



SWATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY JULY 18TH 2017 AT 7.45PM IN THE VILLAGE HUT.

PUBLIC FORUM, 7.30pm.

One member of the public spoke. (1) Litter report has been submitted to NKDC along with the application for this season's grant. (2) Who has responsibility to empty the litter dustbin in the park? – no bin liner and full of litter. D/Cllr Mrs Cook will contact NKDC. (3) Fencing to north of High Street bus shelter adjacent to grass field is in disrepair and a potential danger to footpath users. Clerk to write to Crown Estates. (4) Reported a very large pothole on Swaton Road near the Anglia Water premises. Also reported a broken sewer and this was patched then repaired within a week. (5) Both SIDs are back in Swaton. One has needed repairs which were done. Both are currently in place along High Street.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.45pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs A Deptford, (Chairman), C Richardson, A Wilson, the Clerk, Mrs S McIntyre

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs Mrs Penketh and A Dunlop, reasons given and accepted.
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 May 16th 2017. Cllr Wilson proposed and Cllr Wilson seconded that these be approved as a true record. All agreed, the Resolution was passed, the Chairman signed the Minutes. Notes from the Annual Parish Council were noted for any future actions.
4. **COUNTY/DISTRICT/POLICE MATTERS.** No County or Police representative and no apologies. D/Cllr Mrs Cook said her induction and training as a new County Council had been time consuming but was nearing completion. Pleased to see Church House had won a planning award. Planning officers visited recently and spoke to the owners re the current application. Broadband – Caroline Johnson MP is looking onto the poor patch of Broadband in the village where 6/7 houses are still connected to an 'old' box. Mrs Cook had passed details of burglaries in the area to the parishes concerned. All NKDC councillors spent time looking around the whole area and the recent Armed Forces Day was very well received. Mrs Cook congratulated the Swaton Vintage Day team and said it was a lovely family day. Around £8000 had been raised.
5. **PLAY AREA UPDATE.** Block Dispensation. Cllr Wilson said there had been good support from the village whenever help was needed. The concrete floor for the shelter is down and the roof nearly completed.
7.58pm, the meeting was closed. A member of the public suggested there should be some sort of media recognition for this project and all the work which has been done. Cllr Wilson suggested an community event during the summer when the shelter was completed.
8.00pm. The meeting was re-opened.
There is some further funding to come in. Two new bins should be installed at the same time as completing the youth shelter. He said thanks should go to Cllr Mrs Penketh for getting the best possible prices for the equipment, together with add-ons like pathways for the money available.
6. **LCC GRASS CUTTING.** LCC Grass Cutting Agreement. It was proposed by Cllr Richardson and seconded by Cllr Wilson That the agreement be signed. To be returned together with Insurance Certificate. The agreement was signed by the Chairman. Some discussion about carrying out the grass cutting in various areas.. Cllr Richardson agreed to cut West End verges as

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a PC approved volunteer if covered by the PC insurance, and if they are not cut by LCC. The Clerk to contact the insurance about cover in these circumstances.

7. **SPEED INDICATOR SIGNS.** Both SIDs are currently in the village and being run for checking purposes. Some enquiries had been made about more permanent signs but there were no reports for this meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by the Chairman that the Clerk writes to the Chairman of the Vintage Day Committee saying that funding help for fixed speed indicator signs had been requested by a parishioner from the Vintage Day. All agreed, the Clerk to write to Vintage Day Chairman.
The Chairman said he hoped for reports regarding costs and types of speed indicator signs to be submitted into the September meeting.
8. **LITTER PICKING.** The grant for 2017/8 has been applied for and an annual report from Mr J Lukjaniec (circulated) was sent in to NKDC.
8.14pm Meeting closed. Mr Lukjaniec requested that this grant be paid into the Speed Indicator fund.
8.15pm Meeting re-opened.
9. **FINANCE –**
 - **Monthly report** from RFO. It was proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Richardson, that the report be accepted. All agreed, the resolution was passed.
 - **Signing of Cheques and approval of BACS payments.** The following additional BACS payment was proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Richardson and resolved. An invoice relating to previously agreed and paid Play Area work was signed. It was also resolved that Cllr Wilson be refunded in between meetings for work in connection to the previously agreed and budgeted play area work.

Mrs S McIntyre	Expenses June/July	£23.00
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10. **CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.**
 - **NKDC Open Space Strategy.** Short survey completed.
 - **LCC Highways.** Methods of contacting LC Highways – leaflet circulated. Cluster meetings being organised.
 - **LCC Compliments, Comments and Complaints Policy and Procedure – Updated.**
 - **Questionnaire from a research student.** Circulated.
 - **NKDC Central Lincs Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy update.** Clerk attended then seminar – report circulated.
 - **Mobile Library Route Changes.** Details and poster received.
 - **Black Sluice – “Cutter Suction Silt Dredger Demo Open Event”.** Details circulated.
 - **Hedge behind bus shelter overgrown –** person responsible being chased. It is badly overgrown. The Clerk to write to the manager ensuring this will be cut this autumn/winter. Ivy from hedges in the village now creeping across footpaths, causing slip and trip hazards. Also path at north end of village is now only inches wide. Clerk to make contact with those concerned.
 - **Broadband provision –** update on provision of broadband to village. See item 4.
11. **TRAINING.** 2017 Training listed in the latest LALC circular.
12. **LALC.** LALC Summer Newsletter received - circulated and noted. LALC AGM Tues Oct 17th at Cranwell VH. Cost £10. Resolved to fund this for the Clerk if able to attend.



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13. **PLANNING:** Member of the public commented to the Chairman about the PC's response to a recent planning application. Chairman circulated details via e mail and a response was sent.
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.
15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday September 19th. 2017.** Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 8pm or earlier if the APM ends sooner. **This date NOT convenient for the majority. Clerk to contact Hut committee to see if Tuesday 26th September is available.**
The meeting closed at 8.54pm.