

Skerne and Wansford Parish Council



Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council, which was held in the Wansford Village Hall on Tuesday March 17 2015 at 7.30pm .

- 1 **Present:** Councillors Ian Lamble, Jackie Dobson, Lynn Stockwell, Neil Robson, Cara Tite and Caroline Harrison.
- 2 **Apologies:** Councillor Sue Waites and ERYC Councillors Jane Evison and Jonathan Owen.
- 3 **Public session:** No members of the public present/
- 4 **Declarations of interest:** None.
- 5 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on February 27 2015 as a true and correct record:** Proposed Coun Robson, seconded Coun Stockwell.
- 6 **ERYC ward councillors:** Not present.
- 7 To dispose of any business remaining from the previous meeting and, if necessary, decide on a course of action.
 - i Wansford enhancement scheme: **Agreed:** that April 11 be set as a working party date with people being asked to meet at Wansford Village Hall at 10am. Work to be carried out at the North Frodingham entrance and Chapel Lane.
 - ii Weed cutting in Nafferton beck: Environment Agency response: The EA felt that the flood risk over the winter months would be low and, given the circumstances, spraying the weed had been the only option.
 - iii Lissett Wind Farm: joint application to wind farm fund with Driffield Canal Partnership for an interpretation board at Wansford Lock. Coun Lamble and Izzy Kitt, DCP chairman had completed the application. The outcome would be known in April.
 - iv Defibrillator familiarisation session (March 11). This had been a successful and necessary evening.
 - v Next newsletter: timing and content. This would be produced the week beginning March 23.
- 8 **Finance**
 - i New accounts book, as agreed at January 20 meeting. A book had been ordered from Sokells at £16.99 plus VAT.
 - ii To review membership of ERNLLCA. **Resolved:** to renew membership and pay the subscription of £246.40. Proposed Coun Harrison, seconded Coun Tite.
 - iii **Resolved:** to pay clerk's salary: £1,125. Proposed Coun Stockwell, seconded Coun Harrison.
 - iv Bank balance: Community account: £859.81; business account: £2,960.44. No change from the January meeting.
 - v VAT: reclaim made of £216.48. Repayment awaited.
- 9 **Correspondence**
 - i Sir Greg Knight MP: The parish was now in Phase Two of the Broadband East Riding programme. It would not be known until July whether it would be in the coverage area.
 - ii Hutton Cranswick Parish Council: Request to ERYC to reduce speed limit from 60mph to 40mph from the junction of Meggison's Turnpike/Station Road, Cranswick to the parish boundary with Skerne. **Agreed:** to support the request. Proposed Coun Tite, seconded Coun Harrison.

- iii Hutton Cranswick Parish Council: opening allotments to residents of neighbouring parishes. Put an item in the newsletter.
- iv ERNLLCA: HM Government Dept for Communities and Local Government: Transparency code for smaller authorities to come into effect April 1 2015. The clerk would go through the requirement to ensure the parish council complies.
- v Discuss Drifffield Canal Partnership: official opening of new footpath on April 26, 1-4pm. **Agreed:** to support this event in principle; several councillors offered help on the day. The chairman had been invited to perform the opening ceremony.
- vi ERYC Community Partnership: National spring clean information. This would take place on March 21. **Agreed:** to hold a spring clean session on April 11 prior to the footpath opening. The clerk to e-mail the national organisers to see if a pack could be available.
- vii John Hawley: Breach between Nafferton beck and dyke upstream of Carr Lane Bridge. Coun Stockwell said the Environment Agency was to fill the breaches north of Carr Lane, Bridge. The party had looked at the weed situation south of Carr Lane Bridge. Solutions to the weed cutting problem were being explored by use of the European Water Framework Directive..

10 Matters requested by councillors

- i Memorial plaque for late councillor Bryan Hills. **Agreed:** that a small memorial in the Wansford Lock area was appropriate given Bryan's generosity and the extent of his community work. Members expressed a willingness to contribute individually to the fund and small donations would be requested in the forthcoming newsletter.
- 11 **Highways:** There was a large pothole opposite the bungalow in Drifffield Road, Wansford; the parapet of Carr Lane bridge had moved significantly; the blackthorn on Skerne Road need cutting back. **Agreed:** the clerk to write to Dave England with these concerns.
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- 13 **Other correspondence** East Riding News, ERNLLCA newsletters. **Noted.**
- 14 **To receive reports from representatives:** None. Coun Lambie asked that the Nafferton Feoffees be properly thanked for the enhancement scheme grant.
- 15 **Date of next meeting:** The annual meeting on Tuesday May 19 2015 at 7.30pm.