



SWATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 15th, 2016 at 7.45pm in the Community Hut, Swaton.

PUBLIC FORUM, 7.30pm. One member of the public was present, but had no comments to make. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

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

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr Dunlop. His apology was 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 meetings of September 20th. 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.** D/Cllr Mrs K Cook had sent a report - circulated. Cllr Mrs Penketh will be going to a Safe as Houses drop in event on Dec 12th.
5. **PLAY AREA UPDATE.** Block Dispensation. Sufficient grant funding has been received for some swings, seesaw and a 20mt zip wire and these are being installed. After this there will be just over £300 left in the playing field fund. A grant from Bicker wind farm should support the youth shelter. A small grant promised from the Lincs Playing Field Association. A dedicated committee has been set up, mainly to create and administer and receive grant funding. The Lottery grant application is progressing and some questions have been asked and answered. Cllr Mrs Penketh is negotiating with grant providers and play area companies to try and get grants to match future equipment. A possible grant from Aviva is being chased, but it needs a large volume of public votes – not realistic for a small village. There was a discussion about the future phases and future repair and maintenance.
6. **LCC GRASS CUTTING.** The Chairman said there had been no feedback, even after reminders, from LCC about potentially dangerous areas if they are uncut next year
7. **POSSIBLE TRAFFIC CALMING FUND.**
 - **Speed indicator signs.** Update on the funding of new batteries. New batteries have been ordered. Little Hale and Helpringham have paid a share and Burton Pedwardine has promised. Great Hale has not yet had a meeting.
8. **LIGHTING.** The light which is not working at Parson's Drove is still not working despite it being reported some time ago. The Chairman will send a reminder. 8pm the Chairman left the meeting, returning at 8.01pm. It was all agreed and resolved that an application for an extra light in High Street to the North of the phonebox be made. The Chairman to forward the survey results and push the application forward with NKDC.
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.

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- **Signing of Cheques and approval of BACS payments.** The following additional BACS payments were proposed by Cllr Wilson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Penketh and resolved.

Mrs S McIntyre	Expenses Oct/Nov	£23.00
A Wilson	Reimbursement for hardcore	£39.60
Paid between meetings -	Bodpave40	£405.00
	Playground supplies	£7332.00

8.10pm Cllr Wilson left the meeting, returning at 8.12pm

- **2017/18 Budget.** Draft budget had been circulated. There was some discussion about the amount of the precept. It was proposed by Cllr Wilson that the precept should remain at £2500.00, but to be ratified at the January meeting as information which may change this is not received from NKDC until December/January. Seconded by Cllr Richardson. All agreed.

10. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

- **Footpath signs and siding back** – from public speaking Sept 20th. Footpath sign now in place and the field has been harrowed to show the path. No reply yet as to an enquiry about siding back the footpaths.
- **Council tax support scheme** – survey from NKDC – circulated – There was no interest.
- **Viking Link** Interconnector Project – End of 2nd consultation – circulated. Further enquiries to be made to see if grants from Viking Link will be forthcoming.
- **Emergency Plan** – final stages, meeting held Oct 20th. Chairman attended. The Chairman reported that the amount of paperwork, admin, volunteers and other checks needed for the Emergency Plan was impossible for a small community. This was a considerably increased demand from previous years. He proposed that it was no longer appropriate for a small village – some basic details of procedures and contacts should be preserved for a “Swaton Community Plan” which would be appropriate for the village.
This was agreed, and the Clerk will write to the co-ordinators explaining this.
- **NHS Lincs** – proposals to restrict certain over the counter medicines – circulated.
- **Spinney down Parson's Drove** – Den and tree damage reported to Crown Agents and to PCSO.
- **Dates for meetings 2017** – Approval of dates: Jan 17th; March 21st; May 16th (**Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of Parish Council**); July 18th; Sept 19th; Nov 21st. These dates were agreed .
- **Veterans' Funerals** – NKDC e mail circulated. Reply from LALC also circulated.
- **Investors in Community** – funding opportunities – circulated – Cllr Mrs Penketh to follow up.
- **Footway Lighting** – Chairman's update. – dealt with at item 8 above.
- **Pensions** – automatic enrolment. The Clerk explained the lengthy process involved in declaring to the Pensions Regulator that the only member of staff did not qualify for automatic enrolment. A Declaration of Compliance was finally completed and this is valid for 3 years.

11. TRAINING.

- Social Media Training added – Dec 6th at Cranwell
Funding and Bid writing - 20 April 2017 (1pm - 4pm) & either the 26th or 27th Sept 2017

12. **LALC.** Latest LALC County Circular received. Including training dates - circulated and noted. The Clerk had attended the LALC AGM on Oct 18th and circulated her report.

13. **PLANNING:** There were none for this meeting.

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 January 17th 2017.** The meeting closed at 9.05pm.