

Skeeby Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Thursday the 31st of July at 7:00pm In Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall

Councillors Present

Cllr John Budden (chairman)

Cllr Keith Richardson

Cllr John Frankland

In attendance; Jo Richardson (minutes) and 11 residents

The chairman welcomed the public and thanked them for coming.

There was a 10 minute open public speaking session prior to the meeting.

1. **Apologies** – The chairman had received apologies from Angus Thompson, the apology was accepted.

2. **Declarations of interest** - Councillors are requested to state declarations of interest at the relevant item on the agenda.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting** - The minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on Thursday 29th May in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall were approved as a true and correct record.

4. **County councillors report** – Cllr Budden stated that this was mainly focusing on the issue of school transport and the council's new policy of only providing transport to the nearest school to save money.

5. **Police bulletin** – Cllr Budden stated that there was nothing to comment for Skeeby.

6. To receive information on ongoing issues:

6.1 **Update from Cllr Frankland on community speed watch** – Cllr Frankland reported that the Community Speed Watch have recruited 2 new members Cameron Brown and Derrick Eason.

The members of the speed watch team had agreed that they would contribute to the cost of two new signs, whilst two members had contributed Cllr Frankland remains out of pocket. Cllr Budden proposed that SPC paid for these signs as they have the grant funding from the solar farm and the VAS signs were going to come in under budget.

There had been an incident where a bus driver had been rude to the speed watch team, this has been reported and Jamie Smith has replied and is writing to the bus company about this.

The North Yorkshire safety camera van visited on the 27th June and there are two sites that they are hoping to be authorised.

The speed watch data sheet will be updated in due course, an increase in traffic has been noted while the road through Brompton has been closed.

6.2 **Update on VAS installation** - The order has been placed for both the post and the matrix sign. We are awaiting confirmation of our project manager along with a proposed timeline for installation. Although there have been delays, it is hoped that the sign will be installed this side of Christmas.

SPC have been asked to provide a quote for what the grant funding from the solar farm will be used for. Cllr Frankland has drafted the quote and this was circulated and approved subject to condensing it slightly if possible.

6.3 Best Kept Village Competition – Highly Commended – the chairman said well done and thanked the village for their hard work.

7. Play Parks – Cllr Budden has an 83 page report on the parks, there were no issues with this.

SPC had received a report via the website that there was some wear and tear on the plastic sleeve on the chain cover on the zip wire at Linden Road park. Remedial works have been done and Cllr Richardson will contact Streetscape and get a quote for replacing this.

8. Village greens:

8.1 SPC received a letter from a resident over concerns about vehicles still parking on the village green at Skeeby Manor. Cllr Budden has spoken to the owners.

8.2 SPC received a letter concerning rubbish in the stream, this has been removed by councillors and villagers and is now clear.

9. Grit bin – Cllr Budden has obtained quotes for either a 200L bin or a 65L bin to go on Oliver Lane, it was decided that the smaller bin was sufficient and would be ordered at a cost of £90.

10. Planning matters:

10.1 Planning permission for the installation of two sewage plant treatments at 51 and 53 Richmond Road - no comments were submitted as there were no objections.

10.2 Application of variation to condition 6 of the planning permission at 42 Richmond Road to include fascia and soffit detailing and remove reference to rise and fall brackets. SPC commented objecting on the protocol that the original award was based on spiked rise and fall yet they have installed fascia and soffits.

10.3 Application to replace windows at Hill House, 24 Richmond Road – no objections were made.

11. Footpaths and rights of way – no updates re the foot bridge over Skeeby beck at Barnacres. This needs to be completed by March 2026.

12. Community heartbeat trust – there was a defibrillator training session in the village hall on Saturday 21st June which had been well publicised, yet no one turned up which is really disappointing. This had cost SPC £210.

13. Finance – payments made – Cllr Budden confirmed payments made as follows:

YLCA subscription	£162.00
Ian Crisop accountant	£156.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	£210.00
Clerk holiday pay	£201.47
Clerk final salary payment	£317.46

There is a balance in the community account of £17,804.62 which include the grant from the solar farm of £9,100.00. There is a balance in the premium account of £3,823.09.

14. Correspondence – there had been too much correspondence to list everything, the main ones were as follows:

14.1 BT Phone box – SPC had the option to purchase the phone box for £1 but on the basis that it hadn't been used in 6 months, confirmed that it could be removed.

14.2 Richmond Rotary Club – advise of Tidy Village results

14.3 NYPF Road Safety Advice Surgery

14.4 NYC Highways and street works

15. Website inaccuracies – Cllr Budden expressed difficulties in updating the website, we were unable to add the agenda so had asked Paul Croft to do this. Cllr Frankland advised that the website contained several inaccuracies which need updating/amending. This will be looked into.

16. Clerk's position applications – there have been three applicants, it was agreed that they would be invited for interviews on either 11th or 14th August from 7.30pm in the village hall.

17. Parish Clerk contract of employment – Cllr Frankland had obtained a draft contract from YLCA which is approved and best practice. It was discussed and approved subject to confirmation of item 10, regarding monies owed back to the parish council from the employee as it wasn't clear the meaning of this. Cllr Frankland to contact YLCA to clarify the meaning.

It was agreed to change the running order and move item 20 up the agenda as items 18 and 19 required members of the public to leave.

20. Appointment of two parish councillors – Cllr Budden had received written applications from four people, Joe Ayre, Helen Bowler, Ros Dixon, Neil Morton. The applicants were invited to say a few words prior to commencing the co-opting process. It was resolved to co-opt Ros Dixon and Helen Bowler as new councillors of the parish council.

Cllr Budden welcomed Ros and Helen to take a seat with the parish councillors.

The public were then asked to leave prior to items 18 and 19 on the agenda which were confidential.

18. Letter of complaint dated 22nd May 2025 – Cllr Budden read this out to the councillors, it was discussed and a letter of reply will be sent to the complainant.

19. Letter of complaint from the developers of 42 Richmond Road – Cllr Budden read out the email received, this was considered and a reply will be sent.

21. Items for the next agenda

- Social media
- s106 payments for the new builds

22. Date and time of the next meeting – Thursday 25th September at 7pm in Skeeby Jubilee Village Hall.