

**Swainsthorpe Parish Council Minutes of the
meeting held on Wednesday 12 July 2023 at
7.30pm**

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

Also present: Parish Clerk Nicola Ledain, 9 members of the public, District Cllr John Cook

1. To consider apologies for absence

All councillors were present

2. Declarations of Interest

MR declared that she had shares in National Grid.

3. Election of vice Chair

AH was duly elected.

4. Minutes

4a. The minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2023 were agreed by the Council and signed by the Charman.

4bi. GC reported that for the Community Speedwatch, names of 13 individuals had been submitted to Norfolk Constabulary to form the Speedwatch team. A rota would be devised for those who had offered to help. Training would be provided by Norfolk Constabulary as well as offering constant support.

4bii Village flowers – the flowers have been planted around the village.

4biii The clerk would circulate details of Councillor training.

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

5.1 Cllr John Cook reported that he had spoken to planning at SNC and would pass relevant contact details on. He reminded the council that there was funding from the member fund for any projects and advised to apply for a grant from the Community Action Fund for the play area.

5.2 There was concern expressed about items which had been propped up against the Jubilee Garden. This would be monitored.

5.3 Charles Carron-Brown reported that he had been in contact with Nick Miller who has organised a meeting with Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service, to enquire what conditions have they put into the planning applications of the battery farms. The meeting was going to be held via teams and he would report back at the next meeting.

6. Planning

6a. To receive an update on 2021/2495 – Installation of a solar farm – Brick Kiln Lane Bloys Grove

- The chair reported that there had been a walkabout of the village with representatives from Bloys Grove and members of the parish council on 15th June. She read aloud the minutes of the walkabout and what had been agreed. It seemed that EDF were still ignoring the width of the road but had acknowledged the filter lane was too narrow. The council agreed that those minutes could be signed.

- It was agreed that Highways needed to be spoken to regarding the path outside Beehive Cottage. A discussion was also need to be held with the Highway Engineer about laying a footpath along the vale once the construction has finished.
- 6b. To receive a update on 2023/1095; Novus Battery Farm.
- A public consultation had recently been held in Swardeston. Planning permission was being requested in 2024 with construction starting in 2027 if approved. It was suggested very highly that a meeting with SNC
- 6ci. There was no update regarding Hornsea.
- 6cii. There was no update regarding Sheringham dudgeon.
- 6ciii. Norwich to Tilbury (formerly East Anglian Green Enablement). It was agreed that the residents of the village would be encouraged to sign the national petition against this application. A consultation was being held on Tuesday 18th July, 1-6 pm, Tasburgh Village Hall. The Council agreed that they would objected to this application.
- 6d. To consider new planning applications
There were none.
- 7. Finance**
- 7a. The financial report was agreed.
- 7b. The following payments were agreed:
Nicola Ledain – salary
Ann Chandler - £108.35 – village flowers
- 7c. The council approved the 2022/2023 accounts and approved the Chair and clerk to sign the certificate of exemption for a limited assurance review.
- 8. Village Plan**
Following the presentation before the meeting, the council seemed encouraged by developing the neighbourhood plan. The Chair would Elaine Parkinson if she was still willing to lead the project. It was hoped that the working group could then be set up.
- 9. Village Gates**
No news had been received regarding the village gates but the council hoped that that the work could start before the HGV drivers came through the village for the solar farm project.
- 10. Jubilee Garden and play area**
A quote had been received from David Ashley-Cowan to cut the grass in the jubilee garden at a cost of £20 per session, which would be every fortnight. This was agreed.
- 11. Telephone box and defibrillator**
All contracts had been arranged and signed for the telephone box which now belongs to the SCCT. The site had been agreed with the electrician. Waiting for the removal man to confirm the date of moving the box to its site in the village.
- 12. Update on play area**
A meeting of the working group would be held before the next meeting.
- 13. Items for next agenda**
Bollards on the triangle
- 14. Date of the next meeting was noted as Wednesday 13 September 2023.**
Meeting finished at 8.55pm