

Skerne and Wansford Parish Council



Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council which took place on Tuesday September 27 2022 in Wansford Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk to the Skerne & Wansford PC, Mrs Maria Cawthorne
- 2 **Public session:** There were no members of the public present.
- 3 **Membership:**
 - i Councillors welcomed Cllr Pick to her first meeting and were advised by the clerk that there were still two vacancies on the council and that the most recent vacancy on the council caused by a resignation had been posted with a deadline for a bye-election of 30th September 2022 after which the parish council would be able to co-opt should an application be received
 - ii Cllr Dewhirst volunteered to be the parish council representative on the Wansford Village Hall Committee with Cllr Pick agreeing to act as reserve.
- 4 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Dewhirst declared his position on the Local Authority Planning Committee.
- 5 **Resolved: To accept the minutes of the meeting on 12th July 2022 as a true and correct record with the following amendment; Apologies: An apology was received from Cllr Mark Padgett. Proposed by Cllr Robson 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 **Agreed:** that the clerk would contact the website designer suggested by the Nafferton Parish Clerk
 - ii All other items were noted.
- 8 **Planning:**
 - i **Planning application 22/02460STPLF:** Cllr Bristow raised concerns about the number of recent planning applications for solar farms that had been approved in the local area; applications were being received for land that would be considered prime productive agricultural land and felt that this should be a priority; did the local authority consider each application solely on individual merit or with those already approved in mind and the impact on the local area as a whole. The SWPC agreed that a letter raising these concerns should be submitted to the local authority rather than a comment on the planning portal to which there would be no response. **Cllr Dewhirst would draft a letter. Proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Padgett**
 - ii **Planning application 20/02737/REM:** Cllrs discussed the parish council's concerns regarding drainage and access for both agricultural and emergency vehicles. All agreed that a comment should be submitted highlighting the access issue. **Proposed Cllr Cawthorne, seconded Cllr Pick**
- 9 **Finance:**
 - i **Noted:** bank balances of £15592.24 (current) and £1281.82 (savings) as at 31st August 2022
 - ii **Resolved: to approve and sign mandate MOQ001220121505976. Proposed Cllr Robson, seconded Cllr Bristow**
 - iii **Noted:** The Clerk provided councillors with an updated financial report.
 - iv The Clerk notified councillors that she would be prepared to continue as clerk but without the newsletter being part of the role. Councillors discussed alternative options. **Resolved: that the newsletter would cease to be the clerk's responsibility, volunteers would be sought to produce the newsletter and that the clerk's salary would be agreed at the next meeting. Proposed by Cllr Dewhirst, seconded Cllr Cawthorne**
 - v **Resolved: to delegate the insurance renewal to the Chair and Clerk of SWPC. Proposed, Cllr Bristow, seconded, Cllr Pick**

- vi **Resolved: to reimburse Mr & Mrs W Waites the sum of £20.24 for the Skerne defibrillator electricity. Proposed by Cllr Padgett, seconded Cllr Cawthorne**
- vii The Clerk updated councillors regarding grants that had been awarded by the SWPC and highlighted the need for evidence of what the grants had been spent on before future grants from the same applicants could be considered now that applications were being welcomed for the 2022/23 financial year. **Resolved: that evidence of how the grants had been spent would be required before new applications could be considered. Proposed by Cllr Cawthorne, seconded Cllr Robson.**

10 Village Walkabout:

Councillor Pick informed councillors that the bench and litter bin in Skerne had both been missed off the list received from the local authority's village task force team. Councillors also queried the response time to the issues raised that were out of the remit of the task force and whether the departments responsible would be reporting to the SWPC directly. **Resolved: that the clerk would contact the local authority to add the missing items and gain clarity on the process involving other departments. Proposed by Cllr Pick, seconded Cllr Kitching**

11 Correspondence:

- i **Noted: East Wolds & Coastal Ward – Climate Change Strategy**
- ii **Noted: Police & Crime Commissioner – Public opinion**
- iii **Noted: Cllr John Briggs, Chair of Humberside Fire Authority – Fire and Rescue Service reform**
- iv **Noted: Nafferton Feoffees – Trustee Vacancy**
- v **HWRA Membership: Membership was discussed, decision to be deferred until the next meeting.**
- vi **Noted: National Grid – Notification of submission of planning permission SEGL2**
- vii **Audrey Bjorndal – Refurbishment of parish noticeboard, litter bin and benches in Skerne: Resolved: that the SWPC would reimburse volunteers for the cost of refurbishing the bench belonging to the parish in Skerne and the village notice boards. Proposed, Cllr Cawthorne, seconded, Cllr Kitching**
- viii **Judith Jarvis – Responsible dog ownership campaign: The SWPC considered the request and all agreed that the parish council would support such an initiative but was not in the position to be responsible for it. All in agreement.**

12 Items for next agenda

Skerne Telephone Kiosk
Computer
Village Pumps


13 Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 15th November 2022
Tuesday 17th January 2023
Tuesday 21st March 2023
Tuesday 16th May 2023 (AGM and Annual Parish Meeting)

at 7.30pm in Wansford Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.43pm

Signed:



Date:

15/11/22