

Skerne and Wansford Parish Council



Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council, which was held in the Wansford Village Hall on Tuesday January 20 2014 at 7.30pm.

1 **Present:** Councillors Neil Robson, Caroline Harrison, Lynn Stockwell, Sue Waites, Jackie Dobson, Ian Lamble and ERY councillors Jane Evison and Jonathan Owen.

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3 **Apologies:** Councillors Bryan Hills and Cara Tite.

4 **Public session:** No members of the public present.

5 **Declarations of interest:** Coun Dobson reminded everyone that she was a member of the village hall committee with regard to item 11viii.

6 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on November 18 2014 as a true and correct record:** Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Dobson.

7 **ERYC ward councillors:** to receive updates, information, etc: Coun Evison said that the Tour of Yorkshire route was to be announced shortly. It was hoped that this would become an annual event, raising the profile of the area and attracting new business opportunities. A meeting was to be held on February 26 of parties interested in maximising the benefits of having this first race in our area of Yorkshire.

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

- i Skerne kiosk – **Resolved:** to ratify the decision taken to ask BT to remove the kiosk. Proposed Coun Waites, seconded Coun Stockwell. Mr Nick Madden had offered to bear the costs of removing the kiosk to an area of his property where it would be in public view. It was felt that the parish council could not retain ownership and responsibility of an asset on someone else's property. The kiosk would be bought as is and it was leaning, the door was broken and it was in a bad condition. There had been extensive publicity about the removal of the kiosk and the only comment had come from Mr Madden. Coun Waites was thanked for her efforts in this matter. **Agreed:** The clerk to contact Mr Madden thanking him for his offer and suggesting that he contact BT directly.
- ii Wansford enhancement scheme update and working party. A substantial amount of the work had been completed but there was more to be done at Chapel Lane and the North Frodingham entrance. Coun Stockwell reported that Rob Smith, of Whin Hill Nurseries, had charged for none of the plants and shrubs supplied. Work on the scheme would resume in the spring. **Agreed:** The clerk would proceed with the VAT reclaim for goods already supplied.
- iii Weed cutting on Nafferton beck: e-mails from Phil Young, of the Environment Agency. **Agreed:** clerk to respond to the Environment Agency's latest e-mail asking for an update. Although much weed had gone from the beck there was still a substantial amount of vegetation present.
- iv Lissett Wind Farm joint application with Driffield Canal Partnership: chairman attended a DCP meeting. DCP had drawn up a preliminary application but now needed input from the parish council and had contacted the chairman. A solar/battery powered electronic board was suggested for the site. **Resolved:** that the chairman proceed with the application liaising with Izzy Kitt, of the DCP. Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Stockwell. **Resolved:** that the parish council write a letter to the Driffield Times commending the work done on the new footpath. Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Robson.
- v Landline problems – discussions with BT and MP Sir Greg Knight. It was believed that all telephones were now working. Members noted the MP's letter detailing the works done. A short discussion ensued about the ongoing broadband problems within both communities and the Government's BDUK programme: BT was the only company allowed to tender for the contract.

- vi Vacancy for a councillor – as this had arisen within six months of an election there was no need to advertise the vacancy. Mrs Catherine Bristow expressed an interest in standing for the parish council at the election.
- vii Sewage system plan received from Gerry Frisby, also some details of surface water drains. **Noted.**

9 Finance

- i **Resolved:** to set the precept at £3,100. Proposed Coun Waites, seconded Coun Harrison.
- ii **Resolved:** to ratify payment of £268.24 insurance premium to Came & Company. Proposed Coun Dobson, seconded Coun Harrison.
- iii **Resolved:** to ratify payment of £65, clerk's subscription to SLCC. Proposed Coun Stockwell, seconded Coun Waites.
- iv **Received:** bank reconciliation
- v **Resolved:** to authorise the purchase of a new cash book. Proposed Coun Waites, seconded Coun Dobson.
- vi **Resolved:** to ratify payment of £484.80 (inc £80.80 VAT) to Whin Hill Nurseries re enhancement scheme. Proposed Coun Stockwell, seconded Coun Dobson.
- vii **Resolved:** to ratify payment of £15 to SLCC re clerk's training course (attendance agreed at the November meeting). Proposed Coun Waites, seconded Coun Dobson.

10 Training

- i Clerk's training course – clerk reported changes to election procedure.

11 Correspondence

- i **Noted:** HM Government Dept for Communities and Local Government: Transparency code for smaller authorities to come into effect April 1 2015. It was felt that the parish council was already compliant with much of this. Following the election the clerk would put procedures in place to be fully compliant.
- ii Lissett Community Wind Farm fund – closing date March 5. Already discussed.
- iii **Noted:** ERYC Anti-social behaviour statistics
- iv **Noted:** ERYC www.eastridinglocaloffer.org.uk – new website with information about services and resources for those with special educational needs.
- v Sir Greg Knight newsletter and letters re BT landline connection. **Already discussed.**
- vi Gerry Frisby: Sewage system plan and information re drains. **Already discussed.**
- vii ERYC: Chairman Awards: nominations invited for various categories. Nothing came to mind.
- viii Wansford Village Hall Committee: **Resolved:** To accept the four proposals re issues surrounding the installation of the defibrillator ie electricity to be paid for annually in July; payment based on current unit rate; village hall committee is always aware of pc contact (currently Coun Stockwell); the village hall committee has no accountability/responsibility for the defibrillator. Proposed Coun Stockwell, seconded Coun Harrison.
- ix **Noted:** ERYC Letter of introduction from Maureen Yates, new community and crime reduction resilience officer re Neighbourhood Watch, Community Payback and Public Space Protection Orders.

12 **Highways:** Coun Waites said she intended to contact ERYC directly concerning lack of gullies at West End. She felt that this was causing standing water, causing cars to skid. The replacement West End sign had already been damaged. **Agreed:** the clerk to write to Dave England concerning blocked gripholes in Nafferton Road, Wansford, and potholes at West End.

13 Other correspondence East Riding News

14 **To receive reports from representatives:** Coun Harrison said that Nafferton Feoffees was anxious to involve Wansford villagers, especially young people, in the Nafferton Recreation Club and she was contemplating contacting some of the teenagers directly and/or put up notices in bus shelter. She also mentioned the Feoffees apprentices support scheme, which was open to Wansford young people.

15 **Items for next agenda:** None.

16 **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday March 17 at 7.30pm to be preceded by the annual parish meeting at 7.15pm. Coun Stockwell to contact Trish Kilner, of Yorkshire Ambulance Service to see if she was willing to conduct a defibrillator familiarisation course prior to the parish meeting.