

Swainsthorpe Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 7.30pm

**In Attendance:** Cllr Ann Chandler (Chair), Cllr Gynis Frost (Vice Chair), Cllr Nicki Craft, , Cllr Claire Tuttle, Cllr Margaret Robins, Cllr Andy Haggith, Cllr Geoff Curran (after co-option)

**Also present:** Parish Clerk Nicola Ledain, 4 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 No interests were declared.

**3. Minutes**

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2022 were agreed by the Council, subject to adding 'The Chair would produce the objection and would be appended to these minutes' at 5b.

**3.2 Matters Arising**

- i. The plan to move the telephone box from the A140 to the centre of the village was in progress. Once moved, the phone box would house the defibrillator.
- ii. The bollards still needed moving, and companies were being sought.

**4. To co-opt a Councillor**

4.1 The Council had received notification that they were able to co-opt a councillor after having received no requests for an election. The Council **AGREED** to co-opt Geoff Curran.

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

5.1 Cllr Florence Ellis reported that there was a grant available for events regarding the Platinum Jubilee and to help support those events.

5.2 She would be attending further meetings regarding the application of the battery farm and would report. The staff from Equinor at the public meeting said they were unaware of the battery farm application.

**6. Planning**

6a. To receive an update regarding Planning Application: 2021/2495

Highways had yet to respond. There had been a village meeting held in February where representatives from EDF had attended. The A140 junction was still a major concern. It was suggested to speak to the Police about fining vehicles who exceed the weight limit of roads, and their policy surrounding this. The Chair would also invite the planning officer to visit Swainsthorpe to look at the situation of the roads.

6b. The Chair and vice Chair had attended a public meeting of Equinor regarding the offshore wind farms. There was lots of information given. Planning permission was not being sought until around 2025.

6c. 2022/0186 – Mr Andrew Lockett - Unit 5 Game Meadow Brick Kiln Lane Swainsthorpe Norfolk - Installation of PVC double glazed double doors to existing front entrance. The Council had **NO OBJECTIONS**.

**7. Finances**

7a. The financial statement was received and agreed.

7b. The following payments were agreed;

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£339.52

Salary February and March

**8. Village Gates and Road Signage**

- 8.1 The Council had been successful in obtaining funding through Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership Scheme for village gates and some additional road speed signage. The clerk would take this forward and speak to the Highway Engineer.

**9. Play Area**

- 9.1 The Council AGREED a quote of £700 for repairs to the play area. There would be a working party arranged to re-paint it and treatment of the wood.
- 9.2 It was suggested to check the insurance for any age limit statements, and the inspection checklist would be circulated.

**10. Grounds Maintenance**

- 10.1 Quotes were being sought for the grounds maintenance and grass cutting contract for the village. A few companies were suggested, and the clerk would follow up.

**11. Land at corner of Station Close**

- 11.1 The land at the corner of Station Close was available, and it was hoped that the parish Council could take this on from South Norfolk Council to maintain and use as a community garden. In conversation with SNC, they had agreed to cut the hedge. A decision regarding the future of the land had yet to be decided but the Chair was in talks with SNC.

**12. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events**

- 12.1 The events for the platinum Jubilee would consist of a free BBQ at lunchtime, games on the green, afternoon tea, 50s music. The parish Council agreed a donation of £200.

**13. To receive items for the next agenda**

- 13.1 Trees, play area, footpaths

**14. To note the date of the next meeting;**

Wednesday 11 May 2022 (the Parish Council had received notification that the Church was unable on this date, therefore the meeting was moved to 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022).

Meeting finished at 9pm