

SWATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, July 19th, 2016 at 7.45pm in the Community Hut, Swaton.

PUBLIC FORUM, 7.30pm.

One member of the public was present. He spoke about: 1. Bus shelter – tiles off the roof. 2. A tree dangerous and dying near the bus shelter - branches overhang the footpath. 3. The possibility of starting a village traffic calming fund to purchase signs each end of the village.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.50pm.

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr A Dunlop and Cllr C Richardson. Their apologies were accepted.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.** Block exemption granted by the Clerk for matters in connection with the Swaton Play area.
3. **SIGNING OF THE MINUTES** - Clerks' Notes from the meetings of May 17th and June 30th - that these be accepted as Minutes. Cllr Wilson 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.
Councillors noted the Notes from the Annual Parish Meeting on May 17th – to be accepted in the 2017 APM.
4. **COUNTY/DISTRICT/POLICE MATTERS.** No representative was present. The Chairman said he met C/Cllr Young at a recent cluster meeting but that the cut in government funding meant there was little positive news.
5. **PLAY AREA UPDATE.** Block Dispensation.
 - **Trees.** The NKDC Tree Officer met with the owner of trees adjacent to the recreation area. In an e mail to Cllr Mrs Penketh he said some remedial work was a sensible course of action but there was no imminent danger. The Clerk was asked to contact him officially for written confirmation.
 - **Grants.** Cllr Mrs Penketh has researched numerous possible sources and is currently completing an Awards for All application. After discussion it was agreed that the proposed work should be split into phases for the purpose of possible grants. The Chairman urged that some work should be started as soon as possible using the Tesco grant and other existing available funds.
 - **Planning application.** This would have been required for the MUGA's perimeter fencing as it is over 2m in height. However as there is no funding available for this at the moment so this matter is postponed.
6. **CLUSTER MEETING JULY 6th.** A report had been circulated by Cllr Deptford who attended.
 - **LCC Grass cutting.** The Chairman said that there has been very little response from parishioners about whether they would be willing to pay additional council tax to cover paying for cutting the verges in the village next year. Some people, mainly along High Street are cutting their verges. This will be discussed in the September meeting, and if there is still

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an absence of feedback then the Parish Council will consider recommending not arranging for any grass cutting next year.

7. UPDATES FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

- Bus stop roofs – There is a stock of the roof tiles in the village. Cllr Mrs Penketh will ask a parishioner for help in replacing the missing and damaged ones.
- Bus service – Cllr Dunlop had previously reported there were no plans to cut the existing service.
- Sewage systems – Cllr Deptford had circulated various replies received. Anglian Water representatives visited the village this week and tested the water. They declared it fit to drink, although declining the request to do so. It was free of any ammonia contamination.

8. LITTER PICKING GRANT FROM NKDC.

Letter outlining the conditions for this year's grant had been received and circulated. Mr John Lukjaniec, who has worked with Henk recently, volunteered to take over the litter picking duties within the 30mph limits. The Clerk will contact NKDC for the grant for this year.

9. FINANCE –

- **Monthly report** from RFO. It was proposed by Cllr Wilson 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 and seconded by Cllr Mrs Penketh and resolved. Resolution passed.

Mrs S McIntyre	Expenses June/July	£23.00
Continental Landscapes	Grass cutting	£115.20
- **Audit changes.** Audit docs have been received by the external auditor.
- **Clerk's Salary review.** It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Mrs Penketh that the Clerk be paid for one additional hour per month, at the existing rate. All agreed, the resolution was passed.

10. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

- NKDC – Low carbon NK business breakfast July 9th – circulated.
- LALC – consultation on Mayoral Combined authority for Greater Lincs – circulated.
- Anglian Water – looking for private pumping stations – circulated.
- South East Lincs Plan – consultation – details circulated.
- National Grid – Viking Link. Swaton does not appear to be directly affected by this. Details circulated.
- Anglian Water – response to various PC questions – circulated.
- Request for possible family history details – circulated.
- NKDC – Proposed Corporate Open Space Policy – consultation – circulated.
- Meeting with new PCC and his deputy. Osbournby Ward cluster members have been invited to attend this meeting at Ancaster parish hall on Monday August 15th at 7.30pm. The Chairman will attend, plus Cllr Mrs Penketh and the Clerk if they are able to.

11. TRAINING.

- Training dates in latest County Circular.

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- LALC AGM. This will be on Tuesday October 18th at Waddington Village Hall 5pm-9pm at a cost of £10.00 per delegate. It was agreed to support the Clerk's attendance if she was able to go.
- 12. **LALC.** Latest LALC County Circular received. This had been circulated and was noted.
- 13. **PLANNING:**
 - Application for non-material amendment (removal of proposed windows to side elevation) following a grant of planning permission 16/0200/HOUS – Alterations to porch and creation of first floor extension – The Old School, High Street, Swaton. This was noted.
 - Erection of dwelling (outline) – land adjacent to The Old Post Office, West End, Swaton. This was noted.
- 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 situation about some overhanging hedges was noted.
- 15. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

MEETING – Tuesday September 20th 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.12pm

Items – LCC Grass cutting.
Possible Traffic Calming fund.