



Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council which took place on Tuesday July 20 2021 in Wansford Village Hall at 7.30pm.

- 1 **Present:** Councillors Ann Kitching, Catherine Bristow, Neil Robson, Caroline Harrison, Lynn Stockwell. ERYC ward councillors Jane Evison and Jonathan Owen, and prospective Skerne & Wansford councillors Lee Cawthorne and Charlie Dewhirst.
- 2 **Apologies:** Councillors Mark Padgett and Gill Grassam
- 3 **Public session:** No issues raised
- 4 **Declarations of interest:** None
- 5 **Confirmed: the minutes of the meeting on May 18 2021 as a true and correct record**, proposed Coun Stockwell, seconded Coun Kitching.
- 6 **To dispose of any business remaining from the previous meeting and, if necessary, decide on a course of action:**
 - i Clerk vacancy. To consider the appointment of [REDACTED] as clerk following a favourable interview by members of the personnel committee. **Resolved:** [REDACTED] be offered the position of clerk; Coun Stockwell proposed, Coun Harrison seconded and all in favour.
 - ii Casual vacancies/co-option. **Resolved:** to co-opt Charlie Dewhirst and Lee Cawthorne to fill the casual vacancies caused by the resignations of Ian Lambie and Jackie Dobson. Proposed Coun Stockwell, seconded Coun Harrison and all agreed. The co-opted councillors each signed an acceptance of office form and each to complete a Register of Interests
 - iii Wansford bus shelter noticeboard. EYMS had indicated that any new noticeboard was the responsibility of the owner, which is the parish council.
 - iv Bollards at Skerne – Coun Bristow said that, as yet, the third bollard on the West End/Main Street corner had not been installed.
 - v Road safety scheme – Nafferton Feoffees had sourced potential posters from Nafferton School would finance their provision Nafferton and Wansford. Skerne would need about three posters; a decision for Skerne was left in abeyance until the scheme came to fruition.
 - vi Harmony Energy – the contract had arrived and indicated a start date of January 2022 for the first payment. An ERYC solicitor had kindly offered to look through it. The matter was deferred to the next meeting for the councillors to examine and consider any comments made.
- 7 **Planning:**
 - i **Noted:** the following planning decisions - **20/02920/PLF** conversion of existing farm buildings to create two dwellings. Applicant: the Horace Taylor Trust. Approved. **21/01087/PLF and 21/01088/PLF**, erection of replacement cattle sheds on land north of Spring Farm, Back Lane, Skerne. Applicant: J H Dixon & Son. Both approved.
- 8 **Finance:**
 - i **Noted:** bank balances of £5,938.26 (current account) and £1,281.69 (savings account) as at June 30 2021
 - ii **Resolved:** to appoint new signatories and change the bank mandate. Charlie Dewhirst and Lee Cawthorne were to be added to the signatories, proposed Coun Neil Robson, seconded Coun Kitching
 - iii **Resolved:** to change the authorised person to receive information re the bank account to [REDACTED]. Proposed Coun Harrison and Coun Kitching.
 - iv **Resolved:** to sanction pro rata payments re retiring clerk of net salary (£128.12 per month) and tax liability from April 1 to August 31. Proposed Coun Stockwell and Coun Harrison. The new clerk to be invited to take up post on August 1 thus allowing a transition period.

- v **Resolved:** to sanction payment of retiring clerk's expenses from June 1, expected to be in the region of £12-£17, dependent on the end date. Proposed Coun Stockwell and Council Harrison
- vi **Noted:** that direct debit of £35 to Information Commissioner leaves the account on July 21

9 **Administration and training:**

- i **Noted:** Electors' right –notices had been posted
- ii Relocation of the parish council Wansford grit spreader and parish council Wansford pump: Coun Harrison was exploring the possibility of storing the items.

10 **Correspondence:**

- i **Deferred until September:** invitation to send a parish council representative to the Wansford Village Hall committee
- ii SEGL2 (Scotland to England Green Link) offer of a meeting re any implications for Skerne and Wansford. **Agreed:** the clerk to request a meeting in November.
- iii Coun Jackie Dobson: following expressing her intention to resign during the year, Coun Dobson resigned with immediate effect on June 25. **Agreed:** the clerk to write to Mrs Dobson thanking her for her 15 years' service
- iv The Queen's platinum jubilee commemoration weekend, June 2-5 2022 including Big Jubilee Lunch on June 5 and beacons. **Agreed:** the council would initiate the celebrations
- v ERYC: proposed speed limit on the B1249 (circulated electronically). **Agreed:** the clerk to write supporting the scheme.

11 **Matters requested by councillors:**

- i **Noted:** letter sent to Keith and Marie thanking them for all their support to the villages and community over the years following news of the Trout Inn sale, and another to Ian Lamble thanking him for his chairmanship over many years (both circulated electronically).
- ii **Noted:** letter of condolence sent to Mrs Joanne Lisseter on the sudden death of ward councillor Paul Lisseter, who was a good friend to Skerne & Wansford, as are the other East Wolds and Coastal ward representatives.

12 **Highways:** Coun Harrison to report potholes in Driffield Road. Coun Kitching said drainage issues in Back Lane, Skerne, were ongoing.

13 **To receive reports from representatives:** Coun Harrison reported that the possibility of the reinstatement of the footpath on the eastern side of the road between Wansford and Nafferton had been suggested at a meeting of the Nafferton Feoffees.

14 **Items for next agenda:** Co-option of a councillor after Coun Grassam had indicated that she would be resigning with effect from August 1. Delegate renewal of insurance to clerk and chairman, parish grants applications 2022-23

15 **Date of next meeting, to be preceded by personnel committee meeting to set clerk's salary for 2022-23:** September 21