

**Minutes of Meeting on Thursday 8 October 2020  
held remotely using video technology at 7.30 pm**

**Present** Cllrs A Durham (Chairman), T Arnold, J Forman, B Lett, S Faber, H Martell, A Maniurka, the clerk W McCallin, District Cllr P Wood, County Cllr A Maughan and 2 members of the public.

**Public Forum** Due to Coronavirus pandemic, the public forum was suspended for this meeting. Written questions and comments received from the public were circulated in advance.

58/20 Cllr T Arnold declared a **Disclosable Pecuniary Interest** in the proposed Bypass Solar Farm and left the meeting when the matter was being discussed.

59/20 **Minutes of the meeting on 16 July** were confirmed by council and signed by the Chairman.

60/20 **SKDC Community Cleaner Grant**

Council received an update on current projects. Replacing the bench around Westborough tree and Dry Doddington bus shelter work will be completed next year as weather permits. Bulb planting around the Dry Doddington entrances is planned for this autumn.

61/20 **Proposed Bypass Solar Farm**

Council received a report of the joint meeting with the developer and Parish Councils on 24 September. Comments were raised on the community consultation, community support and the grid yard off Ease Lane.

62/20 **Highways**

Council agreed to thank a) a Westborough resident for putting soil on the Village Green, b) LCC Highways for all their resurfacing work. The mowing contractor has not carried out any mowing this year due to Covid, a backlog of work and staffing problems. New quotes for next year will be sought.

63/20 **Community Benefit Fund**

The Parish Council is consulting residents on future projects via the October newsletter.

64/20 **Finance**

a) The Melton building society 100-day notice account has been opened; Skipton account is closed. The external Audit has been completed with no comments raised.

b) payments approved for £80 for Westborough notice board repairs, grass seed for Back Lane Westborough £23.98, parish newsletter of £225, Clerk salary £575 and expenses of £23, £150 for Dry Doddington Village Hall for bulb planting, mowing expenses for volunteers for £270.82, external auditor PFK of £240.

65/20 **District and County Cllrs reports**

County Cllr A Maughan reported on progress with the Grantham bypass, School transport with Covid-19 issues, the forthcoming Highways Agency meeting.

Cllr P Wood outlined the work of the new Chief Executive including the savings from staff restructuring, SKDC corporate plan.

66/20 **Clerks report**

a) Work continues to set up the replacement Parish Council website

b) the Westborough defibrillator is now live.

67/20 **Matters for urgent discussion**

All residents who volunteer their time for mowing, litter picking and other parish roles will be thanked in the newsletter as their work makes such a difference to the parish.

68/20 **Date of next meeting confirmed as** – Thursday 7 January, 7.30pm. To be held remotely again.

**SIGNED**

**DATE**