

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 11th July 2024
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Reading Room, Skelton-on-Ure
PRESENT: Cllrs Jane Mosley (chairing), Emma Gerrard, Jim Spillings
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 7 members of the public [MoP]

24.23	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none.
24.24	Apologies and consideration of reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Guy Critchlow and Chris Delf.
24.25	Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting, and the ordinary Parish Council meeting, both held on 9th May 2024 These were AGREED as a true record of the meetings, and signed as such by the Chair.
24.26	Ongoing issues from the minutes for updating (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
24.261	Parish caretaker: The Council heard that there had not yet been any interest in the caretaker position, and RESOLVED to re-advertise via "Indeed" at a cost of £21
24.262	NYC joint parishes meeting: Cllr Critchlow reported that this had again been a useful gathering, with commuted sums awarded by the former Harrogate BC being the main topic for discussion. <i>ACTION: Cllr Gerrard to progress</i>
24.27	Reports from parish organisations / activities (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
24.271	Black Lion pub: The Council heard that the pub renovation is going extremely well, with electrical work well underway and plumbing and heating works due to start soon. An event is planned over the summer on site to raise both funds and awareness of the Black Lion's potential. It was noted that the group may work with "Pub is the Hub", who offer information, advice and small grants on community pub/café/hub developments.
24.272	Christ the Consoler Church: the Council heard that fundraising concerts over the summer including a small swing band, a classical piano recital, and a string quartet.
24.28	Questions and Comments from members of the public / district and county councillors / NY Police A MoP asked about parking for the new nursery facility, which it is hoped will be off-road except for drop-off and pick-up. In response to another question, the Council noted that a volunteer day at the pond would be helpful to install the new bench and make good around it. Alan Rayner offered to co-ordinate this and the Council THANKED him for this.

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24.29	Financial Statement and approvals for payment The Council was noted as having on hand £16,777.31 on 30 th June, with recent receipts of £460 (pop-up pub takings) and £186 (Reading Room hire fees). It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Wages and PAYE (Clerk Apr-Jun, Cleaner Jan-Mar); Clerk's expenses/training qtr 1 (inc NYC Licensing £84 for pop-up pub temporary event notices) £232.33; Yorkshire Accountants Ripon (payroll admin qtr 1) £30+VAT; Cosmos Solutions (defibrillator pads) £181.20+VAT; Cllr Mosley (expenses re planting) £11; British Heart Foundation (replacement defibrillator) £1,133.33+VAT; and A. Rayner (new bench and renovations by pond) £706.87. The Council further RESOLVED to formally approve payments necessarily agreed between meetings of £85.42+VAT to Rudgate Brewery and £89.18 to Cllr Critchlow, both for pop-up refreshments, and NOTED direct debit payments to Scottish Water (£46.74, Reading Room supply, and £25.90, allotment supply), E.On Next (£7.09+VAT, electricity for Reading Room), and Unity Trust Bank (£36, bank charges). The cash book balance after these transactions was noted as being £13,282.72
24.30	Planning applications and decisions There were no applications to consider, and no decisions by principal authorities to report.
24.31	Boroughbridge Library The Council considered a request from the Boroughbridge Community Library and Resource Centre for support under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. Considering this organisation's work to be of benefit to many parishioners, and noting that the organisation is entirely volunteer-run, the Council RESOLVED to make an award of £200 towards the continuation of their services
24.32	Parish Caretaker Noting 24.161 above, the Council considered that there were no pressing grounds management issues ahead of this appointment.
24.33 24.331 24.332	Correspondence North Yorkshire Council Localities: Noting the end of the protected period of the Black Lion as an Asset of Community Value. Newby Hall Estate: Noting that the stone troughs in Skelton-on-Ure village do in fact belong to the Estate and that therefore they can be removed from the Parish Council's asset register.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 10th October at 7.00pm

SIGNED: (Chair)

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