- v **Resolved:** to pay village hire of £65. Proposed Coun Waites, seconded Coun Terry.
- vi **Resolved:** to ratify payment of £1,171.20 for Skerne noticeboard. Proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Robson.
- vii **Resolved:** to reimburse clerk £136.60 for stationery, stamps, telephone/internet usage, etc. Proposed Coun Padgett, seconded Coun Robson.
- viii **Resolved:** That chairman/vice-chairman would approach holder of jubilee funds re commemorative noticeboards. Proposed Coun Waites, seconded Coun Robson.
- ix **Resolved:** to pay ERNLLCA subscription of £213.31, proposed Coun Padgett, seconded Coun Hills.
- x **Noted:** VAT refund of £250.64
- xi **Noted:** receipt of precept £2887.83 (£2,800 plus £87.83 Government grant).
- xii **Resolved:** to ratify renewal of website subscription - £10.79. Proposed Coun Robson, seconded Coun Terry.

17 Administration

- i PAYE – Real Time Information update. **Noted:** registration in process.

18 Training

- i Back To Basics SLCC/ERNLLCA course attended by clerk, March 21. In response to various queries Alan Barker had suggested an amendment to standing orders to allow clerk/chairman to deal with between meeting planning applications.
- ii ERNLLCA Spring Conference attended by clerk on April 12. Clerk reported that Community Payback scheme was available to parishes. **Agreed:** that the clerk seek more information on this

19 Correspondence

- i **Resolved:** to leave membership of the Burton Agnes Network in abeyance. Proposed Coun Waites, seconded Coun Hills. **Resolved:** that the parish council would support the letter to Bryan Pearson, chairman of ERYC planning committee re wind farms. Proposed Coun Waites, seconded Coun Padgett.
- ii Parish paths network – information previously circulated electronically. **Agreed:** no action be taken.
- iii Parish Council liaison meeting May 20 –vice-chairman reported back on various planning issues.
- iv

- v Lissett Community Wind farm annual review meeting. No-one had attended as application had been despatched.
 - vi **Noted:** Anti-social behaviour statistics and Playing Ball Games information
 - vii ERNLLCA: letter refuting opinions allegedly circulating in the East Riding re the organisation. **Agreed:** to note that councillors had always been grateful of the help offered by ERNLLCA and asked that the clerk communicate this to the organisation.
- 20 Matters requested by councillors**
- i **Noted:** request from Driffeld Navigation for parish council to cut canal bank.
 - ii **Agreed** clerk to make contact with Village Task Force and re cutting back of bushes between Mill Croft and Chapel Lane in response to a request passed on from a pedestrian.
- 21 **Highways:** Potholes from West End corner, Skerne, to Ricklepits, were discussed. Coun Evison said she would contact ERYC Highways department again.
- 22 **Other correspondence:** ER News; ERNLLCA newsletters, Glasdon products, etc. Noted.
- 23 **To receive reports from representatives:** None.
- 24 **Items for next agenda:** Overgrown hedge at Beechcroft, Skerne; installation of gully to stop flooding outside Newholme, Skerne; extension of 30mph speed limit on Wansford Road, Skerne, particularly in view of new field access.
- 25 Date of next meeting: July 16 2013 at 7.30pm.**