

Skerne and Wansford Parish Council



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Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council held on Tuesday 21 September 2021 in Wansford Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present

Councillors Catherine Bristow (Chair), Ann Kitching, Neil Robson, Caroline Harrison, Lynn Stockwell, Charlie Dewhirst and Lee Cawthorne.

- 1 **Apologies:** Councillor Mark Padgett.
- 2 **Public session:** No issues raised
- 3 **Declarations of interest:** None
- 4 **Minutes: Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday July 20 2021 be approved as a true and correct record, proposed Coun Stockwell, seconded Coun Kitching.
- 5 **To dispose of any business remaining from the previous meeting and, if necessary, decide on a course of action:**
 - i Casual vacancies/co-option. Two applicants had responded to the vacancy. **Resolved:** to co-opt John Batham to fill the casual vacancy caused by the resignations of Gill Grassam. Proposed Coun Cawthorne, seconded Coun Harrison and all agreed.
 - ii Personnel Committee. **Resolved:** That there being no legal requirement or any other necessity to have a separate Personnel Committee that all of the committee's delegated duties and responsibilities would be reinstated to the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council (SWPC). Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Cawthorne, all agreed.
 - iii Harmony Energy. **Resolved:** To request an amendment to the community fund agreement with Harmony Energy regarding any future changes to the parish council boundary as recommended by an East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) solicitor; '4:2 Any reorganisation of parish boundaries during the continuance of this Agreement shall not be a breach of clause 4:1, and in those circumstances the Harmony Contributions shall continue to be paid to the relevant Parish Council(s) replacing SWPC.' Should the amendment be acceptable to Harmony Energy that the contract would be approved and signed. Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Dewhirst.
 - iv Insurance. **Resolved:** That the annual renewal premium of the SWPC be delegated to Coun Bristow and the Clerk to the parish council. Proposed Coun Stockwell, seconded Coun Harrison.
 - v Wansford Village Hall, SWPC representative. **Resolved:** That Coun Stockwell would represent the SWPC on the Wansford Village Hall Committee. Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Robson.
 - vi Road Signs. **Resolved:** That the SWPC would make an application for a grant from the Lisset Windfarms grant scheme to fund the erection of the road safety signs in Skerne. Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Dewhirst.
 - vii Wansford pump and grit storage. Coun Dewhirst volunteered to store the village pump and grit spreader.
- 6 **Planning:**
 - i **Noted:** the following planning decisions: **20/03060/STVAR**, Variation of Condition 10 (approved plans) of planning permission 19/04321/STPLF – construction of a solar farm and battery storage facility together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure, **21/02993/PLF**, erection of a covered manure store and installation of slurry bag, applicant Mr Shipley, **21/02780/VAR**, removal of Condition 12 (agricultural occupancy) of planning permission 04/08865/PLF (Erection of dormer bungalow following demolition of existing barn, applicant R. Hall. A variation to planning permission **20/01962/STPLF** was noted and would be

ratified at the next meeting.

7 Finance:

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- i **Noted:** bank balances of £5,373.54 (current account) and £1,281.69 (savings account) as at 31 August 2021
- ii Skerne Defibrillator Light costs. **Resolved:** That the cost of electricity for the Skerne defibrillator be reimbursed. Proposed Coun Stockwell, seconded Coun Kitchen.
- iii Parish Grant Applications for 2022. **Resolved:** That the grant applications received from representatives from St Leonards Church, Wansford Village Hall and Wansford PCC be approved. Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Stockwell, all agreed.

8 Correspondence:

- i **Wansford Bridge:** The East Riding Infrastructure and Facilities agency had provided an update on the progress regarding the options for the repair of the Wansford Bridge which has had a temporary 7.5ton weight limit imposed due to the structural damage identified by the ERYC engineers. Councillors discussed the many reports they had received of vehicles over the weight limit that continued to use the bridge and their disappointment that because the restriction was not being enforced that there was the possibility of losing the bridge or that the 7.5ton weight limit would become permanent. Councillors agreed that the priority was to ensure that the bridge was maintained aesthetically, preferably being repaired to allow the weight limit to be removed and requested a copy of the report in full.

9 Matters requested by councillors:

- i Skerne Telephone Kiosk: **Noted:** Councillors were informed that maintenance and repairs to the kiosk were not the responsibility of the SWPC.
- ii Speed Gun Volunteers. **Resolved:** That the clerk would make further enquiries regarding the Humberside Police initiative and look for alternative traffic calming options.
- iii Annual Meal: To be deferred to the next meeting.

10 Items for next agenda: Co-option of a councillor after Coun Stockwell had indicated that she would be resigning with effect from January 1. Bins to alleviate dog fouling on pavements in Skerne and Wansford.

11 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 7.30pm.

Signed

Date