



Skerne and Wansford Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council which took place on Tuesday March 17 2020 in Wansford Village Hall at 7.30pm.

- 1 **Present:** Councillors Ian Lamble, Jackie Dobson, Catherine Brennand, Ann Kitching, Neil Robson, Caroline Harrison, Gill Grassam and ERYC ward councillors Jane Evison and Jonathan Owen.
- 2 **Apologies:** Councillors Lynn Stockwell and Mark Padgett
- 3 **Public session:** No members of the public present
- 4 **Declarations of interest:** None
- 5 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting on January 14 as a true and correct record:**
- 6 **To dispose of any business remaining from the previous meeting and, if necessary, decide on a course of action:**
 - i Pie and pea supper – this gathering would have to be postponed because of the Government restriction re Coronavirus. Councillors were anxious that the event was only deferred for the duration and it would be reviewed in May.
 - ii Skerne Village Green – the final contract had been received from Williamsons. Coun Bristow would ask retired solicitor James Brennand to look at the paperwork and Coun Harrison would ask surveyor Adrian Harrison to do the same before Couns Lamble and Dobson signed the contract.
 - iii Wansford kiosk – there had been no update from Terry Jarvis but all agreed that the kiosk was looking good.
 - iv Play area training course(s) update: this had been cancelled due to Coronavirus restrictions
 - v Bench in Nafferton Road: no news
 - vi Defibrillator training – the course had been full and those present agreed that it had been very informative
 - vii Light sensor – It was anticipated that the work would take place shortly, clerk was delaying submitting a VAT return until the bill was received.
 - viii Gully system in Back Lane, Skerne: this had been logged for attention by the ERYC but there had been no feedback.
- 7 **Finance:**
 - i Noted: bank balances at February 28 were: community account £1,054.98, business savings account, £3,280.41. Cheques of £20 and £15.30 have yet to clear.
 - ii **Resolved:** to pay clerks salary of £1,164 net and tax liability of £29. Proposed Coun Dobson seconded Coun Grassam
Resolved: to reimburse £2 to clerk, shortfall for ALCC subscription paid in January, which was actually £65 and not £63. Proposed Coun Bristow, seconded Coun Robson.
Bank mandate – to note recent problems with bank mandate. Members decided to leave things as they were with the mandate the problems with which were, hopefully, now sorted. Money to pay the outstanding commitments would, from now on, have to be transferred from one account to the other by two signatory councillors attending at the branch in Driffield. As the savings account only paid minimal interest it was decided to keep only a small amount in there pending better times.
 - iii **Resolved:** to ratify reimbursement to clerk of £89.24 for cartridges. Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Bristow.

- iv **Resolved:** to ratify reimbursement of £714 to Lynn Stockwell for purchase of picnic bench. Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Robson,
- v **Resolved:** to ratify payment £20 to ER and NL SLCC for clerk's attendance at a course on March 16, principally for information re making the website accessible. It was understood that the website, hosted by the ERYC for free, was compliant with accessibility legislation. However, the documentation on it was not. To build a new website would cost in the region of £800 and incur running costs of £300 a year. The clerk was willing to devote time in the summer to go through the documents and pictures to make the site accessible to all, this being a legal requirement in the autumn. **Resolved:** that the clerk do this work, make a note of the hours and be recompensed for it. Proposed Coun Dobson, seconded Coun Bristow.
- vi **Resolved:** to ratify payment of £15.30 to Terry Jarvis for expenses incurred re kiosk refurbishment. Proposed Coun Bristow, seconded Coun Kitching.
- vii **Noted:** that the second defibrillator pads have been delivered at a cost of £34.80, the delivery cost being waived

8 Administration and training:

- i Problems with parish council printer. A decision was deferred until the May meeting to allow the council to look at options and the recently purchased ink to expend.
- ii **Resolved:** to renew membership of ERNLLCA for 2020-21. Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Robson.

9 Correspondence:

- i **Noted:** ERYC re Skerne Road closure
- ii **Noted:** ERYC re supplementary document concerning inclusion of 360 homes at the Alamein Barracks site, circulated electronically
- iii ERNLLCA re coronavirus: **Resolved:** devolve decision making to clerk and chairman for the duration of any emergency should one be declared and the parish council be unable to meet. Proposed Coun Bristow, seconded Coun Dobson.
- iv **Noted:** Driffield Navigation, permissive path – the DNT was looking at grant funding.

10 Matters requested by councillors:

- i Spring clean of the village(s). Saturday April 25 at 10am was suggested with councillors working in isolation on or around that date.
- ii Next newsletter and items for it: Coronavirus. Coun Bristow and Coun Harrison said they were willing to be initial contacts to try to establish a network to which people in isolation could turn for shopping, prescriptions, etc. Also, an article to alert residents to the possibility of internet scams.

11 Highways: Two potholes on the road at Whinhill.

12 To receive reports from representatives: None

13 Items for next agenda: Pie and pea supper, Skerne village green, Coronavirus situation

14 Date of next meeting: May 19 2020 at 7.30pm in Wansford Village Hall