

## Skerne and Wansford Parish Council



Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council which took place on Tuesday March 14 2023 in Wansford Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk to the Skerne & Wansford PC, Mrs Maria Cawthorne

Ward Councillor Jane Evison, who was standing down at the next elections, joined the meeting after it had started and on leaving was presented with a gift and thanked by councillors for her years of hard work and commitment to supporting the parish council.

- 2 Apologies:** Cllr Bristow.

- 3 Public session:** There were no members of the public present.

- 4 Membership:** Cllr Dewhirst advised councillors that he had made an appointment at County Hall, Beverley to submit applications for prospective councillors; the deadline was 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

- i. Councillors accepted the resignation of Anne Kitching
- ii. Noted: That there would be three vacancies on the Skerne & Wansford Parish Council; the most recent vacancy would not be advertised due to the forthcoming local elections.

- 5 Declarations of Interest:** None.

- 6 Resolved:** To accept the minutes of the meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Robson, seconded by Cllr Pick.

- 7 Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting:** Cllr Dewhirst informed councillors that the parish water pumps had been serviced and repaired and would be collected the following week.

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

- i. **Speed Survey/Traffic calming: Noted.** That the results of last year's speed survey carried out in Wansford has not been received despite the Clerk contacting the East Riding Local Authority regularly.
- ii. **Wansford Bus Shelter: Resolved.** That after further investigation and discussion it was agreed that David Robson would be approached to submit designs that would update the existing bus shelter and commemorate the King Charles III coronation. **All those present agreed.**
- iii. **Parish boundary with Hutton Cranswick. Noted:** That the parish boundaries held at County Hall would indicate that the proposed Solar Farm by Elgin Energy would have a minor impact on the Skerne & Wansford Parish Council (SWPC).
- iv. **Independent auditor. Noted:** That Mrs Deidre Burchill of Wansford had very kindly offered to carry out the independent internal financial audit for 2022/23.

- v. **King Charles III Coronation. Noted:** That the Clerk had made an application to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's King's Coronation Fund on behalf of a group of Wansford residents. Applications to close roads in Wansford and Skerne had also been made.
- vi. **Website. Resolved:** That the SWPC would employ Bluefish Web Solutions to design a logo and develop a new website combined with social media access to improve communications with members of the parish. That funding from the Harmony Energy Community Fund would be used to meet the costs pending approval; Clerk to confirm. **Proposed by Cllr Cawthorne, seconded by Cllr Padgett.**

#### 9 Finance

- i. **Noted:** Balances had been transferred from Barclays Bank to Lloyds Bank with a balance of £25,532.08 as at 28 February 2023
- ii. **Resolved:** To resolve to pay the Clerk's. **Proposed by Cllr Pick, seconded by Cllr Robson**
- iii. **Resolved:** To renew ERNLLCA membership for 2023/24 at a cost of £313.05. **Proposed by Cllr Pick, seconded by Cllr Padgett**
- iv. **Resolved:** To pay via bank transfer, £760.00 to Blue Fish Solutions. **Proposed by Cllr Cawthorne, seconded by Cllr Padgett.**

#### 10 Harmony Energy Fund

The proposal from Cllr Bristow to establish a parish council policy for the consideration of projects proposed by councillors and residents of the parish was discussed. It was agreed in principle that a more structured framework for consideration for proposals was needed. It was decided that as the fund does not welcome applications from other organisations or individuals that any process adopted would not need to operate as an application process but as a process for the SWPC to establish the viability of any proposal in relation to costs and benefit to the community. **Action:** Cllr Dewhirst would contact the ERYC to enquire about the installation of a footpath in Skerne.

#### 11 Planning

- i. **Noted: Approval of 22/01990/STPLFE.** The Chair advised councillors that the 90m corridor and the depth at which the cable would be laid was still to be established
- ii. **Ratified: 23/00049/STVAR** No Comment.

12 **Footpath on Nafferton Road. Action:** Cllr Dewhirst would contact the ERYC.

#### 13 Correspondence

- i. **Noted**
- ii. **Noted**
- iii. **Noted**
- iv. **Noted:** Concerns were raised by Cllr Robson about the renewal of the double white lines on the B1249 at the west entrance to Wansford.
- v. **Noted.**

14 **Items for next agenda:** Policy updates.

15 **Date and time of next meeting:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 7.30pm at Wansford Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed: 

Date: 16/5/23