

Swainsthorpe Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held on Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 7.30pm

In Attendance: Cllr P Webster, Cllr N Craft, Cllr A Chandler, Cllr C Tuttle, Cllr A Haggith

Also present: Parish Clerk Nicola Ledain, 2 members of the public, District Cllr Florence Ellis.

1. To consider apologies for absence

- 1.1 Apologies had been received from Cllr G Frost. The Chairman announced that Cllr J Casey had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council. He was thanked immensely for his hard work and contribution whilst being a parish councillor.

2. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda

- 2.1 There were no declarations declared.

3. Minutes

- 3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2021 were agreed by the Council, subject to a change at 11.1 to read as follows:

The chairman would contact TT Jones to find out potential costs moving forwards.

- 3.2 The clerk reported that the SAM2 monitor had been ordered.
3.3 Cllr Tuttle had contacted Saffron Housing about the fly-tipping which had occurred behind Station Close. She was waiting to hear back.
3.4 The Chairman reported that he had received a quote for the Village Sign at a cost of £711. This was agreed by Council.

4. To co-opt a Councillor

- 4.1 Andy Haggith was duly co-opted.

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

- 5.1 The District Councillor reported that there had been 1644 responses (723 people) to the village clusters consultation. It didn't affect Swainsthorpe at this point. There had been an additional 62 sites put forward in South Norfolk.
5.2 Out of 16 sites in South Norfolk, only the one site of Long Stratton had been identified as a priority site to deal with flooding and the additional £1.5 million that had been put aside by NCC.
5.3 South Norfolk Council were consulting on an accommodation review.

6. Planning

- 6a. **To consider new planning applications:** There were no new applications.
6b. **To receive an update regarding Planning Application: 2018/2631**
The Chairman reported that a date for the planning application to be heard at committee had been set as Monday 20th September.

7. Finances

- 7a. The financial statement was received with account balances as follows;
Current account: £9463.55
Business Account: £13452.72

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7b. The following payments were agreed;

Nicola Ledain	£339.52	100761	Salary August and September
Came & Company	696.81	100762	Insurance

8. Adopter Agreement

The Council AGREED the recycling centre adopter agreement.

9. Play area items and repairs

- 9.1 The Clerk reported that the benches had been ordered. Surrounding Parish Councils had also been asked to recommend companies that could quote for play area repairs. Online Playgrounds had been chased, and they had received the report and were working through a back log of enquiries.

10. Hedge Cutting Contract

The Council received the current specification. Cllr Haggith was asked to look over the specification, and would bring it back to the next meeting.

11. Village Gates project

- 11.1 The Highway Engineer and his Locality Designer visited the proposed site of the Village Gates near The Vale and had sympathised with the concern. There was currently no funding for speed limit review but he added extending the 30mph approx. 700m west to be reviewed when the time came around.
- With regards to the village gates, they would normally be located where there was a change to the speed limit, but he had suggested adding a sign to the gateways such as 'concealed entrance' or 'please drive carefully' instead of a speed sign. Discussions would continue.

12. Defibrillator

- 12.1 The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the electrician that had been in touch with Robin Parkinson. Planning was not needed. However, the Chairman was trying to get in touch with TT Jones to discuss the electricity.

13. Horses in the Village

- 13.1 The clerk had contacted the local police and Network Rail regarding the issues the village was experiencing with horses.
- Network Rail had given an emergency number to ring, and advised that as soon as an incident was being noted, to ring the Transport Police on 0800 405040.
- The Local Police had agreed to speak to the owners of the horses to advise them of safe practice.

14. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Working Group

The group reported that there were plans to hold an afternoon tea on the day of the Jubilee plus other events were being planned.

15. To receive items for the next agenda

Defibrillator, TT Jones contract, specification for hedge cutting and plants, village gates, play area, report from jubilee working group.

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16. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as 10th November 2021

Meeting finished at 8.50pm