



Skidby Parish Council Chairman's Report

May 2021

Skidby Parish Council has continued to meet on the first Tuesday of every month via Zoom, with the exception of August when we met at Cottingham Civic Hall where we also had a Zoom connection.

The Parish Councillors for this year were

- C. Browning (from December 2020)
 - P. Browning
 - G. Foster
 - M. Hall
 - T. Hasnip
 - S. Hooker
 - S. Mears (to July 2020)
 - P. Roustoby
 - L. Varey
 - P. Woods (to December 2020)
- There are 3 vacancies

Clerked by Mrs J Price

The Parish Council has considered a range of local planning issues and our comments have been forwarded to ERYC. The number of issues dealt with were 15 in total.

- April – 3
- May – 2
- June – 0
- July – 3
- August – 2
- September – 1
- October – 0
- November – 0
- December – 1
- January – 3
- February – 0
- March – 0

We have also debated the Hornsea 4 Project and welcomed members of Albanwise Synergy to our meeting to listen to their proposals.

We have responded to consultations on a wide range of topics including:

- Planning White Paper; Planning for the Future
- ERYC Licensing Policy
- Humber Fire and Rescue Service – Strategic Plan and Integrated Risk Management Planning

Committee on Standards in Public Life – consultation as part of its review into the institutions, process and structures in place to support high standards of conduct.

ERYC Town and Parish Council Charter

LGA Model Code of Conduct

Right to Regenerate

Model Design Code

A164 – Compulsory Purchase Orders and Article 14 Order

The Parish Council liaises with several departments within ERYC on issues including maintenance of roads, footpaths and verges, flooding, speeding vehicles and parking. We have also had site meetings with the ERYC. Some of the issues raised have been in direct response to concerns voiced by residents of the village.

Members of the Council have welcomed ERYC Ward Councillors Meredith and Gill, who have continued to offer their support and have provided valuable updates and have liaised with ERYC on our behalf. Issues covered this year include COVID 19 updates and support, flood alleviation, parking, highways including the A164 development scheme, traveller issues, speeding on Riplingham Road and footpaths.

We obtained a VE75 grant from ERYC to purchase a commemorative bench and lectern notice board.

Along with the new notice boards in the cemetery we have installed new notice boards on the Village Hall and on the School Green and are planning a new seat on Mill Road.

We have worked with ERYC to;

- Include proposals to improve the Keldgate crossing as part of the A164 development

- Address issues with unauthorised encampments

- Seek solutions to flooding threats/risks

- Temporarily relocate the mobile library van

We have supported the Census 21 and also supported The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
No Officers of Humberside Police have attended our meetings this year to report on crime, anti-social behaviour or traffic offences and information we can access continues to be out of date.

The Finance Committee has met 3 times during this year. The members of this committee are

Cllr T. Hasnip (Chair)

Cllr P. Browning

Cllr G. Foster

Cllr P. Roustoby

Cllr L. Varey

The Personnel Committee has met twice this year and the members for this are

Cllr P. Browning (Chair)

Cllr S. Mears (to July 2020)

Cllr S. Hooker

Cllr L. Varey

The Cemeteries Committee has met once during the year. The members comprise

Cllr T. Hasnip (Chair)

Cllr G. Foster

Cllr M. Hall
Cllr P. Roustoby

The Playing Fields Committee met twice in the year. The members are
Cllr S. Hooker (Chair)
Cllr P. Browning
Cllr T. Hasnip
Cllr P. Roustoby
Cllr L. Varey

We also have 2 working groups

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group consisting of
Cllr T. Hasnip
Cllr S. Hooker
Cllr L. Varey
Cllr S. Mears (to July 2020)
Cllr P. Woods (to December 2020)

The Events/Projects Working Party
Cllr T. Hasnip
Cllr S. Hooker
Cllr S. Mears (to July 2020)
Cllr L. Varey

The representative for Skidby Village Hall is Cllr T. Hasnip and he has also undertaken the role of defibrillator guardian, checking and resetting it after each use.

The representative for the ERNLLCA District Committee is Cllr L. Varey with one vacancy

Alan Johnson Accounting Services have remained the internal auditor for the financial year. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the precept for the year was raised to £21,000. Due to the level of income in 2019/2020 the Council's accounts had to be submitted to the external auditor (PKF Littlejohn) whose comments reflected the fact that the Council had been without a Clerk for much of the 2019/2020 financial year. Processes have been put in place to ensure that there are no issues with the 2020/2021 accounts.

We have relaunched our small grants scheme and gave grants to Skidby PFA (£400 for laptops) and Skidby Village Hall (£600 for new lighting)

A new website has been commissioned and is due to go live soon.

Cemeteries

Several improvements have been made in the Cemeteries during the year including Tree works, new notice boards and seats, realignment of headstones and improved grounds maintenance.

Playing Fields

Safety checks and maintenance of play equipment, have been undertaken. The equipment is coming to the end of its life and we are looking at ways to raise funds to install new equipment and consulting on new designs.

Safety checks and maintenance of the Pavilion have also been made, a burst pipe in January caused significant damage and an insurance claim is being pursued.

The Cricket Club continues to use the Playing Fields, and we have 2 new users, a Football Club and a Goalkeeper trainer

We have participated in the Great British September Clean removing litter from the hedges around the Playing Fields and a small copse of trees has been planted by the Councillors at the far end of the Playing Fields.

Neighbourhood Plan

The next stage of the Neighbourhood Planning process will involve consultation on the draft policy priorities and has therefore not been able to progress this year due to the restrictions on meetings. It is anticipated this work will recommence in the summer of 2021 under new guidance following the resignation as a councillor of P Woods who we would like to thank for all of his efforts so far in this project.

Events Working Group

Councillors P. Browning, T. Hasnip and L. Varey and the Clerk J. Price attended the Remembrance Service held at the War Memorial at St. Michael's Church I laid a wreath provided by The Orange Grove Florists. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant attended and Cllr Browning read out the names of those who had lost their lives.

We held a Village Christmas lights competition instead of holding our annual lights switch on event. The Christmas tree had been reshaped and the lights were installed and lit up as usual over the festive period.

Details of all Parish Council proceedings have been published as required and are available on the Parish Council website – paper copies are available for inspection in accordance with Council Policy.

In conclusion I would like to give my profound thanks to my Vice Chairman, Councillor Paul Browning and all my fellow councillors and to our ward councillors from ERYC for their continued help and support during my year as Chairman.

I would particularly like to thank Mrs J. Price for all of her work as Parish Clerk. She has done an amazing job during what was a very difficult year sorting out the chaos after our time without a Clerk and organising Zoom meeting as well as continuing with the general day to day running of our affairs.

Councillor Lynda Varey, Chairman