



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF
SKIDBY PARISH COUNCIL
Tuesday 5 March 2024 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT Councillors P Browning, G Foster, K Haslam, T Hasnip, S Hooker, L Kendall, P Roustoby, L Varey.

Clerk J Price

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors R Meredith and T Gill (ERYC), Rural Housing Enabler (ERYC), 10 members of the public

173/23	Apologies for absence
	No apologies were received.
174/23	Declarations of Interest – Members Code of Conduct.
	<p>a) To record any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest by any member in respect of items on this agenda.</p> <p>Councillor Hasnip declared a pecuniary interest in minute 187/23 insofar as one of the payments related to his partner’s business and did not take part in the discussion on these items. Councillor Foster declared pecuniary interests in minutes 183/23c and 187/23 insofar as they related to a quotation and a payment to his business and did not take part in discussion on these items.</p> <p>Resolved: that the Declarations of Interest be noted.</p>
	<p>b) To consider any written requests for dispensation in relation to any items on this agenda.</p> <p>No dispensations had been requested.</p>
175/23	Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 6 February 2024
	Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 6 February 2024 be accepted as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.
176/23	Public Questions
	No public questions were raised.
177/23	Flooding issues
	<p>Members reported that there had been a meeting between Parish Councillors, the ERYC Flood Management Team and a representative from Yorkshire Water on 27 February 2024. The group had walked around the whole village, looking at locations where flooding had occurred and identifying possible actions. ERYC had agreed to investigate whether there were old ditches alongside Riplingham Road and whether adjacent landowners needed to clear them, although this would need complementary measures to slow the flow of water. Investigations had indicated that there was no flow into the drainage system from any ditches in the northern side of Riplingham Road. The Parish Council had agreed to dig out the ditch alongside Riplingham Road Cemetery and had identified a soakaway into the chalk bedrock which would help drain water, although it needed to be kept clear of silt on a regular basis. Investigation was also planned on the other side of the track. ERYC had agreed to clear the ditches on the</p>

	<p>northern side of Little Weighton Road and Yorkshire Water had agreed to investigate potential problems with drainage into the quarry from the underground tank and surface water drains in the village as well as issues on Church Rise.</p> <p>The Chairman agreed that residents attending could ask questions or make comments on what they had heard. Residents raised questions about a 'berm' across the field behind Orchard Road which they felt caused water to pond in the field, and that the Public Right of Way was now below the level of the field; that the Water Industries Act 1991 needed to be updated to reflect changing climate and increasing rainfall; that works on Little Weighton Road risked increased flow to the field behind Orchard Road. It was noted that farmers allowing their land to flood had reducing potential flooding in the village, although it could impact them financially.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed that the focus needed to be on improving attenuation, slowing the flow, and ensuring drainage systems were working effectively.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the updates be noted; ii. that further investigations continue on Riplingham Road; iii. the Yorkshire Water be chased for an update on investigations into flow into the quarry, iv. that Councillor Foster liaises with the resident regarding the berm in the field behind Orchard Road, and v. that the Parish Council continues to press ERYC to work with landowners to ensure water courses and ditches were cleared regularly.
178/23	Police Report
	<p>PCSO Dale had submitted a report for February 2024. It was noted that there had been a number of suspicious incidents of unknown people being seen near farms or properties and that items had been stolen from one property. Residents were advised to keep vigilant and ensure property was not left unsecured.</p> <p>Resolved: that the report be noted.</p>
179/20	Rural Housing Needs Survey
	<p>The ERYC Rural Housing Enabler attended and made a presentation to the Parish Council on proposals to undertake a Rural Housing Needs Survey in Skidby to establish if there was a local need for affordable housing and whether small schemes were required to meet unmet needs. He would be leafletting all properties to advertise the survey with a deadline for a response in April. A further report would be brought to the Parish Council once the results have been analysed.</p> <p>Councillors asked about the provision of affordable housing on larger developments in Cottingham and whether these were being delivered and how they were managed. It was reported that many were operated by Housing Associations, most of which were based outside of the area.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the report be noted, and ii. that the Parish Council includes information about the survey in noticeboards and on social media.

180/23	Planning Matters
	<p>a) Decisions Received</p> <p>23/03822/PLF - Erection of single storey extension to rear, 9 Apple Croft Skidby - Approved with conditions</p> <p>23/02134/PLF - Change of use of outbuilding to holiday cottage, installation of new doors and windows and associated works, Hind House Farm Westfield Road Eppleworth – Approved with conditions</p> <p>23/02840/STVAR - Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans), Condition 20 (boundary treatments) and Condition 26 (access) of planning permission 19/01041/STPLF - Erection of 141 dwellings of which 35 are affordable with associated access, parking, open space and infrastructure following demolition of 3 existing dwellings to allow changes to house types (plots 8-58) Land South of 21 Great Gutter Lane West, Willerby – Approved with conditions</p> <p>Resolved: that the reports be noted.</p>
	<p>b) Planning Applications</p> <p>24/00279/PLF - Erection of first floor extension to side, two storey and single storey extensions to rear and construction of dormer to rear, 32 Trinity Garth, Skidby</p> <p>Resolved: that the Parish Council had no objections to the application</p> <p>23/03926/STPLF - Construction of a Battery Storage Facility consisting of battery storage containers, PCS units, erection of 2.5m high perimeter fencing, 6 CCTV poles/cameras and associated grid infrastructure (AMENDED DESCRIPTION) Location: Albanwise Synergy Limited, Creyke Beck Battery Storage, Park Lane, Cottingham</p> <p>Resolved: that the Parish Council had no further comments to make on this application.</p>
	<p>c) Urgent Planning Applications received after the publication of the agenda</p> <p>The Clerk reported that no applications had been received.</p>
181/23	Feedback from meetings attended by Councillors
	<p>a) Biowise Liaison Group</p> <p>Councillor Haslam reported that Biowise had advised that they had now completed 76% of the tasks required to maintain their licence, and that they were undertaking a 12 month consultation period to assess the level of complaints. These were down 50% although this might be linked to the time of year and some element of reporting fatigue. Residents were encouraged to report, but not over report the scale of the problem as it undermines the strength of the argument. Biowise produces a newsletter but has had some difficulty with its circulation. Biowise is also happy to contribute to community projects.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the report be noted; ii. that the Biowise newsletter be included on the Parish Council website, and

	<p>iii. that Biowise be contacted about supporting the proposed new play area.</p>
	<p>b) Dogger Bank South (DBS) Wind Farms' Local Liaison Committee</p> <p>Councillor Varey reported that the project was still at the consultation stage. The main substation would be built on a site near Morrisons with cables running to Creyke Beck Sub-station. She had raised security risks but had been assured that adequate protection was in place. She had also asked about long-term management and was advised that the on-shore infrastructure was generally sold off but that further information would be obtained about local management of the site once work had been completed. There will be further meetings of the group where more information will be provided. DBS are also willing to contribute to community projects.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>i. that the report be noted, and</p> <p>ii. that DBS be contacted about supporting the proposed new play area.</p>
1822/3	East Riding of Yorkshire Council Matters
	<p>a) To receive an update from Dale Ward Councillors</p> <p>Councillors Meredith and T Gill attended and updated the meeting on flooding issues, the Biowise meeting, rural housing and consultation with telecommunication companies to press them to stop using creosote on their telegraph poles.</p> <p>Resolved: that the report be noted.</p>
183/23	Playing Field Issues
	<p>a) To consider quotation for new seat and baby seat for swings at Playing Fields</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had received a quotation from Streetscape of £625 + VAT to replace the two seats on the swing set with a new flat seat and a cradle seat when the refurbishment takes place in the spring.</p> <p>Resolved: that the quotation of £625.00 + VAT from Streetscape for the supply and installation of 2 new swing seats be accepted and an order issued.</p>
	<p>b) To consider issues with the roller shutter at the Playing Fields</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the shutter needed a new barrel. She had received one quotation but needed to get additional quotations.</p> <p>Resolved: that the Clerk be authorised to progress the repair and accept a suitable quotation for the work.</p>
	<p>c) To consider a quotation for spiking the Playing Fields to improve drainage.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted a quotation from G O Foster Ltd of £164 + VAT for this work.</p> <p>Resolved: that the quotation from G O Foster Ltd of £164 + VAT for spiking of the Playing Fields be accepted and an order issued.</p>
	<p>d) To consider requests for additional grass cutting</p>

	<p>The Clerk reported that the Football Club had approached the Parish Council regarding additional grass cutting of the football pitches. Shae had advised the club that the ground had been too wet and had suggested a meeting to discuss their requirements as the current contract did not cover winter cuts.</p> <p>Resolved: that a meeting be arranged between members of the Playing Fields Committee and the Football Club.</p>
	<p>e) To consider request from Cricket Club to play matches at the Playing Fields on Wednesday evenings.</p> <p>The Clerk referred to a request from Smailes Goldie to use the cricket pitch on a Wednesday evening during June and July. She advised that she had liaised with the Bransholme and Kingswood Cricket Team who had no objections.</p> <p>Resolved: that the use of the cricket pitch by Smailes Goldie cricket team be approved subject to agreement of terms and conditions and fees.</p>
184/23	Events
	<p>a) To agree the date for the Christmas Lights Switch-on</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the Christmas lights switch-on event takes place on 24 November 2024, and ii. that the Village Hall and St Michael's Church be advised of the plans.
185/23	Updates on ongoing Projects
	<p>a) Review of Action List</p> <p>The Clerk submitted the action list which showed progress against agreed actions. A Councillor advised that she had approached the resident about playing at the lights switch-on and he had asked if this could involve a small family band. This was agreed subject to them playing Christmas music and appropriate technical support being available.</p> <p>A Councillor referred to the recent asset review and commented that some benches needed repair. Councillors commented favourably on the work recently carried out by Chris Greenlaw, Joiner at Riplingham Road cemetery.</p> <p>The Clerk referred to an invitation that had been received to attend the Enhanced Bus Partnership event on 22 March 2024. Councillor Haslam had attended previously but would be unavailable for this event. It was suggested that minutes be requested if no-one was available to attend.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the updates be noted; ii. that further details be sought relating to the proposed band performance; iii. that Chris Greenlaw, Joiner, be approached to provide a quotation for repairs to two benches iv. that a rolling programme of bench maintenance be introduced with budget provision allocated for two benches per year v. that Councillor Roustoby repairs the seat at Roustoby Park, and vi. the Clerk requests minutes of the Enhanced Bus Partnership if no members are able to attend.
186/23	Finance Update

	<p>a) Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>The Clerk submitted the bank reconciliation as at 29 February 2024 for members' consideration.</p> <p>Resolved: that the report be noted.</p>																																																		
	<p>b) Budget update</p> <p>The Clerk submitted an updated budget report showing spend to 29 February 2024.</p> <p>Resolved: that the budget update be noted.</p>																																																		
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The meeting concluded at 9.42pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 2 April 2024 at 7:30pm

Signed as a true record **Date**
Chairman