

**Swainsthorpe Parish Council Minutes of the
Annual meeting of the Parish Council held
on Wednesday 12 May 2023 on the rise of
the Annual Parish Meeting**

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

Also present: Parish Clerk Nicola Ledain, 21 members of the public, District Cllr John Cook

1. Councillors to sign their declaration of acceptances of office

All councillors signed. Council RESOLVED to agree that Andy Haggith would sign his at a future meeting.

2. To consider apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Andy Haggith.

3. Election of Chair

Ann Chandler was duly elected

4. Election of vice chair

This would be deferred to the next meeting

5. To consider co-option to the councillor vacancy

Following the recent parish elections, a vacancy remained on the parish council. The council RESOLVED to co-opt Joe Casey to the parish council. Joe had sent apologies for this meeting.

6. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda

6.1 No interests were declared.

7. Minutes

7.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2023 were agreed by the Council and signed by the Charman.

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

8.1 Newly elected District Councillor John Cook introduced himself and offered any help should anyone need anything. He had been engaged with the presentation that the parish had received at the annual parish meeting regarding the various planning applications for solar energy that Swainsthorpe was battling against and would send on the presentation to various organisations.

9. Planning

9.1 To receive an update on 2021/2495 – Installation of a solar farm – Brick Kiln Lane

The chair reported that a provisional date of 14th June had been organised for the walk around the village from EDF Energy. When it was confirmed, it would be beneficial for a few people to attend.

9.2 There was no update regarding Hornsea, Sheringham and East Anglia Green Enablement

9.3 To consider new planning applications

The council briefly discussed 2023/1095; a battery farm by Novus which would be sited off Hickling Lane. It was a pre-application, and there would be further

10. Policies

The council AGREED the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

11. Finance

11a. The financial report was agreed.

11b. The following payments were agreed:

Nicola Ledain April and May salary: £345.20 (chq no. 100799)

SCCT – Hire of Church £100 (chq no. 100800)

Ann Chandler – parish gazebo and present for outgoing councillor: £243.98 (chq no. 100801)

SNC – garden waste bin: £120.00 (chq no. 100802)

David Ashley Cowan: £1732.50 (chq no. 100803)

NALC subscriptions fees: £143.99 (chq no. 100804)

11c. The end of year accounts and audit would be agreed at the next meeting.

12. Speedwatch Team

The council considered setting up a Speedwatch team and this was AGREED. Volunteers would be sought and the necessary documentation organised. It was suggested that Network Rail should be contacted to ask if they would share any data regarding the speed of cars that drove across the level crossing.

13. Jubilee Garden and play area

The garden was progressing well. A working party had been organised who had pulled the thistles and the garden was nearly ready for the bench to be installed. It would then be ready to open to the public.

14. Telephone box and defibrillator

It was reported that after a meeting with Swainsthorpe Community Charitable Trust, the relevant contract had been sent to those involved. Once the box has been moved, BT would have no interest in the box and it would be an asset of the parish council, but there would be no liability for them to maintain a 999 line.

15. Village Flowers for 2023

The village flowers were agreed for 2023. There was £300 in the budget for the flowers. They would be similar to last year.

16. Items for next agenda

Play area, village plan, accounts, area around the railway crossing, councillor training, village gates, SAM2.

17. Date of the next meeting was noted as Wednesday 12 July 2023.

Meeting finished at 8.50pm