

## Minutes of the Meeting of Skirlaugh Parish Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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

**Absent:** Cllrs. Richards, White.

1. It was agreed that part of the meeting will be recorded on a trial basis.

### 2. Open Forum

The parish council was asked if it would make a donation to the food bank, which may be used by Skirlaugh residents, to provide Christmas chocolate gifts. Cllr. Johnston will arrange this purchase.

- **Resolved** that in accordance with its powers under Sections 137/139 of the LGA 1972, the expenditure for chocolates for the food bank 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.

3. The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024, having previously been circulated, were taken as read.

- **Resolved** that the minutes should be approved and signed. There were no matters arising.

### 4. Youth Club

This matter is ongoing and will be discussed again next year.

### 5. Speed Survey; Rowton Drive traffic

Details of the speed survey carried out on the A165 in September were received. This showed that current measures are effective and no further action is required.

ERYC has replied regarding Rowton Drive traffic issues and offered guidance. At post-development stage an assessment can be carried out. It was agreed that an assessment will be requested. Points to be raised include lack of footpath on Crown Drive, sharp bends, entrance and exit for all traffic is at one junction.

### 6. Closed Churchyard Maintenance

It was suggested ERYC is asked if they can take over responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard as this has proved to be a time-consuming matter for the small number of parish councillors.

- **Resolved** that ERYC is asked if they would be able to take over closed churchyard maintenance.

The tree contractor has replied that the two lime trees require a considerable amount of work to remove growth. Cuttings can be stacked or chipped and spread. These trees are in the proposed wildlife area. Clerk to contact the Church to point out the work has been recommended and whether they would prefer the growth to be stacked or chipped.

The church has asked that the hedge around the vicarage is reduced to six feet height, not including the trees.

- **Resolved** that the contractor is asked for a price to carry out this work.

### 7. Grass Cutting 2025-2026

Cllr. Johnston is to meet a potential contractor this week. It was agreed consideration of the tenders is postponed to the January meeting.

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### 8. Jubilee Wood

Cllr. Johnston has drafted a maintenance plan. It was agreed that the litter bin should be removed to storage.

### 9. Crown Park Land

It was agreed the possible purchase of the spare land is not pursued for the time being.

### 10. Enrichment Workshops

As the response to this proposal has been low it was agreed this should not be pursued.

### 11. Christmas Lights 2025

An electrician was needed in order to fit an adapter to the tree lights. This was approved retrospectively. Thanks to be sent to Mr. Naylor and Mr. Holtby for their help and use of equipment to erect the tree, and to Mrs. Wilson for organising the umbrella parade. The band has been booked, the date of 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025 will be confirmed.

It was suggested a further two star motifs are purchased for 2025.

- **Resolved** that a budget up to £1000 is approved for this purchase. Cllr. Johnston will contact MK Illumination.

### 12. Planning Applications

(a) **Plan passed:** 24/01980, all weather turnout area, Bracken Hill.

(b) **24/03222;** single storey extension, 33 Cawood Drive. No comments.

### 13. Highways and Grounds Maintenance

(a) **War memorial:** this has been cleaned. Everingham's confirmed that the structure is stable but they cannot carry out minor repair works to the concrete base. It was agreed that no work is done to remedy the cracks in the base.

(b) **D-Day planter plaque:** the wording of this was approved. Cllr. Navier will contact an engraving business in Beverley.

(c) **Renewal of planters:** this will be reviewed during the summer.

(d) **Salt bins:** these have been checked and are full.

(e) **Dog bag dispensers:** it was agreed these should not be provided.

### 13. ERYC Correspondence

(a) **PSPO review:** no variations to be requested.

(b) Rough sleepers survey; consultations on remote attendance at meetings and pavement licensing policy; notice period for events on council-owned land; 20mph speed limit trial zones.

### 14. Reports from Committee Representatives

(a) **Playing field committee:** issues ongoing with building regulations and rateable value.

(b) A new representative to the Langdale Charity still to be appointed.

(c) A request for volunteers to become defibrillator guardians will be put on the Facebook page.

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**15. Payment of Accounts**

Ionos	3.60	Councillor emails
Salaries	506.50	
Skirlaugh CE School	500.00	Memorial planter donation, S137/139
W P Everingham	420.00	Cleaning war memorial
Tony Cook Ltd	528.00	October grass cutting
Tony Cook Ltd	450.00	Christmas tree
Cllr. Johnston	25.90	Christmas lights adapter
ERNLLCA	48.00	Training fee

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

**16. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.