

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF SWANTON ABBOTT
HELD ON AUGUST 21st. 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
SWANTON ABBOTT AT 7 p.m

PRESENT – Cllrs. Belsham (Chair), M. Vaughan, R. Gee, S. Underwood, S. Howlett, & C. Haden, the Clerk, G. Kimmerling, & 1 member of the public.

Cllr. Belsham said there were problems with the website which Cllr. Haden had fixed. Cllr. Haden suggested that the council needed a Content Management System to make using the website easier as the present one was outdated. Wordpress site is free and would mean any Councillor and the Clerk could use this. It would be a good opportunity to change the website and update it. It was agreed he should look at templates for the next meeting.

Cllr. Belsham invited members of the public to speak.

The person present had a problem with the update to the Village Plan. The original plan cost the Parish Council £500 and she felt that nothing had happened. She felt very strongly about the PC spending more public money as she did not believe that it would work in Swanton Abbott.

Cllr. Belsham said the present group had rated what had been achieved and believed it was time to review the original plan.

Cllr. Haden said the costs should be substantially less than the original £1500. The information can be shared electronically at no cost and there would only be the need for a relatively few paper copies.

The Clerk explained that the Village Plan does not come under the Parish Council. The group obtain the views of the village and pass this information on to the PC. The PC can offer funding but is not obliged to although the Village Plan is for the benefit of the village.

Cllr. Haden was asked what were the aims of the Village Plan review – to find out priorities for the villagers via a questionnaire. Cllr. Gee said new people had moved into the village and it was important to hear their views.

The member of the public said 100 paper copies would be needed for the elderly as they should have the opportunity to have their say. She felt the PC money should be spent wisely.

She also said that she had spoken to Saunders Coaches who are considering cancelling the 210 Service as it is not used enough.

18.21	<p>a) <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Received from Cllr. Taylor – a prior engagement.</p> <p>b) <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</u> Item 18.22. Cllrs Haden. Belsham & Gee – on the Village Plan review group.</p>	
18.22	<p><u>TO CONSIDER AND AGREE ON ANY FUNDING FOR THE REVISED VILLAGE PLAN.</u> Cllr. Belsham offered her Chairman’s allowance of £30 for expenses related to the Village Plan review.</p>	Page179

	<p>It was agreed that if more funds are needed the Parish Council would consider this when the costs are known.</p>	
<p>18.23</p>	<p><u>TO REVIEW THE CURRENT STANDING ORDERS (4 AND 9 TO 25), TO CONSIDER THE UPDATED MODEL STANDING ORDERS FROM NALC AND TO AGREE AND RESOLVE ON STANDING ORDERS FOR THE FUTURE.</u></p> <p>The following changes were discussed:- 4 – keep for the moment 9 – Remove 10 – Remove 11 – Keep 12 – change ‘his’ to ‘their’, remove e 13 – change all ‘he’s to ‘he/she’ to be politically correct. 14 – keep 15 – 6ii (3 days), xiii remove, xiv remove 16 – keep 17 – keep 18 – keep 19 – remove b, c, d, & e 20 – a add information will be charged at cost. 21 – keep 22 – b Subject to standing order 22a above, any two councillors may sign, on behalf of the council, any deed required by law and the Proper Officer shall witness their signatures. 23 – keep 24 – remove 25 – (5)</p> <p>There are minor changes to NALC Model Standing Orders 17, 21, 15b ix & 18 which the Clerk will incorporate.</p> <p>Resolution Proposed by Cllr. Belsham, seconded by Cllr. Gee and agreed by the Parish Council to adopt the Standing Orders with the proposed amendments as detailed in the Minutes.</p> <p>The Clerk said that the Financial Standing Orders should be reviewed in the future. It was agreed to review these and any other necessary documents at an extra meeting in November.</p> <p>There is a large puddle in The Street opposite to the Chapel. Cllr. Vaughan said there is a notice there which states that Anglia Water is aware of the problem.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.</p>	<p>Page 180</p>