



SWATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, January 17th, 2017 at 7.45pm in the Community Hut, Swaton.

PUBLIC FORUM, 7.30pm. Two members of the public were present. Questions were asked about the newsletter. Cllr Mrs Panketh will be liaising with the PC and the Hut committee about the timings and content of future issues.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs A Deptford, (Chairman), Cllr A Dunlop, Mrs E Penketh, A Wilson, the Clerk, Mrs S McIntyre

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**
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 meetings of November 15th 2016. Cllr Wilson proposed and Cllr Richardson seconded that these be approved as a true record. All agreed, the Resolution was passed, the Chairman signed the Minutes.
4. **COUNTY/DISTRICT/POLICE MATTERS.** No members were present. Cllr Dunlop updated the meeting on PCSO Patrick W-E.
5. **PLAY AREA UPDATE.** Block Dispensation. Cllr Wilson updated the meeting on the Youth Shelter. A provisional completion date was set for on or before July 1st. Cllr Mrs Penketh said the current funds may support three more items. A meeting of the new Committee was set, and this Committee will make the final decision based on recommendations from Cllr Mrs Penketh and Cllr Wilson. She gave an update of possible future funds. She was thanked for her work with regard to the grant funding.
6. **LCC GRASS CUTTING.** The Chairman said that it has been confirmed that LCC will cut the visibility splay as requested, but only twice a year. LCC have offered 20% of the previous funding – it was proposed by the Chairman that this should be applied for – all agreed – the Clerk to action this.
Cllr Mrs Penketh will remind everyone in the next newsletter that there will be no LCC verge cutting this year.
7. **TRAFFIC CALMING.**
 - **Speed indicator signs.** Update on the funding of new batteries. The Chairman reported that Swaton plus three other Councils have contributed equally towards the cost of the new batteries. One sign is still with another parish and its return will be requested. Cllr Mrs Penketh asked for someone to take of the responsibility for managing the signs. A parishioner will be approached.
8. **LIGHTING.** The request for an additional sign has been received and a site inspection is to be arranged.

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9. FINANCE –

- **Monthly report** from RFO. It was proposed by Cllr Dunlop and seconded by Cllr Mrs Penketh, that the report be accepted. All agreed, the resolution was passed.
- **Signing of Cheques and approval of BACS payments.** The following additional BACS payments were proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Richardson and resolved.

Mrs S McIntyre	Expenses Nov/Dec	£44.00
LALC	AGM cost	£10.00

2017/18 Budget. Draft budget had been circulated. NKDC had sent the PC precept/grant details through with an explanation as to the implications. The Clerk had summarised these and circulated the details prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Dunlop and seconded by Cllr Richardson that the total amount of precept requested would be the same as the current year - £2500.00 – this would mean a small decrease in the Parish Council part of parishioners’ Council tax for 2017/8. All agreed, the Resolution was passed.

10. CLERK’S REPORT AND UPDATES.

- **Environment Agency** – Report re reducing flood risk – circulated. Flood resilience Project has received funding – report received.
- **Flooding** – reminder from NKDC that all incidents of flooding must be reported on the LCC flood line number – 01522 782082. Cllr Richardson agreed to be the parish link for contacting the flood line should it be necessary.
- **Local List Consultation** – Non-designated Heritage Assets – circulated.
- **CPRE Best Kept Village Competition** – Is the PC registering for an entry pack? There was no interest.
- **Brains of Kesteven Quiz** – Friday 20th January at 7.00pm in the Civic Suite at the NKDC offices. Insufficient interest to register a team.
- **Safe as Houses drop in event Dec 12th** – Report Cllr Mrs Penketh – she had not found this very useful or informative.
- **Join the Dots funding fairs.** Details of one in Kirton circulated. Future events planned for venues including Sleaford – dates yet to be announced.

11. TRAINING.

- Dates for second half of the year in the recent LALC circular. Cllrs Mrs Penketh and Wilson agreed to look for Cllr training in or around the Sleaford area. February training events were noted.

12. **LALC.** Latest LALC County Circular received - circulated and noted.

13. **PLANNING:** 16/1677/HOUS. Erection of two storey side extension and rear extension at 2 Cardyke Cottage, Parson’s Grove. No Objections to be sent to NKDC. There was some discussion about an enforcement notice for a recent planning application – the Chairman to check.

14. **URGENT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.** Any urgent matters which have occurred after the agenda was published – these can be discussed but no resolution can be made. The light bulb is out in the telephone kiosk. Cllr Dunlop will report.

15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday March 21st 2017.** The meeting closed at 8.46pm.