

SKELTON CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

c/o Nick Reed, Clerk, 9 Little Market Place, Masham, N. Yorks HG4 4DY

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Thursday 10th October 2019
TIME: 7.30pm
LOCATION: The Reading Room, Skelton-on-Ure
PRESENT: Cllrs Jane Mosley (Chair), Guy Critchlow, Richard Littlefair
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 19 Members of the Public [MoP], Harrogate BC Cllr Nick Brown (until 7.15pm)

19.25	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none
19.26	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Lawrence Paterson and Phil Tottie. Apologies were also noted from NYCC Cllr Robert Windass.
19.27	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th August 2019 These were AGREED as a true record of the meeting, and signed as such by the Chair.
19.28	Ongoing issues from minutes for updating (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) The council NOTED that the 30mph order is now in place, with new speed restriction signs and repeaters on the main street.
19.29	Questions and Comments from members of the public / district and county councillors District Cllr Brown reported that the Harrogate BC Local Plan is still with the inspector, but that it is being treated as a living document by the planning department. He commented on the World Road Cycling Championships having recently taken place in Harrogate, and encouraged parish councillors to attend the Safer Neighbourhoods Group, which is to be addressed at its next meeting by the Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police. Following on from his comments at August's meeting, he reported that the new waste collection system and the Civic Centre switchboard seemed now to be attracting few complaints and be working as planned. In response to a question from a MoP, Cllr Brown assured the meeting that he would keep the parish informed of any developments regarding applications for potential new motorway service areas.
19.30	WREN Foundation / National Lottery funded projects The council heard that the FCC (WREN) funding was now fully committed with the ordering of a new noticeboard for the Reading Room. The Awards for All funded scheme for water at the allotments still has some work to do, but the water supply is now in place.
19.31	Financial Statement and approvals for payment The Council was noted as having on hand £10,693.43 on 1 st October 2019 It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Wages (Clerk July-Sept, Cleaner July-Sept); Clerk's expenses training qtr 2 £215.62; HMRC (PAYE qtr 2) £118.80; Yorkshire Accountants Ripon (payroll admin qtr 1-2) £72.00; Greenbarnes Ltd (FCC-funded noticeboard) £1,765.65; A. McNair (A4A-funded allotments water supply) £650; Cardiac Science (defibrillator pads) £62.34; Scotton Park (PAT testing) £54; Advance Fire (annual servicing) £40.26; and J. Mosley (Reading Room expenses) £133.23 Receipts were noted for Reading Room hire (£32.00 in August), FCC Community Fund grant claim (£8,459.00) and Harrogate BC balance of precept (£2,510.00). The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £7,106.13.
19.32	Bank accounts Further to item 19.22 in August, the council discussed the possibility of changing banks but RESOLVED to keep to the current arrangement with HSBC.

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19.33	Planning applications and decisions The Clerk reported that a new application (19/04205/FUL for a single storey extension at Oak Tree House) had come in that afternoon, but that the documents had not been available to download from the HBC website. Accordingly this would be circulated to councillors for comment. The council NOTED the approval subject to standard conditions of application 19/03663/FUL for an extension at 6 Church Wood Close, and that a certificate of lawful development had been received for a dormer extension and roof lights at Skelton Grange (19/02837/CLOPUD).
19.34	Newby Hall update Stuart Gill from Newby Hall Estate reported that they were now shut for the season. Attendances were 5% down on 2018, much of which was due to a very wet Apple Day. He added that the Estate would be the venue for the 2019 Harrogate Autumn Flower Show from 11-13 September 2020; this being a new event combining the existing Autumn show with a new horticultural show. Finally, it was noted that work had begun on the new access roads which would enable traffic to enter the Estate without coming through Skelton village. Councillors thanked Mr Gill for this useful update.
19.35	Village of the Year competition Cllr Mosley reported that Shelton-on-Ure is on a shortlist of 14 villages for the 2019 Yorkshire award, a working party having made the village look nicer than ever. A decision is expected in late Autumn.
19.36	Defibrillator / CPR training The council RESOLVED to organise and fund a defibrillator training session at the Reading Room. <i>Action: Cllr Mosley to organise and book training</i> <i>Action: The possible organisation of a first aid course to be on January's agenda</i>
19.37	Reading Room WiFi After a brief discussion the Council RESOLVED that providing WiFi at the Reading Room was not currently necessary at the prices quoted, in the absence of a telephone landline.
19.38	Reading Room update The Council NOTED the great improvement in the ambience of the Reading Room as a result of recent decoration work, and the meeting THANKED Cllr Mosley and Mr James Spillings for all their work on Reading Room improvements.
19.39	Correspondence
19.391	Harrogate BC: Noting the submission of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule to the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government.
19.392	YLCA: information about a consultation on proposals to give permitted development status to 5G infrastructure. (The National Association of Local Councils is strongly opposed to this.)
19.393	Skelton Newby Hall and Sharow Schools Federated Governing Body: Request for people interested in becoming governors, especially people with marketing skills.
19.394	As above: Also noting that 15 and 30 hour local authority funded nursery places are now available.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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