

# Skerne and Wansford Parish Council



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Minutes of a meeting of the Skerne and Wansford Parish Council, which was held in the Wansford Church on Tuesday September 16 2014 at 7.30pm .

- 1 **Present:** Councillors Jackie Dobson (in the chair), Lynn Stockwell, Caroline Harrison, Bryan Hills, Cara Tite, Sue Waites, Neil Robson.
- 2 **Apologies:** ERY councillors Jane Evison and Jonathan Owen.
- 3 **Public session:** No members of the public were present.
- 4 **Declarations of interest:** Couns Dobson and Hills declared an interest in item 8i
- 5 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on July 23 2014 as a true and correct record: Accepted and signed.** Proposed Coun Hills, seconded Coun Waites.
- 6 **ERYC ward councillors:** to receive updates, information, etc. Not present, but had been involved with item 9i.
- 7 **To dispose of any business remaining from the previous meeting and, if necessary, decide on a course of action:**
  - i Defibrillators – now installed: Noted that ERYC Community Grants Fund had been approached re defibrillator installation costs to no avail and it was understood that there was no funding for installation costs from the British Heart Foundation: The village hall committee had not yet compiled an agreement, so the matter was deferred.
  - ii Wansford enhancement scheme and grant from Nafferton Feoffees update. **Resolved:** to enter into formal agreement with ERYC Highways Authority re positioning, maintenance, etc of flower tubs. Proposed Coun Stockwell, seconded Coun Harrison. Mr Ivan Pick had agreed to the use of Manor Farm yard for storing the materials, to be obtained from Whinhill Nurseries.
- 8 **Finance**
  - i Pre-budget debate: **Resolved** to raise the Wansford Village Hall and the grants to Skerne's and Wansford's burial grounds by £15 each for 2015-2016, bringing them to £275 and £225 respectively. Proposed Coun Waites, seconded by Coun Tite.
  - ii **Noted:** the resolution of the Personnel Committee held on September 16 2014 regarding the clerk's salary.
  - iii **Resolved** to reimburse clerk £45.57p for sundry items of stationery regarding which VAT can be reclaimed. Proposed Coun Stockwell, seconded Coun Hills.
  - iv **Resolved:** to ratify payment of £651.60 (inc VAT) to B & C M Walker for installation of defibrillators. Proposed Coun Tite, seconded Coun Harrison.
  - v **Noted:** gift of £543 to Skerne and Wansford Parish Council from Coun Bryan Hills with regard to defibrillator installation. Coun Dobson expressed 'hearty' thanks to Coun Hills for the donation.
  - vi **Agreed:** that a VAT reclaim will be made once the invoices for planters, etc are available.
  - vii **Noted:** that the £1,200 grant from Feoffees had been received and banked.
  - viii **Received:** bank reconciliation

## 9 Matters raised by councillors/members of the public

- i Weed cutting on Nafferton Beck. This had first been raised by a resident concerned that although the Environment Agency was cutting weed on the Nafferton Beck, Wansford, it appeared that one landowner may have refused access, arguing that he had taken responsibility for maintenance of his section. It was felt by the resident concerned that this may hold water up, the beck being quite slow-moving and turgid and thus exacerbate the possibility of water being unable to get away and subsequent flooding. However, since then residents had brought to the attention of the parish council, the ERYC, Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency the fact that drains in Carr Lane and the Square were not running at all, thus creating fears for the flood victims of that area. Over the past few days these agencies had become involved and remedial action on the immediate problem had been undertaken. The vice-chairman and clerk had attended the scene and the clerk had been kept informed by the ward councillors. It had transpired that different bodies involved had offered various theories as to the cause of the problem including the weed cutting hold-up, the diversion of drains by developers when new properties were built in the Square and high levels in the Carr Lane dyke adjacent to the Nafferton Beck. **Agreed:** that the clerk should write to the Environment Agency asking for an update on the weed cutting issue and to the ERYC and YW pointing out that, if the council's successful Flood Mitigation Bid proposals had actually been implemented and not abandoned the community would have a fit-for-purpose system and the weekend's events may not have taken place.

## 10 Administration

- i Updated emergency plan: to seek permission from new councillors to use their mobile numbers and e-mail addresses in the plan. Couns Stockwell and Tite gave their permission for their details to be included in the plan.

## 11 Training

- i Appraisals training to be offered imminently by ERNLLCA. **Agreed:** that as and when dates became available clerk could ascertain if any members wished to attend.

## 12 Correspondence

- i **Noted:** ERYC re its scheme for broadband provision to the East Riding.
- ii **Noted:** ERYC: Woodland Trust – free trees. Scheme not considered appropriate for a small council.
- iii **Noted:** National Grid: notice that the Carbon Capture Pipeline scheme has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration and information concerning making representations.
- iv **Noted:** ERYC: Recording of parish council meetings: to note that standing orders will be revised accordingly.
- v **Noted:** ERYC: Local Plan update and letter re public examination of plan to take place in October.
- vi **Noted:** PKF Littlejohn re Audit: no additional charges incurred during audit process so no fee. Remarks re 2012-13 unrepresented cheque, which followed through the accounts to the April 2014 audit trail.
- vii **Noted:** ERYC: Lissett Windfarm Fund annual report
- viii **Noted:** ERNLLCA – annual meeting on September 18.
- ix **Noted:** ERYC: Speed limit guidance for town and parish councils
- x **Noted:** ERYC: Re response to resident's concerns re speeding in Wansford. A monitoring device was to be placed in Nafferton road. Members welcomed the initiative.
- xi **Noted:** ERYC: Code of Conduct training dates. Coun Stockwell to attend on October 20.
- xii **Noted:** Hull City Council: independent Commission of Inquiry (circulated by e-mail).

13 **Highways: Agreed:** the clerk write to ERYC concerning overgrown hedges between Croft Garth and Rose Cottage, Mill Croft and Chapel Lane, a broken reflector on the cobbles near Wansford roundabout, the concrete signpost at the junction of Main Street and West End, Skerne, which had been demolished by a vehicle, potholes at West End which had not been attended to the previous year and were worse, potholes on the Hutton Road as far as the village boundary. Additionally work on a new gully outside Newholme, West End, Skerne, mentioned after the 2013 village walkabout had not been completed. A request to be made for the 30mph sign at the Wansford approach to Skerne be moved further east to accommodate the new farm entrance being created, thus giving oncoming vehicles ample time to slow down before reaching it.

14 **Other correspondence** East Riding News, ERNLLCA newsletters, Glasdon products. Noted.

15 **To receive reports from representatives:** Coun Harrison said that Nafferton Feoffees were supporting the provision of a cycle track between Wansford and Nafferton and asked the parish council to become involved.  
**Agreed:** that the clerk should write to ERYC in support.

16 **Items for next agenda:** None

17 **Date of next meeting:** November 18 at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.