

SKELTON-CUM-NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

DATE: Thursday 9th May 2019
TIME: 8.10pm (after the Annual and Ordinary Parish Council Meetings)
LOCATION: Reading Room, Skelton-cum-Newby
PRESENT: Cllr Jane Mosley (Chair), Cllrs Guy Critchlow, Lawrence Paterson and Phil Tottie
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 44 Members of the Public (MoP)

1	Opening of the meeting Cllr Mosley opened the meeting and welcomed all those present
2	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from District Cllr Nick Brown.
3	Minutes from the last Annual Parish Meeting It was agreed that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 10 th May 2018, be approved as a true record.
4	Report on Parish Council Business 2017-18 The following report was read out: Jane Mosley (Chair) and Lawrence Paterson served as parish councillors for the full year, along with Jim Spillings (April -January), and Guy Critchlow and Phil Tottie (July onwards). Nick Reed was appointed as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer on 1 st July and has served in these capacities since then. The council also employs a Reading Room cleaner for two hours per month. The Council met five times over the year for a full agenda of business, with no additional meetings necessary for urgent planning applications or other business. The Parish Council has during the year considered planning matters within the parish, and issues of interest to parishioners including the condition and usage of the roads, and the prevention of anti-social behaviour by drivers, residents and dog walkers. A major part of the parish council's activity is the running of the Reading Room, which in 2018-19 has seen considerably increased usage and income. The council has also been successful in obtaining three separate grants for Reading Room and village improvements, from the Two Ridings Community Fund, North Yorkshire County Council's Stronger Communities Fund, and most notably the WREN Foundation, which distributes money to community interest projects within ten miles of the Allerton Park Waste Recovery site on the A1(M). This last award is for £21,000 and is being used to improve heating, glazing and stonework, as well as providing a much-needed new noticeboard. Over the course of the year the council has also ensured that the leases from Newby Hall for the Reading Room, play area and Millennium Pond are in order, and changed its official name to Skelton-cum-Newby Parish Council, resolving a situation where the body had several slightly different names at different external bodies. The Parish Council reviews its standard documents and policies annually. These documents, as required by the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities to which the council works, are regularly uploaded to the Council's website at skeltoncumnewbyparishcouncil.btck.co.uk , or are available on request from the clerk.

5	<p>Reports from community organisations or representatives.</p> <p>Cllr Mosley placed on the record her and the parish council’s gratitude to Newby Hall for having worked more closely with the council over the year, and supporting the council’s work in developing the Reading Room as a community resource.</p> <p>Cllr Mosley also reported that it is likely that the parish council will receive up to £69,000 from Section 106 payments for the development of the Reading Room. These monies are paid by developers as part of the community benefit to be accrued from new housing, with these potential payments being from developments in Langthorne (£54,000) and Roecliffe (£15,000). Parishioners were urged to consider how the Reading Room could best benefit from improvements, and social activity following the meeting included a ‘brainstorm’ on actual and potential Reading Room usage.</p> <p>A representative from Skelton Newby Hall Primary School reported that they had had a successful year, including the recruitment of a new head teacher, and the development of a “Forest School” programme encouraging children to learn about and in the outdoors. The governors are committed to keeping the school open and thriving, and with 23 children currently on roll every potential new “customer” is welcome. Parishioners were encouraged to promote the school to parents within and beyond the village.</p>
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The meeting closed at 8.40pm

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Nick Reed, Clerk to Skelton-cum-Newby Parish Council.

SIGNED: **(Chair)**

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