

**Swainsthorpe Parish Council Minutes of the
meeting of the Parish Council held on
Wednesday 8 March 2022 at 7.30pm**

In Attendance: Cllr Ann Chandler (Chair), Cllr Nicki Craft, Cllr Claire Tuttle, Cllr Margaret Robins, Cllr Andy Haggith, Cllr Glyn Frost, Cllr Geoff Curran

Also present: Parish Clerk Nicola Ledain, 4 members of the public, District Cllr Florence Ellis

1. To consider apologies for absence

1.1 There were no apologies given.

2. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda

2.1 No interests were declared.

3. Minutes

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2023 were agreed by the Council and signed by the Charman.

3.2 There had still not been any response regarding the hedge at Beehive Cottage. It was suggested that a polite letter should be written to her. The discussion regarding a parish plan would be held at a future meeting, potentially July.

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

4.1 District Cllr Florence Ellis reported that she was standing down in the May elections, and it had been a pleasure working with Swainsthorpe. She thanked the Chair for the invitation to the Chair's reception, it had been lovely to have been invited.

4.2 Elaine Parkinson, footpath warden, reported that Hickling Lane was far too wet to walk, but once it had dried out she would be reviewing it.

5. Planning

5.1 To receive an update on 2021/2495 – Installation of a solar farm – Brick Kiln Lane
An email from Sarah at EFP had reported that the walk about in the village had been postponed for another month. AC will await them to contact her.

Charles Carron-Brown had attended a meeting regarding the battery farm and reported that the south end of the field was the most appropriate location but this was the second choice location. They were under time constraints placed upon them by National grid.

The fires that had happened in other locations had been due to having non-purpose built containers. The containers proposed for Swainsthorpe would be specifically designed and the space between the containers would prevent the fires spreading.

Funding for the villages affected by the solar farm had been mentioned and Swainsthorpe had put forward their request to help with the bells and the church extension.

5.2 Hornsea

AC had attended the meeting regarding the funding.

Sheringham

There was no update. AC and MR had attended the pre-hearings procedural meeting but there had not been any valuable information from them.

East Anglia Green Enablement

There will be a independent review of this, and of all alternative possibilities including the off-shore option. The campaign was being led by Razor Pearson.

5c. To consider new planning applications

There had been no local applications, but the Long Stratton applications were discussed. The council agreed to contact and the officer involved and express concerns about the increased volume of traffic although they had no objections to the application.

6. Donation to the Parish Partnership Magazine

The council agreed that they needed to see the full accounts in order to make an informed Decision. The clerk would try to contact the magazine.

7. Finance

7a. The financial report was agreed.

7b. The following payments were agreed:

Nicola Ledain February and March salary: £345.20 (chq no. 100794)

South Norfolk Council – dog waste bins: £265.44 (chq no. 100795)

Zoom: £143.88 (chq no. 100796)

Play Inspection Company: £87.54 (chq no. 100797)

Ann Chandler – Chairs reception: £150.00 (chq no. 100798)

8. Jubilee Garden and play area

The garden was progressing well. Three trees, climbing roses and other climbers had been planted with more to add. A working party would be organised for the thistles, and some more grass seed needed to be added.

9. Event for the Coronation

A village picnic was being organised by the FIGS for the Coronation of King Charles III. It would be held on Sunday 7th May. The SCCT had offered £100. The Parish Council had applied for a £200 grant from South Norfolk Council.

10. Telephone box and defibrillator

10.1 MR reported that SNC had agreed to the telephone box. Malcom had contacted the contractor and the electrician. It had been confirmed that BT would have no interest in the box once it had been moved. There was still a risk of the box breaking in the move, as the state of the box was unknown.

10.2 The contracts were being sent back to the contractor, and then a date was going to be set for the move.

11. Items for next agenda

Play area, hedge (matters arising),

15. **Date of the next meeting was noted as Wednesday 10 May 2023 but this was subject to change.**

Meeting finished at 20.48