

SKEEBY PARISH COUNCIL

**Ordinary Meeting to be held on Thursday, 30th January 2025
at 7pm in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall**

Public Open speaking - 10 minutes before the meeting at 6.50pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies

- 1.1 to receive apologies for absence
- 1.2 to consider approval for the reasons for absence

2. Declaration of Interest

- 2.1 to receive any declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the Agenda

3. Minutes from the last meeting

- 3.1 to confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of The Parish Council held on Thursday, 27th November 2024

4. County Councillors Report

- 4.1 to receive a report from County Councillor Angus Thompson

5. Police Bulletin

- 5.1 to receive the latest reports from the Police
- 5.2 Skeeby is not listed separately on the report, find out why. To receive an update from Clerk ND

6. to receive information on the following on-going issues & decide on further action where necessary

- 6.1 speeding measures. To receive an update from Cllr John Frankland in relation to:

- 6.1.2 Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)
- 6.1.3 other anti-speeding measures (signage)
- 6.1.4 speed data collection
- 6.1.5 Community Speed Watch

- 6.2 Best Kept Village Competition

- 6.2.1 to receive an update on the sign to be mounted celebrating the Village "best newcomer" win
- 6.2.2 to receive feedback from Cllr Ian Moreton on the criteria for the 2025 entry

- 6.3 Training - to receive an update from Clerk ND on agreement to attend "Induction for Clerks" provided by YLCA at the cost of £70 at October 2024 meeting

- 6.4 Parish Council Communications - to receive an update from Clerk ND on the following

- 6.4.1 designated mobile phone
- 6.4.2 new email address / host
- 6.4.3 new website / host
- 6.4.4 postal address
- 6.4.5 publication of Parish Council Minutes / Agenda in the Darlington & Stockton Times

- 6.6 resignation of Councillor Rosslyn Dixon – to receive an update from Clerk ND

7. Play Parks

- 7.1 latest play parks inspection - to receive the latest report
- 7.2 missing "No ball games" sign in Springfield - to receive an update from Cllr I Moreton on replacement sign

8. Village Green

- 8.1 to receive a report of any issues relating to The Village Green
- 8.2 bus shelter light – to receive an update on thank you letter from Clerk ND
- 8.3 beech tree – to receive an update from Cllr Ian Moreton
- 8.4 bulb Planting – to receive an update from Clerk ND on re-imbursement from Excalon of cost
- 8.5 Richmond Road refurbishment - spots of tarmac on pavements & spray markings – to receive an update from Clerk ND
- 8.6 footpath near school house badly re-instated footpath – to receive an update from Clerk ND
- 8.7 overflowing public bin in Springfield playpark – to receive an update from Clerk ND
- 8.8 Bridal Way sign opposite Oliver Lane – to receive an update from Clerk ND
- 8.9 Skeeby Manor – resident has reported the grass is damaged again outside the property caused by parked vehicles. To agree a way to prevent further damage
- 8.10 building material vehicle damage to Village Green opposite St Agatha's Church, near the railings
- 8.11 removal of moss - purchase of more Wet & Forget" treatment. To receive an update from Clerk ND
- 8.12 cutting back of trees after leaves have dropped – to receive an update from Councillors

9. Planning Matters

- 9.1 to review & agree response to any Planning Applications
- 9.1.2 building site Reference ZD24/00662/DIS. 42 Richmond Road. Discharge of condition number 5 in relation to application number - ZD23/00471/VAR - proposed render is Weber's weberpral M coloured monocouche render, in 'light beige'. Objection deadline 31st January 2025

10. Finance

- 10.1 to receive a financial report from Clerk ND

- 10.2 To agree the following payments out

10.2.1 Clerk's salary

1st September to 30th November 2024 £476.19

1st December 2024 to 31st January 2025 £317.46

10.2.2 HMRC (Employer Tax) £ none

10.2.3 No Ball Games sign (Cllr Ian Moreton) £ 26.40

- 10.3 To note the following payments in

10.3.1 T-Bar white lines in Pear Tree Close, 50% cost payment from residents £131.49

10.3.2 credit from Barclays Bank for delays in actioning Mandate Changes £100.00

10.3.3 Skeeby Christmas Lights £263.45

Access to Bank Accounts – to receive an update from Clerk ND

11. Precept

- 11.1 to receive an update on submission of Precept for 2025 / 6 from Clerk ND

12. Highways issues - to discuss & agree appropriate action on items below

12.1 Barracks Bank

12.1.1 reports of rubbish as you enter the Village before the bridge - old highway signs including a mangled 'Covid' sign. Plastic bottles & carrier bags, large hard plastic sheets along Barracks Bank towards the roundabout

12.1.2 overgrown hedges are impeding vision when approaching Skeeby Bridge causing a dangerous situation – requests to have these trimmed back by the owner

12.2 Scurragh Lane – entrance from Barracks Bank is flooded & continues to be the case. This was highlighted as treacherous during the recent show / ice

13. Skeeby Christmas Lights 2024

13.1 £263.45 was raised this year. The team have requested it is used towards the up-keep & any training needed of the defibrillator machine outside the Village Hall

13.2 There have been reports from residents advising the defibrillator location sign in Linden Road has been ripped off the lamppost

13.3 Custodian Kay Richardson has advised another volunteer is needed so will require training & detailed the costs as below

Replacement signs @ £ free of charge

Training (new & refresher held on the same day, unlimited delegates) @ £350 (including VAT)

Rotaid Defib Cover @ £105 + £15 carriage = £120 + VAT @ £144 (including VAT)

Village Hall hire @ £10 per hour x 8 hours = £80, estimated (including VAT)

Total cost @ £574 including VAT (estimated)

14. Dog fouling prevention measures

14.1 to discuss / agree how we can address multiple complaints advising owners are leaving dog mess in the Village. As advised by North Yorkshire Council (NYC), residents have reported the issue repeatedly to the Dog Warden but there has been no response. It has been requested that as a minimum, signs are erected in Olliver Lane & the footpath near the Old School House reminding walkers that this offence carries a fine.

15. VE Day 8th May 2025 – to discuss & agree appropriate ways the Village can commemorate this Anniversary & nominate a Councillor to head the project. National Beacon lighting 21:30, Thursday 8th May 2025

16. Northern Power Grid – electricity supply upgrades – to receive an update from The Councillors regarding recent contact from them

17. Rural EV Charging – electric charging points – to discuss the viability of installation of these charging points & nominate a Councillor to head up the project if the Council wants to pursue it

18. Funding from National Lottery

to discuss what funding applications are to be submitted to benefit the Village & nominate a Councillor to head up the project(s)

19. Correspondence (emails received since last meeting Thursday, 27th November 2024)

Holmedale Nature Network – “volunteer sessions”. “Strategy Review”. “Talks & Events”

North Yorkshire Council (NYC) – survey “gypsy & traveller accommodation assessment”

Matt Ball Architecture – Drop-in session Thursday 6th February 2025 4pm to 8pm. Skeeby Village Hall. Public Consultation on a Proposed Development in Skeeby

20. items for the next Agenda

Skeeby Solar Farm Annual Funding

21. date & time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th March 2025 at 7pm, in the Jubilee Village Hall