

Minutes of the Meeting of Skirlaugh Parish Council held on 23rd October 2024

Present: Cllr. McDonald (in the chair), Cllrs. Johnston, Navier, White.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Harrison, Richards.

1. Open Forum

Nine residents attended. Matters raised included issues relating to traffic speed on Rowton Drive and vehicles parking on Benningholme Lane near the junction with Main Road. It was agreed these matters will be reported to ERYC traffic management.

It was suggested a safety barrier is installed at the school bus stop and warning signage provided in areas where children might be playing and where horses are being ridden. It was agreed that an item should be included in the newsletter.

A query was raised regarding possible provision of dog bag dispensers. This will be considered.

2. Co-Option to Vacancies

- **Resolved** that Rebecca White is co-opted to one of the vacancies. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

It was agreed that Cllr. Navier will attend the next Langdale Charity meeting.

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2024, having previously been circulated, were taken as read.

- **Resolved** that the minutes should be approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

(a) Litter Bin: ERYC confirmed that this will be installed in due course.

(b) War memorial: this will be cleaned and checked for any repair work necessary.

5. Recording of Meetings

It was agreed that a free app will be used to record part of the next meeting on a trial basis.

6. Youth Club

The proposed meeting has been deferred until further consultation has taken place.

7. Playing Field Pavilion

Details of rateable value and invoices for business rates have been received and forwarded to the Playing Field Committee.

8. Speed Survey

ERYC replied that a survey cannot be carried out on Benningholme Lane as the last was in 2021 and is valid for five years. Results of the survey on the A165 are awaited and will be valid for five years.

ERYC is unable to offer guidance about the cost of supplying and installing electronic speed indicators as their duty is only to authorise the location. As the cost to the parish council is uncertain and may be up to £5000 it was agreed this matter is not pursued.

9. Churchyard Maintenance

The tree survey has been completed. One tree was identified as needing attention to a broken branch and removal of ivy. This work has been carried out as a matter of safety.

- **Resolved** that the contractor is asked to carry out the remaining work as advised in the survey.

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10. Grass Cutting Service 2025-2026

Cllr. Johnston and Cllr. Harrison have met with two of the contractors on site to discuss the work required for 2025-2026. It is expected that quotes will be submitted in due course.

- **Resolved** that the tree contractor is asked if he wishes to provide a quote for carrying out grass cutting and maintenance work.

11. Jubilee Wood

The maintenance plan has not yet been completed. Cllr. McDonald will check the litter bin.

12. Crown Park

Information on borrowing approval has been received from ERNLLCA. It was agreed that an item is placed in the newsletter to ask whether residents would support the proposal to buy this piece of land for community use as a dog walking area.

13. Christmas Tree Lighting

The supplier has advised that the cost of the tree has increased this year to £375.

- **Resolved** that this price is accepted.

The PTFA has asked if the parish council would like the schoolchildren to provide decorations, as previously. A resident asked if she can organise an umbrella parade and gift bags, as in previous years. These were agreed.

- **Resolved** that a donation of £200 is made to the East Riding Band.

14. Activity Workshops

Several responses to this proposal have been received. The advert will be continued on the Facebook page and residents asked if they would be willing to pay for the workshops.

15. Planning Applications

- (a) **Plans passed:** 24/02216, solar panels St. Augustine's Church
24/01923, retaining wall Beck Bungalow

16. Highways and Grounds Maintenance

- (a) **D-Day planter plaque:** Wording and style of plaque to be discussed at next meeting.
- (b) **Planters:** Cllrs. Johnston and Harrison are looking at alternative options for renewing the planters.
- (c) **Salt Bins:** these are to be checked by the parish council and reported to ERYC if refilling is needed.
- (d) **Reading Room hedge:** the Reading Room committee has asked whether the parish council will continue to have the hedge maintained. This has been confirmed.

17. ERYC Correspondence

- (a) Circulated: review of polling districts; nature recovery strategy; design code consultation, Overview & Scrutiny committee.
- (b) Annual rough sleepers survey, to take place on 21st November.

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8. ERNLLCA Correspondence

- (a) **Employment legislation:** a harassment policy should be in place by 26th October.
- **Resolved** that the template policy is approved and adopted.
- (b) **Training:** details of training opportunities circulated.
- (c) Rural matters campaign; Yorkshire Wolds AONB consultation; VE Day 80th anniversary.

19. Other Correspondence

- (a) **Newsletter appeal:** annual request for donations.
- **Resolved** that in accordance with its powers under Sections 137/139 of the LGA 1972, the expenditure for a donation to the village newsletter is incurred which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.
- (b) **SLCC membership:** renewal due 1st December.
- **Resolved** that a share of the fee amounting to £96 is paid.
- (c) Information on the Peartree Hill solar farm consultation circulated.

20. Reports from Committee Representatives

- (a) **Village Hall:** the Chair of the village Hall committee reported that various repairs are needed. The committee cannot apply for grants until they have been approved as trustees.

21. Payment of Accounts

Lawn N Order	517.90	Final grass cutting, playing field
ERYC	60.00	Jubilee Wood lease
AB Forestry	150.00	Tree workshop
Westwood Tree	165.00	Tree survey
ERYC	653.98	Street lighting
Ionos	3.60	Councillor emails
Salaries	392.90	October salary
Tony Cook Ltd	396.00	September grass cutting
Plantec	1174.00	Planting maintenance, additional works
SLCC	96.00	Share of membership fee
St. Augustine's Church	200.00	S137 donations
RBL	30.00	S137 poppy wreath

- **Resolved** that payment of these accounts is approved.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.