

**Skelwith Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Skelwith Parish Council held in the Community Centre,**  
**Skelwith on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**Present:** Cllrs – C Dey (Vice Chair), M Meredith, L Smith  
Clerk – S Pender

		<b>Action By</b>
<b>01/2014</b>	<b>Apologies</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that apologies were noted from Cllr J Benson and Cllr G Broughton and the reasons approved. Apologies were noted from Cllr A Hall and Cllr D Fletcher	
	<b>Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of agenda items</b> No Cllrs have any interests to declare.	
<b>02/2013</b>	<b>Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> November Meeting</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5.11.13 are approved as a true record and signed by the Vice Chair.  Matters arising – that the Clerk respond to the County Council’s on line budget consultation to raise concerns about Rural Transport, Post 16 Education transport and proposed reductions to the gritting budget.  <b>Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> September Planning Meeting</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that slight changes were approved	SP
	<b>Public Participation</b> No reports received	
<b>03/2014</b>	<b>Update on On-going Issues &amp; Actions from Last Meeting</b>  To update on Highways issues <b>RESOLVED</b> That the Parish Council continues to work with the County Council to expedite the signs relating to following Satnavs. That the Parish Clerk contacts the Highways team again regarding potholes on the A593, particularly at Mole End	SP SP
<b>04/2014/2</b>	To update on the LDNPA Bridge Plaque <b>RESOLVED</b> Cllr Dey to find out wording for the plaque. That the clerk seeks quotes from Gordon Greaves at Troutbeck and one other Stone Mason for the plaque to be made.	CD/SP
<b>05/2014</b>	Parish Plan update <b>RESOLVED</b> That the plan be amended as discussed and a copy pasted on the website for consultation and promoted in the Gazette	SP
<b>06/2014</b>	Skelwith Community news in Gazette update <b>RESOLVED</b> That the updates are as required by the Parish Council and should continue. Next update to include the Wine and Cheese Evening on February 7th	SP
<b>07/2014</b>	Hawkshead Surgery <b>RESOLVED</b> That the Parish support the campaign to keep the surgery open, by sending a letter of support to Hawkshead Parish Council.	SP

<b>08/2014</b>	Parish Lengthsman <b>RESOLVED</b> That the sum of £1800 be set aside for the current contractor and the balance of the grant £1200 be held for “cutting back” activities. That the current contractor be informed regarding funding available	MM
	<b>Planning:</b> No new applications received, decision by Lake District National Park reviewed for information only	
	<b>CIlr Matters</b> Issue relating to rubbish collection and access to homes discussed and already resolved by Highways and SLDC. Council spare laptop, it was agreed that expressions of interest be sought from the Gazette from people wishing to use the laptop living in the Parish Boundary Website, it was agreed the web-designer should be asked to improve the ranking of the Skelwith Community Website on Google.	
<b>09/2014</b>  <b>10/2014</b>	<b>Financial Matters</b>  Financial Regulations: <b>RESOLVED</b> That payments to the BDO (External Audit), the Parish Lengthsman contractor and the Parish Clerk (expenses) be approved.  Parish Precept: <b>RESOLVED</b> That the precept be set at £4000 a 33% increase on last year. The decision was made following these considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There may be Parish Council precept “capping” from 2015</li> <li>• The Parish wishes to have some resource to deliver the Parish Plan currently available for public consultation</li> <li>• The Parish Council wishes for the Parish Lengthsman scheme to improve safety on the parish roads (currently grant funded) to continue</li> <li>• The Parish now employs a Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer</li> <li>• As the District and County Council’s contract in size due to austerity measures there may be additional pressures on the Parish Council to deliver services.</li> </ul>	
<b>11/2014</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the items from CALC and the HMRC were noted	SP
	<b>Next Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014 7.30pm in the Community Centre, Skelwith</li> </ul>	

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.