

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF SWANTON ABBOTT HELD
ON 13th.NOVEMBER 2018 at 7.00p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL,
SWANTON ABBOTT

PRESENT –Cllrs. Belsham (Chair), R Gee, M. Vaughan, C Haden, S. Taylor & S. Howlett, the Clerk, G. Kimmerling, NCC Cllr. J. Timewell & 11 members of the public.

Open session for members of the public to speak.

Members of the public were invited to speak.

A group of ramblers had been unable to find the Jolly Farmers pub recently. The Parish Council was asked to find out what is happening with the signs & opening hours. Cllr. Belsham said an article in the EDP reported that the landlord had said the signs were being refurbished.

Cllr. Vaughan was thanked for repairing the Queen’s portrait picture in the Village Hall.

The Community Action Norfolk had been contacted re the Village Plan. They have resources and info packs which could be useful and were recommended by NNDC Cllr. Penfold.

	AGENDA	<i>Action</i>
18.58	<p>a. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr. Underwood – family commitments & NNDC Cllr. Penfold.</p> <p>b. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. Item 18.66a Support & a financial contribution to the Village Plan. Cllrs. Belsham, Haden & Gee – on Village Plan steering committee.</p> <p>c. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11th. 2018 Resolution. Proposed by Cllr. Gee & agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on September 11th. as a true record. These were signed by the Chairman.</p>	
18.59	<p>CLERK’S REPORT AND UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>a.) The extension to The Willows, Aylsham Road is within permitted development.</p> <p>b.) The water leak in The Street has been fixed. There is now a problem in Long Common Lane which is under repair.</p> <p>c.) Cllr. Belsham had received notification that the application to have The Jolly Farmers pub registered as a Community Asset has been successful. The Clerk will write to the landlord re this and the signs</p>	Clerk
18.60	<p>PLAY PARK. To agree on the new equipment for the Play Park; to agree the quote; to discuss funding sources. Cllr. Howlett explained there had been several designs & quotes & a consultation meeting with parents and children. The preferred design was with Wicksteed at £51,270 but this would be less if the community did some of the work & there was no equipment under the oak tree. It was agreed to remove the slabs (£1820), not have the Cockerel Bounce-About (£1195) & move the goal post away from properties. It was suggested there could be something for adults but it was felt this is a children’s play area. Resolution. Proposed by Cllr. Belsham & agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Wicksteed quote with the above amendments. Cllr. Howlett will get the revised quote. Cllr. Howlett & the Clerk will apply for funding. Mrs. Schofield checks the Play Area weekly & will be asked to provide the record book for each Parish Council meeting. She will also be asked to be responsible for emptying the bin.</p>	Clerk & Cllr. Howlett Page 184

18.61	<p><i>Cllr. Howlett left the meeting.</i></p> <p><u>NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT.</u></p> <p>NNC Cllr. Timewell explained that Wendy Thompson, Managing Director, is leaving NCC & will not be replaced. This could result in big changes & they may go back to a cabinet system instead of a committee system which means a Corporate Board would run the Council. The Children’s centres are to close which means vulnerable children will suffer. Central Government has drastically cut funding to NCC – it would have been better if Norfolk & Suffolk had joined forces as merged councils are getting more funds. £13m has been made available for pot-hole repairs. The final stage of the Northern bypass is going to consultation. Option 4 is the preferred route as it is less damaging to the environment. More business is needed to support people living here so good road links are needed. NCC are now in the process of setting the budget for 2019/20.</p> <p>Cllr. Belsham asked if Highways could provide another post in Long Common Lane for the Sam2 machine as it is difficult to attach the machine to the present one. NCC Cllr. Timewell will make enquiries.</p> <p><u>NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT.</u></p> <p>No report.</p> <p><i>NCC Cllr. Timewell left the meeting.</i></p>																																	
18.62	<p><u>FINANCES</u></p> <p>a) <u>To consider current financial position.</u> The Clerk had produced up-to date accounts. The second half of the Precept & grant had been received and £223.97 from re-cycling.</p> <p>b) <u>To consider whether to join Community Action Norfolk.</u> CAN offers a monthly e-newsletter, funding update e-mails, events & training with discounts. There are 3 levels of membership – bronze costing £20.00 (10% discount), silver costing £50.00 (20% discount) plus more information & gold costing £150.00, which also offers legal advice. Resolution. Proposed by Cllr. Belsham & agreed by the Parish Council to take out the Silver membership of CAN at £50.00. The Clerk had received a subscription form for Local Council’s update but it was decided not to subscribe to this at present.</p> <p>c) <u>To consider and resolve whether to approve outstanding invoices for payment.</u> Resolution. Proposed by Cllr. Taylor and approved by the Parish Council to pay the following invoices. The following cheque had been paid before the meeting – Chq. no. 100939 payable to Macmillan Nurses – s137 from Re-cycling credits dated 22/09/18 & signed by Cllrs. Belsham & Vaughan. The following cheques were dated 13/11/2018 & signed by Cllrs. Belsham & Gee.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="336 1635 1362 1904"> <tr> <td>Chq. no.100940</td> <td>payable to</td> <td>G Kimmerling for Clerk’s salary</td> <td>for £234.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>“ 100941</td> <td>“</td> <td>G Kimmerling -Clerk’s expenses & travel</td> <td>£18.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>“ 100942</td> <td>“</td> <td>S A Village Hall for hire of hall</td> <td>£ 10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>“ 100943</td> <td>“</td> <td>NNDC – Emptying Doggie bins</td> <td>£617.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(VAT £102.96)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>“ 100944</td> <td>“</td> <td>C Belsham – Chair’s allowance</td> <td>17.18 £35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>“ 100946</td> <td>“</td> <td>Community Action Norfolk Subs</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>“ 100945</td> <td>for the wreath was signed but not completed as details not received.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Chq. no.100940	payable to	G Kimmerling for Clerk’s salary	for £234.67	“ 100941	“	G Kimmerling -Clerk’s expenses & travel	£18.96	“ 100942	“	S A Village Hall for hire of hall	£ 10.00	“ 100943	“	NNDC – Emptying Doggie bins	£617.76			(VAT £102.96)		“ 100944	“	C Belsham – Chair’s allowance	17.18 £35.00	“ 100946	“	Community Action Norfolk Subs	£50.00	“ 100945	for the wreath was signed but not completed as details not received.			Page 185
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	<p>d. <u>To consider and set the Clerk's salary for the ensuing year.</u> <i>The Clerk left the room.</i> Resolution proposed by Cllr. Belsham and agreed by the Parish Council to set the Clerk's salary at £1540 as last year.</p> <p>e. <u>To consider and set the Chair's allowance for the ensuing year.</u> Resolution proposed by Cllr. Gee and agreed by the Parish Council to set the Chair's allowance at £65 as last year.</p> <p>f. <u>To set the Precept for 2019/20</u> The Chair and Clerk had set out proposed figures for the precept. The Clerk explained there was possibly £1700 in income over expenditure from last year as there had been less spent on the Play Park & Projects/purchases. She explained that, in order to get funding for the Play Park equipment, the Parish Council needed to provide some money towards this. She also reminded the Council that there are elections in May 2019 which will have a cost. If there is an election, it could be up to £2000. The Parish Council looked through all the proposed figures and agreed these. It was suggested by Cllr. Haden that costs relating to the defibrillator should have a separate entry line in the budget figures and this was agreed. Resolution - Proposed by Cllr. Belsham to increase the precept by £1500 Proposed by Cllr. Haden to increase the precept by £2000 A vote was taken – 2 votes for an increase of £1500, 3 votes for an increase of £2000 The precept will be set at £7350.00</p>	Clerk
18.63	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>a.) <u>To consider any planning applications received.</u> Land to the west of 11, The Poplars, Swanton Abbott <u>Certificate of lawfulness for existing operation – operations carried Out to implement planning permission PF/05/1491 before its expiry Date.</u> The Parish Council approved of this application.</p> <p>b.) <u>To notify of any planning decisions by NNDC</u> - None.</p> <p>c.) <u>To report on the NNDC Local Plan update.</u> Cllr. Gee & the Clerk attended a meeting on November 1st. at NNDC Council offices. A report is included with the minutes.</p> <p>d.) <u>To consider any other planning issues</u> - None</p>	
18.64	<p><u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES</u> Update. Cllr. Vaughan said there are still outstanding issues within the village. The Clerk will contact Highways again.</p>	Clerk
18.65	<p><u>BROADBAND</u> Cllr. Gee reported fibre-optic coils on poles in the village and is trying to find out what these are for. Cllr. Haden had a message from Sky saying superfast broadband is coming. Cllr. Gee & NNDC Cllr. Penfold had written to Vodaphone & EE re mobile phone coverage but had not received a reply.</p>	Page 186

