

SKEYTON PARISHS COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD AT SKEYTON VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 13th MAY 2024
7.30pm

Present: Chairman Cllr: M. Hicks, Vice-Chairman Cllr: S. Bunting, Cllr: H. Randell, Cllr: A. Morton, Cllr: G. Berry, Cllr: M. Scott, NNDC County Councillor S. Penfold and Mrs. D. Fields, Parish Clerk.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr: I. Stevenson.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 15th May 2023 were signed on 4th September 2023.

3. Chairman's Report

I delivered my first Chairman's report in 2013, little did I think that I would go on to deliver my Twelfth report as I would never have expected to remain in the Chairman's position for that amount of time, having said that some of my predecessors served far greater terms.

This will be my final report, as of last year I decided to step down and make way for some fresh blood and ideas.

During my time as Chairman the Parish Council has achieved many tasks to benefit the community, Grit bins for the winter Season, Wooden seat outside the village hall, bottle bank which has generated some valuable income, Replacement village sign which looks great, we have also contributed to the defibrillator in the old telephone box.

Never in my wildest dreams did I think that there would be a virus that was COVID 19 that would keep us apart for months on end, having Zoom meetings and everything that went with it, but we came through it.

We have witnessed the passing of our long reigning monarch Queen Elizabeth and the crowning of King Charles.

Also, the coming and going of several prime ministers.

Highways. As we are always told that there is a lack of funds the roads within the village and virtually all in the surrounding villages has deteriorated immensely, potholes no 1 on the list, many of the grips within the village have sunk creating hazards after being dug out by mechanical means, this has increased the risk of damage to your vehicle whilst trying to avoid oncoming speeding vehicles.

I was hoping to have a result on the repair of the Causeway but it appears to be pushed back down the Highways bulging pipeline of work to do.

We purchased bags of grit to recharge the grit bin having enough left over to top up again before the next winter.

Planning. Various plans have been received none of which raised any concerns.

Concerns were brought to the Parish Council's attention about a static caravan that suddenly appeared on land within the village with water and a power supply connected.

NNDC was informed and enforcement made a visit, the caravan has since been removed.

Finance. Once again, we are in a position to have a healthy financial position. As always, all expenses are paid on time.

The Clerk have now been issued with a bank card; this makes it easier to purchase items online that we need for day to day running I.e. ink cartridges. The bottle bank still generates an income, and thanks goes to the proprietors of the Goat inn for allowing the bottle bank to be situated on their premises. The Clerk's wages are paid in full periodically.

I would very much like to thank Diane our trusty Clerk for all the hard work that she does for the PC, Diane is very much the backbone of the whole operation. To Councillor Saul Penfold for his continued support.

Also, to my fellow Councillors for their support that I have received over the years and I very much hope and expect that my successor will have the very same continued support.

Michael Hicks. Chairman

4. Any other business

None at present.

The meeting concluded at 7.50pm