

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF SWANTON ABBOTT HELD ON 8th. FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.00p.m. in the VILLAGE HALL, SWANTON ABBOTT.

PRESENT –Cllrs. Belsham (Chair), A Brown, & M. Vaughan, the Clerk G Kimmerling, NCC & NNDC Cllr. Penfold, & 11 members of the public.

Open session for members of the public to speak.

The Chair read out a statement regarding an inappropriate gesture at the previous meeting.

Concerns were raised at the way the last meeting was managed.

It was asked if letters would be read out.

	AGENDA	<i>Action</i>										
22.01	<p>a. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllr. Gee – on holiday.</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 9th. 2021</u></p> <p>Resolution. Proposed by Cllr. Brown, seconded by Cllr. Vaughan & agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on November 9th. 2021 as a true record. These were then signed by the Chair.</p>											
22.02	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES</u></p> <p>a. The problems with the subsidence in The Street are in the works programme for Anglia Water who have visited the site. Clerk to chase this and copy in NCC Cllr. Penfold.</p> <p>b. Robin Vincent has taken on the role of Web-site co-ordinator.</p> <p>c. The damaged ligger bridge over the Footpath by the Aylsham Road will be replaced.</p> <p>d. The Himalayan Balsam on the Aylsham Road will be monitored.</p>	Clerk										
22.03	<p><u>NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL AND NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.</u></p> <p>Cllr. Penfold said both Councils are setting their budgets. NCC propose a 2.99% increase but this will mean cuts to Adult & Children's services. NNDC propose a 1.99% increase. The new leader of NNDC will be Tim Adams. NNDC are in the final stages of the Local Plan which has more environmental focus. There is a meeting in Worsted Village Hall at 7p.m. on Feb. 22nd. to hear more about the new developments in North Walsham. Cllr. Brown will attend. Highways still maintain that the culvert in the Aylsham Road is privately owned. They will do a Land Registry search. The County Council can apply for levelling-up funds from central Government.</p>											
22.04	<p><u>FINANCES</u></p> <p>a) <u>TO CONSIDER THE PRESENT FINANCIAL POSITION</u></p> <p>The Clerk had produced up-to date accounts. There was 9p interest.</p> <p>b) <u>TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE WHETHER TO APPROVE OUTSTANDING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT.</u></p> <p>Resolution. Proposed by Cllr. Belsham, seconded by Cllr. Brown and approved by the Parish Council to pay the following invoices.</p> <p>The following payments were paid on-line before the meeting:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>G Kimmerling Repairs to computer</td> <td>£80.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SR Print & Design Newsletter</td> <td>£92.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>GM Window Cleaning Bus shelter windows</td> <td>£30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BGM Services Grasscutting</td> <td>£447.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G Kimmerling Clerk's salary</td> <td>£328.66</td> </tr> </table>	G Kimmerling Repairs to computer	£80.00	SR Print & Design Newsletter	£92.00	GM Window Cleaning Bus shelter windows	£30.00	BGM Services Grasscutting	£447.00	G Kimmerling Clerk's salary	£328.66	
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	<p>The following payments were authorised to be paid on-line:-</p> <p>G Kimmerling Clerk's expenses £ 10.47</p> <p>Swanton Abbott Village Hall Hire of hall £10.00</p> <p>C) TO CONSIDER HOLDING FUNDS FOR THE 'SAVE THE JOLLY FARMERS PUBLIC HOUSE'</p> <p>The Clerk explained she still had £513.36 left over from a grant when the Jolly Farmers public house was up for sale and the community were trying to purchase this. Resolution. Proposed by Cllr. Belsham, seconded by Cllr. Brown and agreed by the Parish Council to hold these funds for the future.</p>	
22.05	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>a) TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS. <u>PF/22/0073 Sandfields Cottage, Youngmans Lane</u> Erection of detached domestic outbuilding to rear of dwelling Approved prior to the meeting.</p> <p>b) TO NOTIFY OF ANY PLANNING DECISIONS BY NNDC None.</p> <p>c) TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER PLANNING ISSUES <u>Affordable Housing Update.</u></p> <p>Cllr. Belsham said there was nothing to report on the Affordable Housing.</p>	
22.06	<p>TO SET THE DATES FOR THE MEETINGS IN 2022/23</p> <p>The following dates were proposed:- March 15, May 10, July 12, Sept. 13, Nov. 18 & Jan. 16 2023.</p> <p>Resolution. Proposed by Cllr. Belsham, seconded by Cllr. Brown and agreed by the Parish Council to agree those dates.</p>	
22.07	<p>HIGHWAYS AND DRAINAGE ISSUES UPDATE</p> <p>The Street is due to be re-surfaced so it is vital to get Anglia Water to fix the problem here before this happens.</p> <p>TO CONSIDER ROAD SWEEPING IN THE VILLAGE.</p> <p>It was agreed that this should be postponed until The Street is re-surfaced.</p>	
22.08	<p>TO CONSIDER CO-OPTION ONTO THE COUNCIL</p> <p>It was agreed the three vacancies should now be re-advertised. Cllr. Brown proposed an open forum meeting so that members of the public can find out more about being a Parish Councillor. It was agreed that this was a good idea The Councillors will agree a date and the Clerk will then advertise this.</p>	Cllrs. & Clerk
22.09	<p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</p> <p>a) TO CONSIDER THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.</p> <p>Cllr. Brown proposed having a paper vote delivered to all properties asking for suggestions for a permanent memorial for the Queen's Jubilee such as a tree, community orchard or Village Sign. This was agreed. Cllr. Brown also suggested looking into the Eden Project's Big Jubilee Lunch between June 2nd and June 5th.</p> <p>The SAS are organising a village history event on June 5th. and the School and Church are considering other events.</p> <p>A street party had been requested. It was suggested that the Parish Council could provide some funding. This will be on a future agenda.</p>	Cllr Brown
22.10	<p>BROADBAND AND MOBILE PHONE UPDATE</p> <p>Swanton Abbott has been identified as being on the list of priority villages to be included in the new Ultrafast Broadband scheme with a significant number of premises being included. The first builds will commence late 2022/early 23 and will take several years to complete.</p>	Agenda
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22.11	<u>TO CONSIDER HOW THE ABBOTT NEWSLETTER SHOULD CONTINUE.</u> Dr. Day is producing a newsletter in March and content should be e-mailed to him. He is willing to continue producing the Abbott but in the original format. The advertising will continue to be included. Dr. Day would welcome anyone from the community to join the editorial team on the Abbott – please contact him directly.	
22.12	<u>FOOTPATHS AND GREEN ISSUES</u> It was felt it is too late to plant trees now. Cllr. Vaughan has a phone number re this and could postpone delivery. The Clerk will contact Mr. Talbot for an update. A. <u>TO CONSIDER AN AREA FOR MEMORIAL TREES.</u> It was suggested that residents could adopt a tree in memory of loved ones. NCC Cllr. Penfold says he has a budget for trees and hedging.	Clerk
22.13	<u>TO CONSIDER EXTENDING THE TERRACYCLE SCHEME.</u> Dr. Day presently organises the Terracycle scheme by the Jolly Farmers but this could be extended. It was suggested it could be linked-in with the Play Park in the future.	
22.14	<u>ON-GOING ISSUES</u> <u>TO REPORT AND RESOLVE, WHERE POSSIBLE, ON-GOING COMMUNITY ISSUES.</u> Nothing to report.	
22.15	<u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.</u> The Clerk read out the following correspondence in full. 4 letters relating to problems with Footpath 3: Resignation letter from Cllr. Green; Letter of concern about a community-led Affordable Housing scheme.	Page 295
	The meeting finished at 8.40p.m. The next meeting is March 15 th .	