

# **SKELTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA APPLICATION**

## **Introduction**

The Skelton Parish Council (SPC) and the Skelton Village Trust (SVT) have formed a joint working group (WG) to produce a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for the Parish of Skelton, York. This application is made to the City of York Council (CYC) as ‘Step One’ from the CYC’s ‘A Step by Step Guide to Producing a Neighbourhood Plan’: The Neighbourhood Area Application.

## **Proposed Area**

The proposed area for the Skelton NP is the whole of Skelton Parish, which is detailed on the map at the Enclosure.

The SPC represents and the SVT draws membership from the whole parish. Also, both organisations extend their geographical interests across the Parish, not confining representation to the main village settlement. Furthermore, any significant development beyond the village boundary will have impact on the village environment and, therefore, must be subject to neighbourhood planning. Therefore, the whole of Skelton Parish must be included in a Skelton NP.

## **Qualifying Body Justification**

This application is made by the SPC, which is a qualifying body for production of a NP. The SVT is to assist the SPC on the NP and a joint WG has been formed to undertake the task. The credentials of the SPC for the task are self-evident and the SVT is an ideal body, to assist, with its having the following objectives in its constitution:

- To encourage high standards of architecture, design and planning in the Parish of Skelton.
- To stimulate public interest in, and care for, the beauty, history and character of the village and its surroundings.
- To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic Interest.
- To promote good community relations and social contact by encouraging interest in the objectives and activities of The Trust.
- To pursue these ends by means of speaker evenings on related topics, exhibitions and activities aimed at environmental improvement.

Members of the Skelton NP WG are:

Cllr Joe Watt	Chairman SPC
Cllr Susan Taylor	Deputy Chair SPC
John McMeekin	SVT Committee Representative
Edward Renvoize	SVT Representative

**Cllr J D Watt**

**Chairman Skelton Parish Council**

Enclosure: Skelton Parish Boundary

