

SWATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, July 21st, 2015 at 7.45pm in the Community Hut, Swaton.

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

Before the meeting, a member of the public spoke about possible bench(es) along High Street. Various options and suitable places were discussed.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllr C Richardson.**
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 meeting of May 19th, 2015, – accepting as Minutes. It was proposed by Cllr Dunlop and seconded by Cllr Mrs Penketh that these be accepted as Minutes.
All agreed, the Resolution was passed, the Chairman signed the Minutes.
4. **COUNTY/DISTRICT/POLICE MATTERS.** There were no Police or County Council representatives present. D/Cllr Mrs Cook had attended a second draft Local Plan meeting. Copies will be circulated on October 1st for a 6 week consultation. On August 26th there will be a public meeting in Threkingham re flooding issues. The various authorities are looking at a whole area approach. She had a meeting with the Crown Estates on June 29th and made them aware of flooding problems.
7.56pm – 7.57pm the meeting was closed and re-opened to allow a public comment.
Phone mast upgrade – unsure when work is planned.

Police. Cllr Dunlop met with the PCSO. Allegations of dangerous dogs and dog fighting are being investigated.

A speed gun check had been held about 7.30am recently and 3 drivers were ticketed for exceeding 40mph. Cllr Dunlop also placed the SID out and will do so at regular intervals. There was a discussion about data collection from the SID.

The police also suspect the use of legal highs in the village – these can be seized if found.

5. **PLAY AREA UPDATE.** Block Dispensation.
 - Letter received from Crown Estates. The letter criticised litter on the site and the state of the equipment. Councillors discussed the problems and possible solutions. It was agreed that Cllr Wilson should draft a response for the Clerk to reply. He also agreed to organise the disposal of the equipment, and will monitor the site. Cllr Dunlop has remedied some of the litter problems and will help with some damage. The PCSO will be asked to speak to the young people about misusing the site.
 - Discuss payment of fee to submit draft grant application for scrutiny. Cllr Wilson is drawing up a more specific site plan. It was agreed not to pay a fee for further scrutiny. Fresh discussions should take place regarding the use and requirements for

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the site, as this may have changed since the initial consultations. Cllr Wilson suggested forming a working group to draw up a fresh application .
The future formation of a playing field committee to manage the site and organise fundraising was also discussed.

6. **FLOODING ISSUES.** More consultations are being planned. The Chairman e mailed various agencies about lack of maintenance to water courses. On the day of the meeting, some work was being carried out, and more is planned.
7. **NEWSLETTER.** All agreed the current newsletter was excellent. Cllr Mrs Penketh said she wanted to develop it so that it would attract advertiser – and there now some. Printing costs were discussed.
8.37pm – 8.38pm – the meeting was closed and re-opened to allow for public comment.
Pricing options for printing were discussed plus methods distribution.
8. **FOOTPATH** – Update of re-instatement of footpath. This has been sprayed clear.
9. **GRASS CUTTING** – Verges North end of Main Street. LCC will take over the responsibility and will increase their grant to the PC, if required. The Chairman will make further enquiries with the resident.
10. **SPEEDING ISSUES** – Problems – ideas for prevention etc., Cllr Mrs Penketh will contact a Leasingham resident who has contacted the parish council. It was agreed to keep pressure on the police and the PCSO. It was agreed to contact the Lincs Road Safety Partnership to see if they can assist in any way – and also the County Council.
11. **BROADBAND IN VILLAGE** – Update on current situation. ‘Swaton cabinet 1’ was enabled by the end of June – but it is actually in Helpringham – which may have caused the confusion with the company. Others will follow, but they cannot commit to when the cabinets actually in Swaton will be on line. D/Cllr Mrs Cook will speak to their representative.
12. **LCC works in the village** – Update on various issues.
 - **Revised Speed Limit Policy.**
 - **Draft Traffic Policy for Schools.**Both these documents had been circulated.
13. **HOLE IN THE ROAD** – South side of village. The Farm Manager at the time has been replaced and the new manager is establishing a different irrigation system. It is believed that the appropriate licences and permissions have been or are being sought.
14. **FINANCE** –
 - Monthly report from RFO. It was proposed by Cllr Dunlop and seconded by Cllr Wilson, that the report be accepted. All agreed, the resolution was passed.
 - Signatories. It was proposed by Cllr Dunlop and seconded by Cllr Deptford that Mrs Harborow be removed as a signatory and that Cllrs Wilson and Mrs Penketh be added. All agreed, the Resolution was passed, the appropriate documents were signed.
 - Signing of Cheques and approval of BACS payments.
The following BACS payments were proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Cllr Dunlop and resolved.

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Mrs S McIntyre	Expenses May/June	£33.00
Continental Landscapes	1x grass cut	£103.20
Henk Bjuis	Six months litter picking	£37.30

15. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

- **Property available in Swaton, Chestnut Close.** Details circulated.
- **NCE Flood Management Summit 21, 22 Oct.** Details circulated.
- **NHS Listening Event 14th July** – Details circulated.
- **Battle of Britain Anniversary talk July 31st.** Details circulated.
- **Lincs Healthwatch Survey** - Details circulated.
- **Affordable Rural Housing** - A practical guide for parish councils, 2 copies received from the Rural Housing Alliance. Copies to Cllrs Mrs Penketh and Wilson.
- **LCC - Consultation on possible changes to LCC's non-residential contributions policy.** Details circulated.
- **SLCC Lincs branch meeting** – report from Clerk.

16. TRAINING.

- Code of Conduct. (EP, AW and Clerk)
 - Play area. (EP, AW)
 - New Councillor Training. (EP, AW)
- The Councillors agreed these had been useful and the play area training had been very useful. Next training booked for September.

17. **PLANNING:** 15/0679/HOUS. Demolition of existing single storey rear and side extension and erection of single storey replacement. PC – NO comments – returned to NKDC. Planning permission granted.

18. LALC.

- **'We are watching you' campaign** – details circulated. Expressed interest provided at no cost to the PC.

19. **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.

Cllr Dunlop proposed and Cllr Deptford seconded that Swaton Parish Council should express and Minute a Vote of Confidence in their Clerk.

Next Meeting. Benches in High Street.

20. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday September 15th, 2015.**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.18pm.