

# SWANTON ABBOTT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF SWANTON ABBOTT HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup>. MAY 2022 at 7.30p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SWANTON ABBOTT.

PRESENT. Cllrs. C. Belsham, A Brown, R. Gee, & M. Vaughan, the Clerk, G. Kimmerling, NCC & NNDC Cllr. Penfold and 12 members of the public.

***Cllr. Belsham was presented with a gift and card from the Parish Council in recognition of her work as Chair.***

## **Members of the public were invited to speak.**

The Council was asked to explain the methodology used to interview and select prospective candidates for co-option onto the Council. All candidates had submitted written applications. The Councillors each selected 3 candidates for the 3 vacancies and will pass these to the Clerk in sealed envelopes. There must be an absolute majority vote for each vacancy.

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| 22.30 | <u>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR</u><br>Cllr. Belsham asked for nominations for Chairman. It was proposed by Cllr. Brown and seconded by Cllr. Belsham to appoint Cllr. Vaughan. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Vaughan accepted the post of Chairman. He signed the Declaration of Office and took the Chair.   | Action          |
| 22.31 | a) <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u><br>Apologies received from Mrs. Blake.<br>b) <u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</u><br><u>None.</u>   |                 |
|       | NCC & NNDC Cllr. Penfold was invited to give a report.<br>NCC voted not to give free school meal vouchers during the holidays so some councillors left the meeting in protest and went to help at the Cromer Food Bank. There has been a Standards Complaint raised against them. A package of support for the children is now in place. A motion to debate a Climate Emergency was proposed which was backed by young people but this was voted down.<br>NNDC has given the £150 energy rebate to 50% of the public so far. They have £3.85m in grants to insulate homes. 70,000 trees have been planted in the district with a further 40,000 for this year to reach the target. The Reef swimming pool at Sheringham is a great asset but was the most expensive investment by NNDC.<br><i>Cllr. Penfold left the meeting to attend another APCM.</i> |                 |
| 22.32 | <u>TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>. 2022.</u><br><b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Gee, seconded by Cllr. Brown & agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on March 15 <sup>th</sup> . 2022 as a true record. The Minutes were then signed.  |                 |
| 22.33 | <u>CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES</u><br>The Clerk said this will be covered under other headings.  |                 |
| 22.34 | <u>APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR</u><br>Proposed by Cllr. Vaughan and seconded by Cllr. Belsham to appoint Cllr. Brown as Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Brown accepted the post of Vice Chairman.   |                 |
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| 22.36 | <p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>a. <u>TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS.</u><br/>None received</p> <p>b. <u>TO NOTIFY OF ANY PLANNING DECISIONS BY NNDC</u><br/>None</p> <p>c. <u>TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER PLANNING ISSUES.</u><br/>None.</p>   |              |
| 22.37 | <p><u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES. UPDATE.</u><br/>Cllr. Vaughan said The Street is due to be re-surfaced once Anglia Water has completed the work there, which should be tomorrow. The sign near Church Road has been damaged. Cllr. Gee suggested asking NCC Cllr. Penfold to chase up on the Aylsham Road culvert. The Clerk had informed the Rangers of various problems in the village but nothing had been done. The Clerk to ask NCC Cllr. Penfold about this.</p>  | <b>Clerk</b> |
| 22.38 | <p><u>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</u></p> <p>a. <u>JUBILEE PLANS UPDATE.</u><br/>Various events are planned:- Picnic at the school the week before the Jubilee; 70 years of history in the Village Hall by the SAS; street party on The Hill on Friday; a picnic on the green opposite to the common area on the Sunday by the Swans and the SAS; and the church are also planning an event. Cllr. Brown asked the Parish Council to support the picnic on the green so that it is covered by their insurance.<br/><b>Resolution</b> Proposed by Cllr. Brown, seconded by Cllr. Belsham and agreed by the Parish Council to support the picnic on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>b. <u>UPDATE ON THE REVELS</u><br/>This is on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. and help is required for this event. The details will be in the next issue of the Abbott. This will be a bigger event than last year and will include a Craft Fair; Line-dancing; games; Bowls Club treasure hunt; Splat the rat; children's competitions; music, the Pop-up choir; Lawless Pizza, ice-cream van; beer and wine tent and a tea tent. All village organisations are invited to be involved.</p> <p>c. <u>TO CONSIDER A GRANT OF £50 FOR ICE-CREAMS AT THE REVELS EVENT.</u><br/><b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Brown, seconded by Cllr. Belsham and agreed by the Parish Council to give a grant of £50 from the Covid19 funds for ice-creams for the children.</p> <p>d. <u>TO CONSIDER A GRANT OF £100 TOWARDS THE REVELS EVENT</u><br/>The Parish Council gave a grant of £100 last year.<br/><b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Brown, seconded by Cllr. Belsham and agreed by the Parish Council to give a grant of £100 towards the Revels event.</p> <p>e. <u>TO CONSIDER A PERMANENT MEMORIAL FOR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE</u><br/>Two suggestions had been put forward:- the new Village sign and fruit trees in the village. The Village sign will be replaced anyway and there is no-where suitable for community fruit trees.<br/><b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Brown, seconded by Cllr. Belsham and agreed by the Parish Council to have a commemorative plaque in the Village Hall.</p> <p>f. <u>TO CONSIDER A GRANT TO THE SWANTON SWANS AND THE SWANTON ABBOTT SOCIAL TOWARDS HOSTING A PICNIC FOR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.</u><br/>Mrs. Day for the SAS said a grant was not needed.</p> |              |

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| 22.39 | <p><u>COMMUNICATIONS;- BROADBAND AND MOBILE UPDATE</u><br/>           Cllr. Gee explained about County Broadband who offer Ultrafast Broadband via fibre to the premises in villages. They are the only supplier offering this to villages at present and the Parish Council supports this. If we miss this opportunity it may be a long time before we can upgrade to Ultrafast in the village. In the future the current speeds in the village will not support the increasing move towards streaming and multiple device usage etc. Letters will be sent to every property and it is important to express an interest at this stage but it doesn't mean any commitment. At least 20% of the village needs to show an interest for County Broadband to do the installation. The letters will give further details but it is worth noting that if you have an existing Broadband contract you will not be charged by County Broadband until that period ends.</p> |                 |
| 22.40 | <p><u>FOOTPATHS AND GREEN ISSUES - UPDATE</u><br/>           There are on-going problems with some foot-paths in the village and the Clerk will report these.</p>  | <b>Clerk</b>    |
| 22.41 | <p><u>VILLAGE SIGN – UPDATE ON DONATIONS</u><br/>           Cllr. Gee said that £3000 has been offered from various organisations and individuals so the target of £4000 has been reached. The Parish Council thanked everyone who has offered to contribute and hopes to have the new sign installed by the end of the year. Mr. Hindle has been asked to make the sign from granite. The old sign will be placed in the church.</p>  |                 |
| 22.42 | <p><u>CO-OPTION ONTO THE PARISH COUNCIL TO FILL THE VACANCIES.</u><br/>           Five people have come forward as prospective Parish Councillors to fill the three vacancies. The Councillors left the room to make their decisions. When they returned, the Clerk opened the envelopes and two people had absolute majorities. The Councillors said they could not agree on a third person so one vacancy cannot be filled at present.<br/>           Dr. Steve Day and Mr. Russell Ford were co-opted onto the Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the end of the meeting.</p>   |                 |
| 21.43 | <p><u>TO REPORT AND RESOLVE, WHERE POSSIBLE, ON-GOING ISSUES IN THE COMMUNITY.</u><br/>           None.</p>  |                 |
| 21.44 | <p><u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.</u><br/>           Clerk's &amp; Councils Direct issue 141</p> <p><b>The next meeting is July 12<sup>th</sup>.</b></p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.50p.m.</p>  | <b>Page 303</b> |