

Skerne and Wansford Parish Council



278

Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council, which took place in the Wansford Village Hall on Tuesday September 18 2012 at 7.30pm .

1 **Present:** Councillors Lamb, Dobson, Hills, Padgett, Waites, Robson and Stoney. ERY Councillors Evison and Owen.

2 **Apologies:** Councillors Harrison and Terry

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

4 **Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:** Councillors Dobson and Hills in respect of item 8iii

5 **Resolved:** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on July 17 2012 as a true and correct record. Proposed Coun Dobson, seconded Coun Hills.

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

- i Wansford enhancement scheme. Coun Harrison was not present. A further announcement about this scheme to be in the newsletter.
- ii Vandalism at Skerne bridge: ERYC had mended the bridge using anti-vandal measures. Following several incidents over the summer. It was hoped that these would now cease. The police and Local Action team had been informed.
- iii Potholes: Most potholes had now been attended to. However the one on the right hand bend on the road to Skerne had not been touched. The hedge near Golden Hill had not been trimmed, No road safety work had been done on the hedge at the Haven, Wansford. These items to be raised with Dave England once again. They would also be raised by Couns Evison and Owen.
- iv Forthcoming newsletter – two councillors had not yet submitted profiles.
- v Noticeboards. Clerk had contacted Wold Newton Parish Council to no avail. Chairman and vice-chairman to price up noticeboards with a view to submitting a grant application to the Lissett Windfarm Fund.
- vi Conservative Group Parish Cluster. No-one from the parish council had been able to attend. Couns Evison and Owen reported a good attendance and said it was hoped to hold another in early 2013.
- vii Blocked drains in Skerne: Coun Waites reported that ERYC had indicated that they had cleared the drains.
- viii Driffeld Navigation plan re footpath. Driffeld Navigation had not come back with information about the footpath restoration. It was felt that no support could be given to this project without some firm information and a formal approach to the council.

7 **Planning**

i **Application: 12/03658/VAR:** Removal of conditions 7, 8 and 9 (restricting to holiday occupancy only) of planning permission 07/00931/PLF at 1 The Old Chapel, Chapel Lane, Wansford, YO25 8NX, for Mr and Mrs G B Grassam. No comment.

ii **Decision:** Variation of condition 10 of planning permission 11/02342/PLF – Eagle Inn, Main Street, Skerne for Mr Angus Naylor had been approved. Councillors suggested that a letter be written pointing out that this application had never been received for comment by the council.

8 Finance

- i **Resolved:** To ratify payment of £ Audit Commission fee. Proposed Coun Stoney, seconded Coun Padgett.
- ii **Resolved:** To reimburse clerk £110.84 for grant-funded cost of emergency box and contents
- iii It was decided that the church yard and village hall grants remain unchanged for the 2013-2014 year but the possibility of an increase would be reconsidered next year. The clerk's salary would also remain unchanged,
- iv **Received:** Bank reconciliation.

9 Administration

- i ERNLLCA: Changes to cheque signatories and other controls. No changes would be made to the council's banking, cheque system.
- ii **Resolved:** That the Code of Conduct, as adopted by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council on July 25 following technical revisions which defined pecuniary interests more widely than had been anticipated be adopted to take effect immediately.
- iii Register of Interest forms (without signatures) in course of being uploaded to the website

10 Training

- i ERNLLCA conference – no-one would attend.
- ii ERNLLCA: training programme for autumn: No-one would attend.

11 Correspondence

- i ERYC: Temporary closure of Skerne Road from September 17 2012 for bridge repairs. **Noted.**
- ii Audit Commission: Confirmation of appointment of Littlejohn LLP as external auditor. **Noted.**

12 Highways:

- i Coun Waites suggested that some traffic calming measures may be introduced in an attempt to slow traffic down as motorists entered Skerne from Wansford. The clerk to include this in the letter to Dave England.

13 Other correspondence: East Riding News; The Playing Field; Streetscape. **Noted.**

14 **To receive reports from representatives: Driffield Navigation Partnership** – Coun Hills had been unable to attend the meeting. , **Nafferton Feoffees**, -Coun Harrison was not present **Driffield Canal Partnership** –Coun Lamb reported that the discussions continued but always returned to the fixed bridge at Wansford. Without alterations to this the re-opening project was not feasible and many associated works such as dredging would be to no avail.

15 Items for next agenda: Wansford enhancement scheme, budget.

16 Date of next meeting: Tuesday November 20 in Wansford Village Hall at 7.30pm.