

Skelton Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly for the Parish of Skelton held on Thursday 25th April 2024

Present:

Councillors: Cllr J. Watson (Chair), C. Linfoot, J Linfoot, K. Hayton, T. Stead and L. Mansell
Ward Councillors: Not present
Residents: 2
Clerk: Colin Ellis

24/APA01 Chair's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting and explained that this was not a Parish Council meeting but an opportunity for resident's to learn what activities the various organisations in the village have carried out during the year and to raise any issues with the Parish Council but only residents who are registered on the Electoral Register can vote on any issues.

24/APA02 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr N Lansell.

24/APA03 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Assembly held on 27th April 2023 as a true and correct record

It was RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Assembly held on 27th April 2023 as a true and correct record of the proceeding with the Chair being instructed to sign on behalf of the Annual Parish Assembly.

24/APA04 Annual report of the Chair of the Parish Council

The Chair, Cllr Julie Watson, reported as follows:

I would like to start by welcoming everyone here tonight to our Annual Parish Assembly. Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for all their time and hard work, which they give freely, to enhance our village and to the many volunteers we have that help us with our various activities. My thanks also to Colin our Clerk without whom we could not run the Council as proficiently as we would like. He makes my job an awful lot easier. I would also thank Michael, our Litter Picker, for his excellent work in keeping the village tidy. This year the Parish Council has worked hard to enhance Skelton and to build relationships with our residents. In May we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III. Bunting was put up on the Pasture and some residents got together to celebrate with a picnic. We also planted a tree in commemoration with more fruit trees. In July we filled the planter opposite the pub in memory of Adrian Mansell. In December we again held our highly successful Christmas Party for our older residents. This year we have provided a new seat outside the Pasture and a new notice board outside The Surgery We provided prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt. Our Speed watch began in March and has been highly successful and volunteers go out twice a week. New volunteers are always welcome. We have lots of plans for the coming year and hope to carry out them all before next year. Thank you again to everyone for supporting the Parish Council.

24/APA05 To receive the annual Report and Accounts from the Village Hall Management Committee

The Chair, Tim Stead reported that the year had again been challenging with hire fees slightly lower than 2023 levels, although donations help the income stream. Expenditure was lower than 2023 levels reduced repairs/renewals although these remained at a high level. The annual accounts for the year ending March 2024 revealed a deficit of £2148.86 compared with a deficit in the preceding year of £4902.14. The cash reserves were at a level of £19682.94. The Vice Chair, Philip Butler, announced that there was a vacancy for a booking secretary, and anyone interested should contact him.

The Chair thanked Tim for his report.

23/APA06 Resolutions from Parishioners

None

24/APA07 To confirm the date of the next Annual Parish Assembly.

It was confirmed that the next Annual Parish Assembly would be held on Thursday 24th April 2025.

The Chair closed the meeting at 1907.

Signed _____ Chair of Skelton Parish Council as instructed by the APA.

Dated _____

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