



## SWATON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY JAN 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 AT 7.45PM IN THE VILLAGE HUT.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM, 7.30pm.**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.35pm.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A Deptford, (Chairman), Mrs E Penketh, C. Richardson, Cllr Mrs Murphy-Mann, (taking her seat), D/Cllr Mrs K Cook and the Clerk, Mrs S McIntyre

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** There were none.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.** Block exemption granted by the Clerk for matters in connection with the Swaton Play area and also the Precept.
3. **SIGNING OF THE MINUTES** - Clerks' Notes from the meeting of Nov 21st, 2017. Cllr Richardson proposed and Cllr Mrs Penketh seconded that these be approved as a true record. All agreed, the Resolution was passed, the Chairman signed the Minutes.
4. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR.** Cllr Mrs Murphy-Mann took her seat. Documentation completed. The Chairman welcomed her to the Council.
5. **COUNTY/DISTRICT/POLICE MATTERS.** No County or Police representative and no apologies. D/Cllr Mrs K Cook spoke about the Local Government Review – which is at Agenda item 8. There is a digital hub in Osbournby from 11 – 12.30 every Wednesday, after a coffee morning. Volunteers would be welcome. It is budget time for NKDC. In a nationwide pilot scheme NKDC is keeping their business rates. The work along the A17 is hoped to be completed by the end of April. Cllr Mrs Cook will check on the progress of work to the A52 from the crossroads towards Grantham – it appears to be partially completed, then halted.
6. **PLAY AREA UPDATE.** Block Dispensation. No grant applications in at the moment. A new trim trail is now in place, plus a springer and cradle swing. The swing seems to be very small – Cllr Mrs Penketh will check whether it is the correct one. The next phase will be for a football net and protective mesh fencing. The FA is being approached for a grant, but it may not be appropriate.
7. **LITTER PICKING.** No problems have been reported.
8. **INCREASE IN COUNCILLORS TO 7.** NKDC has started a Community Governance Review. Swaton Parish Council is complying with requests. Posters and an entry in the Swaton Newsletter are being requested. The Clerk is liaising with electoral services regarding PC obligations in the process. If all goes through, the increase will be from the next ordinary elections in May 2019.

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9. **APPOINTMENT OF VILLAGE CO-ORDINATORS.** Standing Orders have been amended and published. Mrs J Patrick and Mr C Campion took up their appointments. The Chairman welcomed them.
10. **FLOODING.** Flooding and South Lincs Reservoir. A poster and leaflet about the change of management of parts of the area watercourses will have no impact of Swaton. However, Cllr Richardson told the meeting that he had spotted a plan to build an additional reservoir in order to increase supply to London. One of the 4 proposed sites is adjacent to the A52 and various sites are suggested but information is sparse It may involve creating banking and pumping water into a reservoir, or using two valley sites upstream. Easy access from the A52 is a favoured factor as is the quality of the water. Cllr Richardson is monitoring any activity about this, the County Council has been told.
11. **FINANCE –**
- **Monthly report** from RFO. It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Murphy-Mann and seconded by Cllr Mrs Penketh that the report be accepted, and the below BACS payment approved. All agreed, the resolution was passed.
  - **Signing of Cheques and approval of BACS payments.**  
Mrs S McIntyre                      Expenses Dec/Jan                      £23.00
  - **Budget 2018/19.** Details of the NKDC grant received, which will be £21.76. Swaton PC to request a total of £2500 – comprising £2478.24 plus the grant. This was proposed by Cllr Richardson and seconded by Cllr Mrs Murphy-Mann.
12. **CLERK’S REPORT AND UPDATES.**
- **NKDC –** Electoral Registers circulated.
  - **Local Bus updates –** Circulated
  - **New Data Protection Rules and Regs –** advice coming through. Neither LALC nor the SLCC have definitive advice as yet. It seems independent Data Protection Officers may have to be appointed at an excessive cost for small parishes. The Clerk will monitor and pass on advice as and attend training when possible.
  - **Road Closures –** affecting ROW 44 at various times – circulated.
  - **Mobile Climbing Watt and Skateparks –** Details received
  - **Snowdrop walk –** poster received.
13. **LALC NEWS and TRAINING.** 2017/18 training list in County News 163 edition – circulated.
- External Auditor training webinar Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> – Cllr Deptford booked.
  - New Cllr Training – Jan 31<sup>st</sup> at Anton’s Gowt – Cllr Mrs Murphy-Mann booked. Mrs Patrick and Mr Campion also to attend.
  - Transparency Code drop in Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 11.30 – 1.30 at LALC offices. Clerk not able to attend.
  - LALC Training scheme 2018/19 – should the PC Join? After discussion it was agreed to make further enquiries and bring this to the March meeting.
14. **PLANNING:**



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- **17/1806/HOUS.** Erection of 2 storey extension, Eau Farm, West End. ‘No Objections’ submitted to NKDC.
15. **URGENT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.** Look at getting another authorised for internet banking.
16. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS** – Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup>,  
The meeting closed at 8.40pm.