Present:- Cllr Kentish, Cllr Shorrock, Cllr Burgoin, Cllr Collins, Cllr Morriss, D. Cllr B Dobson. Clerk Rosemary Trollope-Bellew.

Attendance – 2 member of the parish

Meeting commenced 19:00

014/24 Election of Chairman & Vice-Chairman

- I. Chairman Cllr. Kentish Proposed Cllr Burgoin, Seconded Cllr Morriss. All agreed Cllr Kentish signed the declaration of office
- II. Vice-Chairman- Cllr. Cllr Morriss. Proposed- Cllr Kentish, Seconded- Cllr Collins. All agreed. Cllr. Morriss signed the declaration of office.

Cllrs agreed to suspend the meeting between 19.04 – 19.10 for the public forum. All agreed.

Public Forum -

Cllrs received a complaint about rubbish being left outside a property on Manthorpe Road, Wilsthorpe. Action Cllr Dobson.

- 015/24 <u>Chairmans remarks</u> Cllr Kentish thanked everyone for their continued support. The Chairman proposed that the council would go into closed session item 019/24 (f) due to its sensitive nature. All agreed.
- 016/24 Apologies for absence and reasons given- None
- 017/24 <u>Declarations of interest</u>: Cllr D Kentish prejudicial interest item 21/24 (a) owner of property. Cllr Mrs Burgoin prejudicial interest item 19/24 (a.5) treasurer of St Faiths Church, Wilsthorpe.
- 018/24 <u>Minutes of the last meeting</u> It was proposed by Cllr. Kentish & seconded by Cllr. Morriss that the minutes of the last meeting be received as a true record. It was resolved that Cllr Kentish sign the minutes. All agreed. Action Cllr. Kentish.

Matters outstanding -

- 1. 009/24 The meeting was informed that a grant for a new defibrillator had been declined. It was agreed that the council representative on the Village Hall would report directly to the committee and look at a possible 50:50 share of cost of a new one.
- 019/24 Financial matters-

Expenses

a) Income – Clerk reported that SKDC had paid the parish precept £3032.00 for 2024/25.

1. Zurich – council insurance	£211.58
2. C S Harris-verge cutting	£80.00
3. C S Harris-community cleaner	£194.48
4. R Trollope-Bellew Salary	£293.04 Standing order
5. St Faiths Church-hire of church	£20.00
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It was proposed by Cllr. Kentish & seconded by Cllr. Morriss that items 1-3 & 5 be paid. All agreed.

- b) Approve the Certificate of Exemption for smaller authorities where the gross income/expenditure did not exceed £25,000. Proposed-Cllr Kentish, Seconded-Cllr Morriss. All agreed.
- c) Approve the Internal Auditors Report 2023/4. Proposed-Cllr Burgoin, Seconded-Cllr Shorrock. All agreed.
- d) Approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return) for the year ended 31.03.24. Proposed-Cllr Morriss, Seconded-Cllr Burgoin. All agreed.
- e) Approve the Accounting Statements (Section 2 of the Annual Return) for the year ended 31.03.24. Proposed-Cllr Shorrock, Seconded-Cllr Morriss. All agreed.

f) Employee's salary/hours for the forth coming year-clerk/community cleaner/verge contractor. Clerk and public left the meeting due to its sensitive nature. All agreed.

It was proposed by Cllr Kentish & seconded by Cllr Collins, (suggestion from the clerk), her hours be decreased from 12 to 10 hours/month as on 15th June 2024. It was agreed that extra hours would be paid if and when required. All agreed.

Clerk and Chairman signed a new contract of employment.

020/24 Village Hall Committee

It was proposed by Cllr Burgoin and seconded by Cllr Kentish that the council would continue to receive the agendas and minutes from the secretary and that Cllr Kentish would be happy to attend the occasional meeting. All agreed. **Action Clerk.**

021/24 Planning

- a) S24/0516 Kentish The Elms, Braceborough-reduce & cut back branches. No objections, proposed by Cllr Morriss, seconded by Cllr. Shorrock. All agreed. Action Clerk. Cllr Kentish left the meeting between 19.20-19.25.
- b) S23/0707 Manor Farmhouse, Braceborough-outdoor swimming pool and associated works. Approved 13.04.24

022/24 Highways

- 1. Lincs County Council-speed limit survey. Councillor completed.
- 2. It was agreed to organise a parish walkabout with LCC highways manager. The main concerns potholes at Obthorpe Road corner, grit bin at Wilsthorpe, possible obstruction at Braceborough Care Home by tree roots. All agreed. **Action Clerk.**
- 023/24 Village Concerns
 - 1. SKDC Village Services & facilities survey 2024-Braceborough/Wilsthorpe. It was agreed that the following should be included farmland around both villages, infill only if appropriate, against large developments due to none or little infrastructure or facilities.
 - 2. Mallard Pass Solar Farm Application-Cllr Kentish reported on the letter of response on behalf of parish council and meeting MP's outside parliament.
 - SKDC-update on flooding-suggestion that the parish council sets up an emergency plan. It was agreed to organise a meeting with Cllr Jason Helsey, Greatford Parish Council. All agreed. Action Clerk.
 - 4. King Charles 3rd. Clerk reported that she had received the portrait. It was agreed that the Village Hall Committee be approached to see if they would be willing to place in the Hall. **Action Clir.**

024/24 Correspondence

- 1. PKF Littlejohn 2023/24 external audit documents. Action Clerk
- 2. SKDC-Draft local plan consultation-online public engagement events.
- 3. SKDC-public spaces protection orders consultation.
- 4. SKDC-Hackney Carriage & private hire consultation.
- SKDC-Funding for community orchards £1500. Information sent to the Village Hall Committee. Closing dates 28th July & 27th September.
- 6. Lincs Police-'Safer Together' team require local priorities & teams meeting 25.06.24. One councillor to be nominated.
- 7. Lincolnshire County Council-updates.
- 8. Braceborough & Wilsthorpe Village Hall committee-minutes & agendas received.
- 9. Cllr Baxter-update on road works, Stamford Rd, Uffington.
- 025/24 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES -

Cllr Dobson reported on various matters from the district council.

- 026/24 To resolve on whether the Council will move into closed session
 - in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) Press and Public were asked to leave the meeting due to discussions of a sensitive nature. Item 019/24 (f).
- 027/24 Date of next meeting July 2024.

Meeting Closed 20.00.