

Swainsthorpe Parish Council  
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 28 July 2021 at 7.30pm

**In Attendance:** Cllr P Webster, Cllr G Frost, Cllr J Casey, Cllr N Craft, Cllr A Chandler, Cllr C Tuttle

**Also present:** Parish Clerk Nicola Ledain, 3 members of the public,

**1. To consider apologies for absence**

- 1.1 All councillors were present, although apologies had been received from District Councillor Florence Ellis.

**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 26 May 2021 were agreed by the Council.
- 3.2 The situation regarding the horse riding in the village was discussed. There was concern that there were people misbehaving whilst riding the horses near to the Railway Line. There was also the aspect of it being an anti-social issue. It was suggested that Network Rail, the police and South Norfolk Council were contacted. It was confirmed that Briar Lane was a bridleway.

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

- 4.1 It was hoped that the council would be in a position to co-opt at this meeting but this would be discussed at the next meeting.

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

- 5.1 Neither the District Councillor or County Councillor were present
- 5.2 Robin Parkinson reported that the SCCT had met and were investigating the boundary between the PCC and the SCCT
- 5.3 A FIGS meeting would be soon taking place.

**6. Planning**

**6a. To consider new planning applications:**

2021/1346: Proposed rear extension with balcony above. | Meadow Rise 10 Briar Lane Swainsthorpe NR14 8PJ. The Council AGREED they had NO OBJECTIONS.

**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 was yet to be known. CPRE had submitted a new letter online as well as the revised letter from NCC.

**7. Finances**

- 7a. The financial statement was received with account balances as follows;

Current account:

Business Account:

A further detailed breakdown would be circulated.

The clerk also agreed to contact Barclays to get the paperwork for Ann Chandler to become a signatory, as previously had been agreed.

- 7b. The following payments were agreed;

Nicola Ledain                      £339.52

HMRC

Salary June and July

Quarter 1 2021/2022

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**8. Quotes for play area items and repairs**

- 8.1 The Council AGREED to purchase two benches for the play area and the clerk would order.
- 8.2 The cutting contract and specification for the cutting needed revising and this would be brought to the next meeting. It would definitely need to include cutting the stinging nettles as they had grown considerably this year.
- 8.3 The council were still awaiting quotes for the repairs to the play area but it was hoped they would be received for the next meeting,.

**9. Sub-Committee for the Queen's Jubilee in 2022**

- 9.1 The council discussed holding some events for the Queen's Jubilee 2022. Various suggestions were discussed. A sub-committee of villagers from various groups would discuss the options and report back at the next meeting. The clerk would see if there were any grants that could be obtained.

**10. Village Gates project**

- 10.1 The clerk had contacted the new Highways Engineer who had agreed to meet with her and a councillor in the next couple of weeks or so. It was hoped that one pair of gates could be placed near The Vale.

**11. Defibrillator**

- 11.1 Robin Parkinson from the SCCT reported that an electrician had been to look at the electricity source, and had suggested running the electricity from the source which runs to the lamppost, and then place the defibrillator on the side of the noticeboard. There was slight concern at the cost of using the electricity as it was thought that this had been a previous suggestion and the cost was too high. The Chairman agreed to speak to the electrician to find out.

**12. SAM2 monitor**

- 12.1 The clerk agreed to contact NCC to find out about the status of the SAM2 monitor.

**13. Flytipping**

- 13.1 There appeared to be flytipping which had appeared on Station Close. Claire Tuttle agreed to contact Saffron Housing.

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

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

**15. To confirm the date of the next meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Meeting finished at 8.30pm