

# Skerne and Wansford Parish Council



Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council which took place on Tuesday November 15 2022 in Wansford Village Hall at 7.30pm.

- 1 **Present:** Cllr Charlie Dewhirst (in the Chair), Councillors Catherine Bristow, Lee Cawthorne, Mark Padgett, Jill Pick and Neil Robson. Ward councillor Jane Evison.  
  
Clerk to the Skerne & Wansford PC, Mrs Maria Cawthorne
- 2 **Apologies:** Cllr Ann Kitching
- 3 **Public Session:** No members of the public were present.
- 4 **Membership:** Councillors were advised that there were two vacancies and that both could be filled through co-option despite the election in May 2023.
- 5 **Declaration of Interests:**
  - i Cllr Dewhirst – Local Authority Planning Committee
  - ii Cllr Pick – St Mary’s Church parish grant application
  - iii Cllr Bristow – St Leonard’s Church parish grant application.
- 6 **Resolved: To accept the minutes of the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 as a true and correct record. Proposed by Cllr Cawthorne and seconded by Cllr Padgett.**
- 5 **Matters Arising from the minutes:** None.
- 6 **To dispose of any business remaining from the previous meeting and, if necessary, decide on a course of action:**
  - iv **Parish Council Website:** The Clerk reported that Bluefish Website Design had been recommended by another parish council and that after an initial discussion the company would be able to meet the parish council needs. Cllrs discussed the need for better communication with the residents of Skerne and Wansford and proposed that the expenditure would be met via funds from the Harmony Energy Grant. **Agreed** Proposed Cllr Padgett, seconded Cllr Bristow.
  - v **Village Task Force:** The Clerk reported that the additional items could not be added to the village task forces agenda as it only operates during the summer months. Also that no update is provided by the individual local authority agencies as to the progress of issues referred via the village task force.
  - vi **HWRA Membership:** After further investigation by the Chair and Clerk it was agreed that membership of the HWRA would be of little benefit to the parish council. **Resolved: that the SWPC would not seek membership of the HWRA.** Proposed Cllr Dewhirst, seconded Cllr Pick.
  - vii **Village Pumps: Resolved: that the village pumps would be serviced on a yearly basis by Jeffersons in Driffield.** Proposed Cllr Padgett, seconded Cllr Cawthorne.
  - viii **Parish Newsletter:** After careful consideration it was agreed that the quarterly newsletter would be discontinued. The Clerk agreed to produce and distribute a what’s on in December and consultation flyer as a last issue. **Resolved: that the quarterly parish newsletter be discontinued.** Proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Padgett.
- 7 **Finance:**
  - i **Noted:** bank balances of £15572.00 (current) and £1281.82 (savings) as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022
  - ii **Resolved: To approve the Lloyds banking application and appoint Cllr Dewhirst and Cllr Picks and signatories.** Proposed Cllr Bristow, seconded Cllr Padgett
  - iii **Resolved: To approve the parish grant applications received from St Mary’s Church, Wansford the sum of £300 and St Leonard’s Church, Skerne the sum of £300.** Proposed Cllr Cawthorne, Seconded Cllr Robson
  - iv **Budget:** To be deferred to the January 2023 meeting

- v **Resolved: That the request for funding of improvements and repairs for St Leonard's Church, Skerne would be declined due to it not falling within the remit of the Harmony Energy Fund.**

- 8 **Skerne Telephone Kiosk: Resolved: That the SWPC would provide funding to Skerne residents to purchase and refurbish the telephone kiosk in Skerne but that the SWPC would not take on the ownership of the kiosk.**  
Proposed Cllr Padgett, seconded Cllr Bristow.

9 **Correspondence:**

- i **ERYC – CCTV Funding: Agreed: Not to proceed.**  
ii **Driffield School and Sixth Form: Agreed: That the SWPC would make a £50 donation to support the twilight bus used by Skerne and Wansford students to access after school activities.**

10 **Items for next agenda**

Local Authority Speed Survey

11 **Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (AGM and Annual Parish Meeting)

at 7.30pm in Wansford Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed:

Date: