

# Skerne and Wansford Parish Council



Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council which took place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 in Wansford Village Hall at 7.30pm.

- 1 **Present:** Cllr Charlie Dewhirst (in the Chair), Councillors Catherine Bristow, Lee Cawthorne, Mark Padgett, Jill Pick and Neil Robson. Ward councillor Jane Evison.

Clerk to the Skerne & Wansford PC, Mrs Maria Cawthorne

- 2 **Apologies:** Cllr Ann Kitching

- 3 **Public Session:** No members of the public were present.

- 4 **Presentation by representatives of Elgin Energy**

Fernanda Ayala and Sadhbh Corkoval of Elgin Energy gave a presentation about the proposed Sunderlandwick Solar Farm planning application that would be submitted to the local authority, the planned timescales and its possible impact on the residents of Skerne and Wansford. A Community Benefit Fund would be available to those parishes affected by the development; the proportion of land in each parish that forms part of the development would determine what percentage of the funds would be available to each parish as a one off payment. The value of the fund could not be gauged as the calculations would be based the number of megawatts produced by the farm once fully operational. Councillors raised their concerns about the parish boundary between Skerne and Hutton Cranswick as there appeared to be different plans used throughout the planning process. **Action: To establish the correct boundary. Clerk.**

- 5 **Membership:** Councillors were advised that there were two vacancies and that both could be filled through co-option despite the election in May 2023. **All agreed that notices would be placed and flyers delivered to all households to coincide with the May elections.**

5. **Declaration of Interests:** There were no declarations of interest.

6. **Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Cawthorne and seconded by Cllr Bristow.

- 6 **Matters Arising from the minutes:** None.

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

- i **Speed Survey:** The Clerk reported that the local authority had been contacted for an update and had responded with an apology on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022, the local authority had received the raw data which was waiting to be analysed by a traffic professional and that it was expected the results would be made available to the parish council within 28 days of the email. **Clerk to follow up before the next meeting.**
- ii **Village pumps:** Cllr Dewhirst would be taking the pumps to Jeffersons for service and it was suggested that training on the use of the pumps may be useful to residents.
- iii **Lloyds Bank:** The Clerk reported that the new parish council account with Lloyds Bank had been opened and that funds would be moved once the final stages had been completed.

## Finance:

- i **Noted:** bank balances of £15572.00 (current) and £1281.82 (savings) as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022
- ii **Resolved:** To submit a parish precept demand at £4750.00. Proposed Cllr Cawthorne, seconded Cllr Pick
- iii **Resolved:** To make a payment £80.72 to Wansford Village Hall for hall rental and electricity for the defibrillator. Proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Pick
- iv **Resolved:** To refund the M Cawthorne (Clerk) the sum of £1191.37. Proposed Cllr Padgett, seconded Cllr Pick
- v **Resolved:** To approved the grant application from The Beverley Ramblers for the sum of £200
- vi **Noted:** PKF Littlejohn LLP as external auditor.

- 8 **Coronation of King Charles II:** The Clerk informed the meeting that a grant of up to £500 would be available from the local authority should either of the villages wish to organise any events. **Action: Clerk would post the information on Facebook.**
- 9 **Harmony Energy Fund:** The Clerk had received several suggestions via the community consultation in December. Councillors considered each submission and agreed that those involving pavements and footpaths may not fall within the parish council's remit and would possibly exceed the amount available from the fund. Suggestions for the refurbishment/installation of electricity to St Leonard's Church could not be considered as the church belongs to the Church of England and could be sold. However, the councillors suggested that the fund could provide a generator that could be used at the church but would remain the property of the parish council and could additionally be used for other purposes. **Agreed: Clerk to establish costs of refurbishing the Wansford bus shelter and the installation of a living/permanent Christmas tree at the lock; to contact the Navigation Trust and Beverley Ramblers regarding the possibility of a footpath along the canal side.**
- 10 **Planning: Noted: 22/03976/STOUT** Outline – Erection of 390 dwellings with associated infrastructure and construction of roundabout onto A614, land North and East of Allotments, Cemetery Lane, Driffield. **Noted: 20/03092/PLF** Construction of new vehicular access with gate (AMENDED DESCRIPTION), Pleasant Wood Farm, Wansford.
- 11 **Correspondence:**
- i **Agreed:** Cllr Dewhirst to continue as the parish council representative on the Village Hall Committee.
  - ii **Noted.**
- 12 **Items for next agenda**
- Traffic Calming
  - Wansford Bus Shelter
- 13 **Date of next meeting:**
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023
  - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023
  - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (AGM and Annual Parish Meeting)

at 7.30pm in Wansford Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:



Date:

14/3/23