

Skerne and Wansford Parish Council



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Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council, which was held in the Wansford Village Hall on Tuesday January 14 2014 at 7pm .

1 **Present:** Councillors Ian Lamble (chairman), Jackie Dobson, Mark Padgett, Sue Waites, Neil Robson, Lynn Stockwell, Caroline Harrison and ERYC councillors Jane Evison and Jonathan Owen.

2 **Apologies:** None.

4v: At this point item 4v was discussed enabling Couns Evison and Owen to fulfil duties elsewhere. Coun Evison said there was a scheme to improve broadband speeds in the county with a Government-backed ERYC scheme which would run in tandem with an earlier BT/KC scheme, which was ongoing. Between them the two schemes would run in tandem and aimed to cover a large proportion of the county. The parish was within the BT/KC scheme area. Coun Evison suggested writing to the scheme provider and/or the ERYC to try and discover more details and ask for someone to talk to the next meeting about broadband provision.

1 **Public session:** At this point the meeting was suspended for Neil Marsay and Patricia Kilner of Yorkshire Ambulance Service to give a short presentation on the provision of community defibrillators. These could be grant funded but would incur running costs. They also needed a 'guardian'. It was decided to put this item in the agenda for the March annual parish meeting and seek a possible site in Skerne.

2 **Declarations of interest:** None.

3 **Resolved:** to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on November 19 2013 as a true and correct record: Proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Dobson.

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

- i Noticeboard for Wansford – update. Chris Greenlaw was making the board and Terry Jarvis, of the Wansford Village Hall Committee had agreed a site. **Resolved:** to finance the installation of external bolts on the Skerne noticeboard should the joiner decide to charge for the job. Proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Waites.
- ii Grit grant application to East Riding Council Local Grants Fund. £305 granted. **Resolved:** To sign and return ERYC grant agreement. Proposed Coun Padgett, seconded Coun Stockwell. **Resolved:** to authorise clerk in consultation with chairman to purchase salt/grit as necessary. Proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Dobson.
- iii Jubilee funds: £41.94 in hand. Next agenda.
- iv First World War commemorations. To be placed on next agenda and on agenda for annual parish meeting.
- v Broadband provision for villages. **Agreed:** the clerk to contact ERYC/BT for more details and try to arrange a speaker for the annual parish meeting.
- vi Next newsletter – timing and ideas for content: canal clean-up, Feoffees article, oil buying collective update, etc. Would be published in March after parish council meeting.

5 **Planning**

- i **Noted:** Planning application: DC/13/03812/PLF/EASTNN: Erection of dwelling with vehicular access at Eagle Inn, Main Street, Skerne. To note that a 'no observations' response had been sent by clerk.

6 Finance

- i **Resolved:** to set a precept for 2014-2015 of £2,878, an increase of £78.
- ii **Agreed:** to accept bank reconciliation.

7 Administration

- i Parish council vacancy – can now be filled by co-option. Ideally a Skerne person would be sought, but it was understood that a Wansford resident may be interested. Next agenda.
- ii **Resolved:** to appoint Coun Stockwell as a replacement for Coun Marian Terry re internal control procedures. Proposed Coun Bryan Hills, seconded Coun Padgett.

8 Training

- i **Resolved:** to authorise clerk to attend SLCC training session, if subject is appropriate and should they arise between meetings. Cost per session is £15 - £20. Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Hills.

9 Correspondence

- i **ERYC:** Make Time For Winter. Noted.
- ii **Save Our Ferriby Action** Group update. Noted.
- iii **The River Hull Valley Drainage Heritage Group** – request to become involved. Book in circulation.
- iv **Agreed:** that summonses to meetings, agendas and minutes would continue to be delivered in hard copy when law changed to sanction e-circulation.
- v **Resolved:** to fund clerk's SLCC membership for 2014 at £64. Proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Robson.

10 Highways: Flooding on B1249. Agreed that the clerk write to ERYC Highways regarding the three areas prone to flooding between Wansford and Whinhill, which were considered a traffic hazard. White lines at Skerne had not been reinstated and the pothole outside Newholme had not been filled in. The letter would ask for the self-sown blackthorn on the north side of the road between Wansford and Golden Hill to be trimmed back again in the coming year. A pothole in a field gateway on the south side of the road in the same location was also causing problems.

11 Other correspondence East Riding News, ERNLLCA newsletters. **Agreed:** to send the chairman's details for the ERNLLCA chairman's register.

12 To receive reports from representatives: Driffeld Navigation – nothing to report. Feoffees – Coun Harrison felt that should Wansford community events be organised for the elderly or young people, in some circumstances the Feoffees may fund some costs such as hall hire. Coun Harrison and Coun Stockwell would walk the village with a view to putting together a scheme.

13 Items for next agenda: Canal clean up in April, defibrillator, First World War commemorations, potential bid to Feoffees for Wansford enhancement scheme, broadband provision, Diamond Jubilee funds, co-option of a councillor.

14 Date of next meeting: March 18 2014, to be preceded by annual parish meeting at 7pm in Wansford Village Hall.

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