

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF SWANTON ABBOTT HELD  
ON 15<sup>th</sup>.JANUARY 2019 at 7.00p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL,  
SWANTON ABBOTT

PRESENT –Cllrs. Belsham (Chair), R Gee, M. Vaughan, C Haden, S. Taylor & S. Underwood, the Clerk, G. Kimmerling, NCC Cllr. J. Timewell, NNDC Cllr. S. Penfold & 4 members of the public.

**Open session for members of the public to speak.**

Members of the public were invited to speak.

No Comments.

	<b>AGENDA</b>	<i>Action</i>
18.68	<p>a. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllr. Howlett - unwell.</p> <p>b. <u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.</u> None.</p> <p>c. <u>TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>. 2018</u> <b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Haden &amp; agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on November 13th. as a true record. These were signed by the Chairman.</p>	
18.69	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES</u></p> <p>a.) The Clerk will collect the Play Park book from Mrs. Schofield as she had not given it to Cllr. Howlett.</p> <p>b.) The water leak in Long Common Lane was fixed. Other Highway issues have been resolved or are in hand.</p> <p>c.) The Clerk had written to Aylsham High School &amp; Sanders Coaches regarding the change of bus pick up point. The school had said it was nothing to do with them &amp; Sanders had not replied. Cllr. Belsham said the bus stop by The Jolly Farmers was in the approved place. Cllr. Vaughan said PCSO King had carried out surveys and said it was not a suitable place for children to catch a bus on the corner. Cllr. Belsham had been in contact with the Police who felt the original bus stop was not a problem and they would contact Sanders Coaches. They had seen the congestion in Aylsham Road but it was not against the law to park there. Cllr. Penfold felt the present route was a strange one for the bus to take. The Clerk will e-mail Cllr. Timewell with an alternative route to the bus stop.</p> <p>d.) Grants for the Village Plan. The Clerk said the simplest way was for the Village Plan Committee to apply for grants for the Parish Council. The Parish Council could then use the money for the Village Plan. Cllr. Haden said the next meeting is on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. and they are looking at ways to keep the costs down.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
18.70	<p><u>NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT.</u> NNC Cllr Timewell said the main concern at NNC, at the moment is setting the budgets. The Managing Director had resigned and the Leader of the Council is in charge. There are major changes – some good, some bad. Some of the Children's Centres threatened with closure have been reprieved The Wensom link road consultation closes this Friday.</p>	<b>Page 188</b>

	<p><u>NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT.</u>  NNDC Cllr. Penfold said there had been a change of leadership following a vote of No Confidence against the Conservatives in November. This had been instigated because of a £2m investment in an Enterprise Zone. The Council had asked for independent advice but the Cabinet had refused and decided to go ahead with the scheme anyway. The Liberal Democrats are now in charge and have a cross party cabinet which is working well. They are also busy setting budgets.  Cllr. Penfold said both he and John would be unable to attend a meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>.  <i>Cllrs. Timewell &amp; Penfold left the meeting.</i></p>																										
18.71	<p><u>FINANCES</u></p> <p>a) <u>To consider current financial position.</u> The Clerk had produced up-to date accounts. An additional payment of £105.48 had been received from re-cycling.</p> <p>b) <u>To consider and resolve whether to approve outstanding invoices for payment.</u></p> <p><b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Gee and approved by the Parish Council to pay the following invoices.  The following cheque had been paid before the meeting –  Chq. no. 100947 payable to BGM Services for maintenance dated 23/11/18 &amp; signed by Cllrs. Belsham &amp; Gee.  The following cheques were dated 15/01/2019 &amp; signed by Cllrs. Belsham &amp; Vaughan.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Chq. no.100945</td> <td>payable to</td> <td>G Kimmerling</td> <td>for Clerk's salary</td> <td>for £234.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 100948</td> <td>"</td> <td>G Kimmerling</td> <td>-Clerk's expenses</td> <td>£ £ 16.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 100949</td> <td>"</td> <td>S A Village Hall</td> <td>for hire of hall</td> <td>£ 10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 100950</td> <td>"</td> <td>I Muir</td> <td>for bus shelter windows</td> <td>£ 40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 100951</td> <td>"</td> <td>SR Print &amp; Design</td> <td>for Newsletter</td> <td>£ 80.00</td> </tr> </table>	Chq. no.100945	payable to	G Kimmerling	for Clerk's salary	for £234.67	" 100948	"	G Kimmerling	-Clerk's expenses	£ £ 16.46	" 100949	"	S A Village Hall	for hire of hall	£ 10.00	" 100950	"	I Muir	for bus shelter windows	£ 40.00	" 100951	"	SR Print & Design	for Newsletter	£ 80.00	
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18.72	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>a.) <u>To consider any planning applications received.</u> None.  b.) <u>To notify of any planning decisions by NNDC</u> - None.  d.) <u>To consider any other planning issues</u>  The plans for the development off Long Common Lane are still being worked on.</p>																										
18.73	<p><u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES</u> Update.  Nothing to report.</p>																										
18.74	<p><u>BROADBAND</u>  Cllr. Gee reported that overhead fibre runs from the cabinet to the junction of Long Common lane &amp; the School turnoff. Here it splits into two, one going along Long Common Road to Hill Farm Cottage, The Hill; the other spur goes up School Road to The Nook, The Hill. They are trying to run underground fibre cable from the cabinet along the Aylsham Road to the Goat junction but have encountered problems. Nothing will happen until more money may be released in March. Openreach lays the cables and BT connects the premises and how this is done will be a cost based decision.</p>	<p><b>Page 189</b></p>																									

18.75	<p><u>PLAY PARK</u>  a. <u>To consider the maintenance contract for 2019.</u>  BGM Services had quoted £1328.00 for the annual contract which was the same price as last year. It was felt they had done a good job.  <b>Resolution</b> – Proposed by Cllr. Belsham and agreed by the Parish Council to ask BGM Services to carry out the maintenance for 2019.  Cllr. Howlett is looking into more grants for the Play Park equipment. Cllr. Belsham said the level of grant monies will determine what equipment we can have.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
18.76	<p><u>DATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2019</u>  <u>To agree the dates for the Parish Council meetings for 2019/20</u>  The following dates had been suggested –  March 19, May 14, July 9, September 10, November 12, January 2020, 14.  As it is an election year, the May meeting must be held within 2 weeks of May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will be the APM &amp; APCM meetings.  <b>Resolution</b> – Proposed by Cllr. Taylor and agreed by the Parish Council to Set the dates as above.  The meetings will continue to be held at 7p.m. in the Village Hall.</p>	
18.77	<p><u>ON-GOING ISSUES.</u>  a. <u>Update on Snap meetings.</u>  Cllr. Vaughan said he had nothing to report on recent SNAP meetings.  There were no other on-going issues</p>	
18.78	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</u>  E-mail received voicing concern over the increase of 37% to the Precept.  Little time was spent on considering if some residents would find this onerous especially as the NCC were going to increase their rates and there was no opportunity for comments from members of the public. It was felt that There should be some fund-raising by people who would use the Play Park.  Cllr. Belsham said she believed that Cllr. Howlett would be speaking to parents about fund-raising.  Letter from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service asking for funds – next Agenda,  Questionnaire from Aylsham &amp; District Care Trust – Clerk &amp; Cllr. Taylor to complete.</p>	<b>Cllr.  Howlett</b>  <b>Clerk &amp;  Cllr.  Taylor</b>

The meeting closed at 7.40p.m. The next meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup>. 2020