

Skelton Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of Skelton Parish Council held on Thursday 19th December 2024 in the Village Hall at 1800.

Present: Cllrs J. Watson, C. Linfoot and J. Linfoot.

Members of the Public: 1

Clerk: Colin Ellis

24/FC09 To appoint a Chair.

Cllr J. Watson was nominated, seconded, and unanimously appointed as Chair and welcomed those present.

24/FC10(a) To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

None. It was noted that Cllrs. T. Stead and L. Mansell were absent.

24/FC10(b) To consider the approval of reasons given for absence.

None. It was RESOLVED to note no reason for absence had been received from Cllrs. T. Stead and L. Mansell.

24/FC11 To receive any declarations of interests not already under the Council's Code of Conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary interests.

None received.

24/FC12 To resolve to adjourn the meeting to hold the Open Forum.

No residents' questions.

24/FC13 To approve and sign the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of Skelton Parish Council held on 23rd May 2024 as a true and correct record.

It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of Skelton Parish Council held on 23rd May 2024 as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chair.

24/FC14 To consider draft Annual Plan for 25/26

After some discussion, the Finance Committee recommends that the draft Annual Plan 25/26 be adopted by Full Council.

24/FC15 To consider draft Budget recommendations for 25/26

After some discussion, the Finance Committee recommends that the draft Budget 25/26 be adopted by Full Council.

24/FC16 To consider the Precept recommendations for 25/26

After some discussion, the Finance Committee recommends to Full Council that the Parish Council Precept for the 25/26 financial year is set at £ 28361.

24/FC17 To consider the Double Taxation proposed submission for 2024/25.

The Clerk reminded Members that in March 2024, the City of York Council had notified Parish Councils that the number of grass cuts by the principal authority would be reduced from ten to six per annum and that the award to Parish Councils would mirror those reductions. The Clerk explained that the change would reduce the double taxation award for Skelton by an estimated £1700. Notwithstanding this, council members were committed to maintaining the number of grass cuts in Skelton at the current level of fifteen for the remaining length of the contract with Sleightholm Landscapes acknowledging they would have to fund the difference.

After some further discussion, the Finance Committee approved the Double Taxation submission to CYC totalling £ 9563.22.

24/FC18 Any other business

None.

24/FC19 To consider the date for the next meeting of the Finance Committee

To be decided.

The Chair closed the meeting at 1859..

Signed _____ Chair of the Finance Committee

Date _____