



SWATON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY MARCH 14TH 2017 AT 7.45PM IN THE VILLAGE HUT.

PUBLIC FORUM, 7.30pm. One member of the public was present. Mrs Harborow said the Co-op funding evening went very well and congratulated everyone involved in the successful funding bid. She said there was a big problem with horse riders and walkers using the grass field edges, especially in the Cardyke/Parsons Drove areas. Horses are churning them up. These are part of working farm land and are private property. They have placed notices. She asked if something could go in the newsletter saying that field edges are private and people should not enter the land without express permission. She also outlined problems with dog mess being left on verges, which is being brought into the farm on the tractor tyres.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.40pm.

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs C Richardson and A Dunlop.
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 January 17th 2017. 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.
4. **COUNTY/DISTRICT/POLICE MATTERS.** No members were present. D/Cllr Mrs Cook had sent a report through of NKDC updates and a report from the recent Cluster Meeting. The Chairman noted that £2 million pounds was coming to Sleaford for regeneration. The Chairman said he would ask Cllr Mrs Cook if any was available for grant applications.
5. **PLAY AREA UPDATE.** Block Dispensation. Cllrs Mrs Penketh and Wilson updated the meeting on progress. Swaton won the Co-op Community Champion bid for this area. Money – around £5k should be received in the Autumn. A further £1k grant has been applied for. Current available funding is just over £11k.
Due to the confidential nature of the business, the meeting, it was resolved to close the meeting to the public.
Quotes for an inclusive roundabout and basket swing had been obtained and were discussed. All were more than the funds available.
The meeting was re-opened.
The Chairman proposed that the work should go ahead as soon as possible with a basket swing and DDA roundabout from a supplier who can work within the budget available. This was all agreed.
It was noted that the Swaton Playing Field account had been established and that there was £1740 in this to be used for the youth shelter – deadline for the installation of this July 1st.
Ref a recent mole problem – no moles had been caught but the ground had been flattened.
6. **LCC GRASS CUTTING.** The partial grant of 20% has been applied for – any areas which will need cutting will be identified as the season progresses as some residents will cut some of the grass. The bankside may be a problem. It was agreed to wait to see where the funding should be best used.
7. **SPEED INDICATOR SIGNS.** Mr J Lukjaniec is now responsible for these. New batteries have been installed and tested. One is at Burton Pedwardine and one at Helpringham.

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8. **DOG WASTE BINS.** Report from various enquiries around the village. The Chairman and Clerk met with Jenny Bailey from NKDC. They will empty the bins and replace bin bags weekly and free of charge. The ones currently in place were checked and all were in use. The possible three additional locations were visited. Mrs Bailey confirmed NKDC access for emptying was possible. The Chairman provided details of an agreed litter bin and a good price. Multi Litter/dog waste signs could be placed on them. After discussion it was resolved that, subject to funds being available, 4 new bins should be purchased – three for the new locations and one to replace the existing dust bin in the play area.
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 payment was proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Penketh and resolved.

Mrs S McIntyre	Expenses March/April	£34.44
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10. **CLERK’S REPORT AND UPDATES.**
- **Cluster Meeting.** Held Friday 10th March. Cllrs Deptford and Mrs Penketh attended. Both said it was a good meeting and were impressed with Dr Caroline Johnson, MP. However there was no answer about the broadband issue.
 - **Lighting –** Swaton’s request for additional lighting will be one of 2 which will be considered once the costs are known.
 - **Viking Link.** Updates and e mails have been circulated.
 - **BT phone box removal –** NKDC will not be raising objections to the removal of the phone boxes listed – including Swaton’s. E mail of 19/01 circulated.
 - **NKDC Chairman’s Fundraising event.** The Clerk attended – it was a good evening, around 80 people attended.
 - **Lincs2Advice.** Health and Wellbeing event April 5th at St George’s Academy. Details circulated.
 - **Boundary Commission.** Published responses from their 2016 consultation and further comments received until March 27th.
 - **LCC –** See Hear and Live Well event April 6th 11am-2pm at Bishop Grosseteste University.
 - **Lincoln City Council –** networking funding forum event 12-6 Thursday March 16th in Sleaford. Cllr Mrs Penketh to attend.
11. **TRAINING.**
- 2017 Training listed in the latest LALC circular.
12. **LALC.** LALC Spring Newsletter 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. This had been amended and then the amended plan was approved.
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 May 17th. 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. The meeting closed at 8.50pm.