

Swainsthorpe Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held on Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 7.30pm

In Attendance: Cllr Nicki Craft, Cllr Ann Chandler, Cllr Claire Tuttle, Cllr Glyn Frost, Cllr Margaret Robins, Cllr Andy Haggith

Also present: Parish Clerk Nicola Ledain, 5 members of the public, District Cllr Florence Ellis.

1. To consider apologies for absence

- 1.1 No apologies had been received.

2. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda

- 2.1 Cllr Robins declared that she owned shares in National Grid.

3. Minutes

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2021 were agreed by the Council, subject to adding 'planning officer' at 8a, and amending Cllr Robins name to one 'b'.

3.2 Matters Arising

- i. The application for funding towards the village gates had been submitted but an outcome was not known as yet.
- ii. The SAM2 was on order.
- iii. There was a FIGS meeting in 2 weeks time which would confirm arrangements for an event on the Sunday of the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday weekend.
- iv. The village sign was being repaired soon.

4. Public Open Forum including reports from District and County Councillors

- 4.1 Cllr Ellis reported that she had spoken to planning regarding application 2021/2494 and they were awaiting a response from Highways.
- 4.2 She had met with Orsted, and had encouraged another public consultation.
- 4.3 The public raised the concern about the potholes on Station Close and Saffron Housing would be contacted.
- 4.4 A member of the public suggested that the telephone box on the A140 could be purchased from BT for £1, revamped and used to put the defibrillator inside.

5. Planning

- 5a. To receive an update regarding Planning Application: 2021/2495
Highways had yet to respond.
- 5b. 2021/2645 - The installation and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System to provide standby emergency electricity for National Grid in times of high electricity demand or when renewable energy projects are unable to fulfil demand; Land North of Stoke Lane, Dunston
The Council **OBJECTED** to this application.

6. Finances

- 6a. The financial statement was received and agreed.

- 6b. The following payments were agreed;

Nicola Ledain	£339.52	100765	Salary December and January
HMRC	254.60	100766	
E Parkinson	28.10	100767	Leaflets for Swainsthorpe update
TT Jones	25.20	100768	

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6c. The precept for 2022/2023 was agreed at £7152.

7. Play Area

7.1 The chair was meeting a contractor in the next week with the hope they could make the repairs according to the Rospa report.

There were grants available for a new play area, and Cllr Tuttle and Cllr Craft agreed to form a working party with the clerk.

8. Village Maintenance

8.1 The specification of the grass cutting contract was agreed. Cllr Haggith would update and send to the clerk in the hope of obtaining quotes.

8.2 It was agreed that the planting of the village would be in three sites; at the village sign, end of Church Road and end of village towards Mulbarton. It was agreed to purchase two new planters. Cllr Tuttle, Robins and the chair would carry out the planting.

9. Defibrillator

9.1 This was ongoing and depended on the move of the telephone box as discussed at item 4. The council agreed that the telephone box could be purchased in their name. The power source would be able to come from the green.

10. Parish Plan

10.1 The Chair reported that she was meeting with someone who could produce neighbourhood plans to find out more information. More details would be circulated and it was agreed in principle dependant on costs and more information.

11. Bollards at the Church

The bollards at the Church needed to be replaced. Companies would be contacted to obtain quotes.

12. Land at corner of Station Close

Some land at the corner of Station Close, owned by South Norfolk Council, has become available. The council agreed that it would be useful for the community to rent, maintain and use for the benefit of the community. The chair had sent an email to SNC but had not heard back. Cllr Ellis agreed to look into it.

13. Permissive Path

After considering the options of what to do with the permissive path from the footpath warden, it was agreed that the council would let the path remain as it was at the minute.

14. To receive items for the next agenda

14.1 Telephone box, co-opt new councillor

15. To note the date of the next meeting;

Wednesday 9 March 2022

Meeting finished at 9.15pm