



Skeebys Parish Council

MINUTES of a Meeting held in Skeebys Jubilee Village Hall on Thursday 25th September at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs J Budden (Chairman), Mr J Frankland, Mr K Richardson, Mrs H Bowler, Mrs R Dixon

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Constantine (Parish Clerk), 5 Residents

WELCOME: Chairman Cllr Budden welcomed everyone attending and opened the floor for 10 minutes of Public Open Speaking

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Angus Thompson.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

All Councillors made the following declaration:

"We, as Parish Councillors, declare that we have an interest in each Agenda item as residents of Skeebys" It was agreed that, any financial interest or financial gain needs to be declared by all.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday, 25th July 2025 were approved and signed as a true record of that meeting. Only matter arising was Solar Farm Grant had been rounded down to £9100, when in fact it should be £9146.56.

4. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

There was no report from NY Cllr Angus Thompson however he did request minutes recorded, that as previously mentioned he remains unbiased on the planning at Halfe Hill

5. POLICE BULLETIN

There was no report from NY Police, however a bulletin has been received showing 8 offences within Middleton Tyas, Scotch Corner, Moulton and Skeebys.

6. ON-GOING ISSUES

1. Speed Watch – Spread Sheet has now been updated and includes data from 10th October 2024 to Tuesday 23rd September. Highest recorded speed on 52mph in June 2025. Since early July no recorded speed over 39mph. Question asked if Signs and Speed Watch now working or if the wrong days and times were being chosen.

Speed Watch break was taken during the road closures in Brompton On Swale.

Confirmation has been received that two sites have been authorised for North Yorkshire Safety Partnership Team to use a small camera van and motorbike.



Repayment to be made to the 2 residents who each donated £5 (JF)

2. VAS Installation – Initial installation was due on 12th September; however delays have been caused due to overhead electricity cables, which need addressing with Northern Power. NYC Street Lighting are aware but could not confirm a timescale for a proposed meeting. Cllr to contact for an update. Further delays have also been caused by contact at Highways on Annual Leave. (JF)

3. Best Kept Village Competition – Highly Commended Certificate to be copied and placed in both Public Notice Boards. (CC)

4. Best Newcomer Plaque 2024 – To be installed in Village Bus Shelter (KR)

7. PLAY PARKS

1. Removal of Elderberry Bush – To be removed at base and taken away for disposal. (JB/KR)
2. Repair to Zip Wire in Linden Road Community Park – All Cllrs voted in favour or instructing Matthew Day, Streetscape to complete repair work. Quote for repair work is £125 plus VAT (CC)

8. VILLAGE GREEN

1. Parking Outside Manor House – Despite discussions going back to January 2025 vehicle are still using the Village Green for parking. 3 white posts are to be situated on the Village Green to deter parking. (JB/JF)
2. Parking Outside Travellers Rest – A complaint has been received by a resident reference parking outside the pub. Cars are being left adjacent to white lines, facing the wrong way, on a corner, and on the Village Green. He is unable to get out of his drive safely. In addition cars are being parked opposite the pub, on the pavement causing an obstruction.
3. 40A Richmond Road – Discussions took place with regards to the For Sale sign and also re-instating the Village Green.

Nick Carver Estate Agents to be contacted via email and letter to request removal of For Sale Sign from the Village Green ASAP. (CC)

Contact to be made with Buckley Burnett to request removal of all rubbish on the Village Green and a timescale for when works can be expected to be completed and the Village Green re-instated. (CC)

4. Village Stream/Grass Cutting – Email to be sent to Steve Gibb as a reminder to clear the village stream. (CC) Damage to Village Green following latest grass cutting was discussed. Possibly due to recent wet weather. To be monitored.



5. Fly Posting of Notices – All notices to be removed after the event.
6. Yorkshire Water – Cover behind the bus stop is raised and protruding and may cause a trip hazard. Soil to be used to make level. (HB) Broken guttering noticed on the bus stop, to be mended. (JB)
7. Fly Tipping of Freezer – to be removed from the side of the road weekend of 27th and 28th September. (JB/JF)

9. GRIT BIN

Grit Bin has now been delivered and is in safe storage. Grit/Salt to be purchased and it will be sited on Oliver Lane, ready for the Winter months (JB)

10. PLANNING MATTERS

No Matters Arising

11. FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

No update available on the installation of a footbridge over Skeeby Beck at Barnacres. A completion date of March 2026 was discussed.

12. FINANCE

1. A request was made to the previous Clerk for Bank Statements from April 2025 to current date. No response was received. Letter has been composed to Barclays Bank to request a change of address. May, June and July statements have been downloaded from the Banking App and balances obtained from 7th August 2025. Statements handed to The Clerk for AGAR.

2. To approve and pay outstanding invoices – The following were approved and paid

Community Heartbeat Trust	£198.00
ICO (Data Protection)	£52.00
JB -Reimbursement of Grit Bin	£84.59
Clerks Salary	£229.90
HMRC	£57.40

3. Community Parks Account Balance £17,636.62
Business Premium Account Balance £3835.78

4. Request from Cllr for Road Safety Funding, a suggestion of High Visibility Jackets

13. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. BT, Removal of Telephone Box – Objected by NYCC due to bad phone signal in the area.
2. YLCA Training Days/newsletter – All YCLA emails to be forwarded to all Cllrs.
3. Assertion Email Addresses – To be discussed at next PCC Meeting



4. New Policies to Adopt – Clerk To Review (CC)
5. Parish Precept – To be discussed at next PCC Meeting
6. Business Continuity Plan (Parish Clerk) – To be completed before the next PCC Meeting. (CC)

14. SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE

1. Discussion took place with reference to the Parish Council Website and also the Skeeby News and Events Facebook page. It was agreed that going forward all events taking place in Skeeby can be advertised under the “News” section of the website. All requests to be forwarded via email to The Clerk. Cllr to update the Facebook Page with PCC meeting information and a link to the Website. Commenting to be removed.
2. Website – Links are missing for Minutes of previous meetings. Clerk to update. (CC)

15. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING

1. Letter of complaint from resident of Scurragh Lane requesting speed restriction
2. Parish Councillors’ Email Addresses
3. Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting – To Be Signed Off
4. Precept Discussions
5. Delegated Authority
6. Parish Council correspondence address
7. Section 106 Payments

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 27th November at 7.00pm in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall

Signed

John Budden, Chairman

Date
