



Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council which took place on Tuesday September 19th 2023 in Wansford Village Hall at 7.30pm.

- 1 **Present:** Cllr Charlie Dewhirst (in the Chair), Councillors Lee Cawthorne, Soshana McKnight-Hill, Connor McKnight-Hill, Jill Pick and Neil Robson.

Clerk to the Skerne & Wansford PC, Mrs Maria Cawthorne
- 2 **Apologies:** Cllrs Catherine Bristow and Mark Padgett.
- 3 **Membership:**
 - i. **Noted:** One vacancy, a resident of Skerne village had expressed an interest.
 - ii. **Community Governance Review: Resolved: That the Skerne & Wansford Parish Council (SWPC) membership would remain at nine and not reduced as suggested by the review. All agreed.**
- 4 **Declaration of interests:** Cllr Pick, St Mary's Church grant application.
- 5 **Public session:** There were no members of the public present.
- 6 **Resolved: To accept the minutes of the meeting held 18th July 2023 as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Cawthorne, seconded by Cllr Robson.**
- 7 **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting: None.**
- 8 **To dispose of any business remaining from the previous meeting and, if necessary, decide on a course of action.**
 - i. **Elgin Energy Community Benefit Fund: Noted.** The Clerk confirmed that the fund would total £70,000 for the SWPC
 - ii. **Skerne Litter Bin:** The Clerk reported that the local authority were yet to confirm if residents were allowed to refurbish the litter bin
 - iii. **Road Markings B1249:** The Clerk confirmed that the white lines had been reinstated but that the centre double white lines from the roundabout to the 30mph signs had not been completed. **Action; request that the local authority completes the work**
 - iv. **Christmas Tree: Resolved, that a 6'-8' tree would be purchased from Paramount Plants at a cost of £680.00. Proposed, Cllr S. McKnight-Hill, seconded by Cllr Cawthorne**
 - v. **Wansford Bus Shelter: Resolved, to proceed with the quote of £14,988.00 received from Richard Flack and Steve Woodcock of Traditional Interiors Ltd. Proposed by Cllr S McKnight-Hill, seconded by Cllr Robson.**
- 9 **Planning**
 - i. **Resolved: No Comment, 22/03976/STOUT, Change of use from garage to dwelling. All agreed.**
- 10 **Finance**
 - i. **Noted:** A balance at Lloyds Bank of £26,055.43
 - ii. SWPC Precept - **Deferred to the next meeting**
 - iii. Clerk's Salary - **Deferred to the next meeting**
 - iv. Insurance - **Resolved: Proposed by Cllr Pick, seconded by Cllr C McKnight-Hill**
 - v. To reimburse Mr & Mrs WE Waites the sum of £22.24 for the Skerne defibrillator electricity usage. **Resolved: Proposed by Cllr Dewhirst, seconded by Cllr Robson**
 - vi. Lifebuoy - **Resolved: To purchase a new lifebuoy for the Wansford Lock. Proposed by Cllr Dewhirst, seconded by Cllr Robson**
 - vii. SWPC Grant Scheme – **Noted**

viii. St Mary's Church Wansford Grant Application. **Resolved: To approve the application for a SWPC grant of £300. Proposed by Cllr Cawthorne, seconded by Cllr S McKnight-Hill.**

11 Wansford Bridge

The Chair reported that the local authority had plans in place to repair the five arched bridge in Wansford and would be replacing the railings on the bridge over the canal but no dates were given.

12 Driffield Navigation Trust

Councillors discussed the need to address the problem of the bywash on the lock blocking resulting in the canal overflowing into the car parking spaces next to the bus shelter. It was noted that nobody from the Driffield Navigation Trust had been available to clear the debris and that Cllr Robson cleared the bywash and opened the lock sluices to avert further flooding. Because of this it was agreed that any efforts to make the bywash safer for swimmers may exacerbate the flooding risk.

13 Correspondence

- i. **Noted**
- ii. **Noted**
- iii. **Noted**
- iv. **Noted.**

14 Reports

Cllr Robson reported that the Nafferton Foeffees would welcome grant applications from Wansford and proposed that SWPC submit an application for funds towards the Wansford bus shelter refurbishment. All agreed that this should be investigated further. **Action; Cllr Robson to make further enquiries.**

15 Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 14th November 2023
 Tuesday 16th January 2024
 Tuesday 12th March 2024
 Tuesday 14th May 2024

All meetings will be held in Wansford Village Hall and will start at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed: 

Date: 19th September 2023