

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
SKIDBY PARISH COUNCIL
Tuesday 4 February 2025 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT Councillors P Browning, T Hasnip, L Kendall, P Roustoby, L Varey.

Clerk J Price

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor R Meredith, 1 member of the public

181/24	Apologies for absence
	Apologies had been received from Councillors Foster, Haslam and Hooker.
182/24	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 196/24 as one of the payments related to his partner’s business and did not take part in the consideration of this item. Councillor Hasnip declared a pecuniary interest in minute 188/24 as his partner had submitted a tender for the work and left the room during consideration of this item.</p>
	<p>b) To consider any written requests for dispensations in relation to any items on this agenda</p> <p>No requests had been received</p>
183/24	Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 7 January 2025.
	Resolved: that the minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 7 January 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.
184/24	Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7 January 2025
	Resolved: that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7 January 2025 be accepted as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.
185/24	Public Questions
	<p>One resident attended the meeting requesting an update on flooding issues on Riplingham Road</p> <p>Resolved: that the question be covered in the following item.</p>
186/24	Update on Flooding Issues
	<p>The Clerk informed the Council that trial holes had been dug in the field on Riplingham Road but despite digging to a depth of 4 metres, no chalk had been found, making this location unsuitable for a soakaway. It was therefore proposed to progress digging out the ditches on either side of Riplingham Road.</p> <p>The Clerk fed back comments from the ERYC Flood Management Team in relation to flow into the quarry, the ownership of the quarry and seepage from the flood defences at the Playing Fields.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i. that the results of the trial holes be noted;</p>

	<p>ii. that the Clerk seeks permission from ERYC to dig out the ditches on Riplingham Road, whilst maintaining access tracks to the fields, and</p> <p>iii. that the Clerk pursues Yorkshire Water regarding the adequacy of the flow rate into the quarry.</p>
187/24	Planning Matters
	<p>a) Decisions received</p> <p>24/03335/TPO - TPO - RAYWELL NO. 1 - 2008 (REF 1145) A1 - Remove 1 no. Ash tree (T7) as it is partially uprooted over the footpath and is resting in an adjacent tree, Raywell Hall Country Lodge Park Riplingham Road Raywell - Grant Consent</p> <p>Resolved: that the report be noted.</p>
	<p>b) New applications</p> <p>24/03819/STPLF - Erection of a 400kV electricity substation, construction of vehicular access and associated access road and diversion of Park Lane with associated works Location: Creyke Beck Substation 4875 Park Lane Cottingham</p> <p>Resolved: that Skidby Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of the cumulative impact of similar developments in the immediate vicinity which are changing the character of the area from primarily agricultural usage to industrial and negatively impacting landscape, environment and the local community.</p> <p>25/00111/CLE - Certificate of Lawfulness for the confirmation of commencement of works including the creation of the access point, construction of gravel access tracks, site compound and building foundation for one of the electrical buildings and erection of security fencing prior to 6 January 2025 of planning permission 23/00846/STVAR (Variation of Condition 3 (approved plans) of planning permission 21/02335/STPLF - Construction of a 49.9MW Solar Farm, underground cabling, 18 inverter substations, installation of perimeter fencing (up to 2.5m high) with access gates and 176 CCTV cameras/infra-red lighting on steel poles (up to 3.5m high steel poles) and 2 temporary construction compounds; construction of a grid compound consisting of substations, control rooms, transformers, cabling and fencing; construction of a storage compound consisting of 24 battery storage containers, 24 PCS units and 2.5m high perimeter fencing and associated grid infrastructure and associated works to allow for minor design changes to battery layout to reflect a more efficient and optimised design for construction), Land south of Creyke Beck Substation 4875 Park Lane, Cottingham</p> <p>Resolved: that the Parish Council notes the application.</p>
	<p>c) Urgent Planning Applications received after the publication of the agenda</p> <p>The Clerk reported that no urgent applications had been received.</p>
188/24	To consider the award of the grounds maintenance contract for 2025-2028
	<p><i>Councillor Hasnip declared a pecuniary interest in this item as his partner had submitted a tender for the work and left the room during consideration of this item.</i></p> <p>The Chairman reported that he and Councillor Varey had witnessed the opening of tenders for the grounds maintenance contract for 2025 – 2028. Seven companies had been approached but only two had responded. Councillors considered the submissions in detail noting that whilst the submission from the</p>

	<p>current contractor was higher in value, the service received over the last three years had been of a very high standard and the parish had benefitted from the contractor's local knowledge and flexibility. The Parish Council acknowledged the interest and commitment from both tenderers.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that Financial Regulation 5.8 be waived to permit consideration of two rather than three submissions, and ii. that the grounds maintenance contract for 2025-28 be awarded to L Moore at a price of £12039.78 with additional cuts at £140.
189/24	Correspondence and Communications
	<p>a) Offer of introductory briefing on Orsted's proposed Kingfisher Solar Farm</p> <p>The Clerk referred to the offer of a briefing from Orsted, but reported that they were unable to attend the Parish Council's meeting in March and had offered an online briefing instead.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that Orsted be advised that the Parish Council would prefer an in-person briefing, and ii. that the Clerk contacts Cottingham Parish Council to see if a joint briefing would be possible.
	<p>b) Response from ERYC regarding the passing place on Beverley Road, Skidby</p> <p>The Clerk submitted feedback from Councillor T Gill reporting that it had been agreed that the passing place would be reduced in size. Councillor Varey reported that a gate would also be installed to limit access once the work was complete.</p> <p>Resolved: that the report be noted.</p>
	<p>c) Option to provide identity badges for parish councillors</p> <p>The Clerk reported that ERYC could provide identity badges for Parish Councillors.</p> <p>Resolved: that identity badges were not required.</p>
190/24	East Riding of Yorkshire Council Matters
	<p>a) To receive an update from Dale Ward Councillors</p> <p>Councillors c and T Gill had sent their apologies. Councillor Meredith attended the meeting and reported on the devolution agreement; consideration of the ERYC budget which would take place on 6 February; ERYC's refusal of planning permission for a solar farm on the grounds of the cumulative impact of similar proposals, although this would be likely to be overturned on appeal; concerns about the impact of Biowise proposals on nearby land uses; the expected adoption of the Local Plan in April 2025; a suggestion to develop a formal plan to consider small scale housing developments in smaller settlements to stave off proposals for larger scale development in those areas; blocked drains on Church Rise; the use of the old Beverley Road as a rat-run between the A164 and Eppleworth Road due to the gates being missing and ongoing issues in relation to the industrial action at Cottingham High School and the detrimental impact on pupil's education.</p> <p>Resolved: that the reports be noted.</p>
191/24	Cemetery Issues

	<p>a) To consider the acquisition of additional hedging for the cemeteries</p> <p>Councillor Hasnip referred to the need to fill some gaps in the perimeter hedging at both cemeteries. The Clerk reported that the next Woodland Trust round would not be until the autumn.</p> <p>Resolved: that a budget of £100 be agreed for the purchase of hedging plants and associated stakes/ spirals.</p>
192/24	Playing Fields Issues
	<p>a) Play Area</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Streetscape were waiting for drier weather to carry out the installation of the play equipment. She would contact Landplan to arrange the turfing and installation of the safety surface as soon as the equipment installation was complete.</p> <p>Resolved: that the report be noted.</p>
	<p>b) Tree Planting</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the tree planting at the playing fields would take place on 17 February. She would advertise the event on Facebook. Humber Forest had advised that they would be unable to plant fruit trees at East Green due to underground services. The Parish Council agreed to progress this project separately.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the report be noted, and ii. that the Clerk be authorised to purchase six fruit trees for East Green.
	<p>c) Disposal of Old Goals</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Football Club had requested that the old goals be removed. Councillors commented that someone had expressed an interest in buying them, but this had not come to fruition.</p> <p>Resolved: that Councillor Hasnip contacts the local scrap collector to remove them.</p>
	<p>d) Croquet Club</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Croquet Club was still interested in relocating to Skidby but wanted some assurances about the long-term availability of the site under discussion, particularly in view of the Parish Council's long-term aspirations to develop a new playground.</p> <p>Resolved: that the proposed site for the playground could be moved further west if necessary to accommodate two croquet lawns.</p>
193/24	Updates on ongoing Projects
	<p>a) Review of Action List</p> <p>The Clerk referred to the action list which showed progress against agreed actions.</p> <p>Resolved: that the report be noted.</p>
194/24	Events
	<p>a) To consider purchasing bunting and flags for VE Day</p>

	<p>The Clerk reported that the Village Hall planning a 1940s themed afternoon tea with children’s activities and a community sing-along. Councillors considered the options for flags and bunting that had been circulated.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. that the Clerk obtains triangular union flag bunting to go around Church Green and the statues, andii. that the Clerk investigates options for a flagpole for Church Green.																																													
	<p>b) Christmas Lights Switch-on – suggestion for joint promotion with the Village Hall Christmas Fair.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Village Hall secretary had offered to share promotion of Christmas events. Councillors welcomed greater co-operation with the Village Hall.</p> <p>Resolved: that the Clerk liaises with the Village Hall Secretary regarding joint promotion of Christmas events.</p>																																													
195/24	Finance Update																																													
	<p>a) Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>The Clerk submitted the bank reconciliation as at 31 January 2025 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 31 January 2025.</p> <p>Resolved: that the budget update be noted.</p>																																													
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	<p><i>Councillor Hasnip declared a pecuniary interest in this item insofar as it related to a payment to his partner’s business and did not take part in the consideration of this expenditure.</i></p> <p>Resolved: that the following payments be agreed.</p> <table><tr><th>For Approval</th><th></th><th>Net</th><th>VAT</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Clerk’s Salary</td><td>January</td><td>419.33</td><td>0</td><td>£419.33</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC</td><td>Income Tax</td><td>273.09</td><td>0</td><td>£273.09</td></tr><tr><td>L Moore</td><td>Grounds Maintenance – January</td><td>842.00</td><td>0</td><td>£842.00</td></tr><tr><th>For Noting</th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th></tr><tr><td>Scottish Power</td><td>Electric for Pavilion</td><td>111.25</td><td>5.56</td><td>£116.81</td></tr><tr><td>Lloyds Bank</td><td>Bank Charges</td><td>3.00</td><td>0</td><td>£3.00</td></tr><tr><td>Unity Bank</td><td>Bank Charges</td><td>6.00</td><td>0</td><td>£6.00</td></tr><tr><td>Business Stream</td><td>Water at playing Fields</td><td>60.67</td><td>0</td><td>£60.67</td></tr></table>	For Approval		Net	VAT	Total	Clerk’s Salary	January	419.33	0	£419.33	HMRC	Income Tax	273.09	0	£273.09	L Moore	Grounds Maintenance – January	842.00	0	£842.00	For Noting					Scottish Power	Electric for Pavilion	111.25	5.56	£116.81	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	3.00	0	£3.00	Unity Bank	Bank Charges	6.00	0	£6.00	Business Stream	Water at playing Fields	60.67	0	£60.67
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The meeting concluded at 9.32pm

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 7:30pm

Signed as a true record Date
Chairman