

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF SWANTON ABBOTT HELD ON 10th. JANUARY 2023 at 7.00p.m. in the VILLAGE HALL, SWANTON ABBOTT.

PRESENT –Cllrs. M. Vaughan (Chair), A. Brown, S. Day, R. Ford, G. McAnsh & the Clerk G Kimmerling, NCC & NNDC Penfold & 13 members of the public.

Open session for members of the public to speak.

Most members of the Village Hall Trustees have resigned and the Parish Council was asked to nominate another representative.

Could the public be allowed to speak at the end of the meeting?

	AGENDA	<i>Action</i>
23.01	<p>a. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> None.</p> <p>b. <u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.</u> None. If necessary councillors will sign under 23.05c.</p> <p>c. <u>TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 8th. 2022</u> Resolution. Proposed by Cllr. Brown, seconded by Cllr. McAnsh & agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on November 8th. 2022 as a true record. These were then signed by the Chair.</p>	Clerk
23.02	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES</u></p> <p>a. The request for a Precept of £7000 has been accepted.</p> <p>b. Duncan Baker's office has asked for the dates of the forthcoming council meetings so that he can attend at some stage. This was agreed.</p>	
23.03	<p><u>NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL AND NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS.</u></p> <p>NCC - Cllr. Penfold said there is an Exceptional General Meeting on 17th. January to discuss the County Deal. This is the Devolution Settlement when more power and money is devolved down to local councils. There will be a Public Consultation from 6th. February for 6 weeks. £20m has been allocated from Central Government for each of the next 30 years for housing, infrastructure etc. There could be a Directly Elected Leader of the Council from May 2024. Sanders Coaches now offer a half hourly service on the 55 and an hourly service at weekends.</p> <p>NNDC – Cllr. Penfold has received a copy of the results of the survey on Affordable Housing and he will support the Parish Council's stance. There are still issues with the bin collections and he asked to be kept informed of any problems. He has not looked into the damage to the road surfaces in the village yet. There are still on-going issues for new developments re pollution problems in rivers etc.</p>	

23.04	<p>FINANCES</p> <p>a) <u>TO CONSIDER THE PRESENT FINANCIAL POSITION</u> The Clerk had produced up-to date accounts. £2.36 had been received in interest.</p> <p>b) <u>TO CONSIDER AND RESOLVE WHETHER TO APPROVE OUTSTANDING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT.</u> Resolution. Proposed by Cllr. Ford, seconded by Cllr. McAnsh and approved by the Parish Council to pay the following invoices. The following payments were paid on-line before the meeting. GM Window Cleaning Bus shelter windows £ 30.00 SR Print & Design Newsletter £194.00 The following payments were authorised to be paid on-line:- G Kimmerling Clerk's salary £ 328.66 G Kimmerling Clerk's expenses £ 15.98 S A Village Hall Hire of hall £ 10.00</p> <p>c) <u>TO CONSIDER INCREASING THE PAYMENT MADE TO THE COMMUNITY CHAPEL FOR THE ELECTRICITY FOR THE DEFIBRILLATOR.</u> The Parish Council currently pays £20 per annum. The hall does not know how much it costs. Cllr. Vaughan explained that the Chapel originally said it would not make a charge for this. They have now asked for the key back which is needed if there is a problem with the defibrillator. Cllr. Brown suggested moving it to the Village Hall as there had been problems with parking in the past. Cllr. Day had looked into a contract for managing the defibrillator and Heatbeat offer one at £128 per annum. He will look into this further.</p>	Cllr Day
23.05	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>a) <u>TO CONSIDER ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS.</u> None received.</p> <p>b) <u>TO NOTIFY OF ANY PLANNING DECISIONS BY NNDC</u> None received.</p> <p>c) <u>TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER PLANNING ISSUES.- AFFORDABLE HOUSING REPORT FROM ANNA CLARKE.</u> The final report showed an almost equal number of people in favour of the scheme as against. The Parish Council's stance is to wait for a Planning Application and neither supports or opposes the scheme. NNDC Cllr. Penfold said he believed that Ms. Clarke wanted to understand what the village felt about Affordable housing. Cllr. Ford said there is no clear view from the village and Cllr. Day said it was the responsibly of the Parish Council to reflect the views of all the village. The Clerk will draft a letter to Ms. Clarke.</p> <p><i>Cllr. Penfold left the meeting.</i></p>	Clerk
23.06	<p><u>TO SET THE DATES AND VENUE FOR THE MEETINGS IN 2023/24</u> Resolution. The following dates were proposed by Cllr. Vaughan, seconded by Cllr. McAnsh and agreed by the Parish Council:- March 7, May 9 (APM &APCM), July 11, Sept. 12, Nov. 14 & Jan. 16 2024. The Clerk had asked the Community Chapel if the meetings could be held there. The cost would be £5 per hour. It was agreed to remain at the Village Hall.</p>	Clerk

23.07	<p><u>HIGHWAYS AND DRAINAGE ISSUES UPDATE</u> a. <u>UPDATE</u> Cllr. Vaughan reported that Highways have cleared the culvert in the Aylsham Road. The gullies on the sides of the road are due to be cleared. Cllr. Brown mentioned the problem with surface water at the triangle of Long Common Lane, Long Common Road and the Church turning. The Clerk will inform NCC Cllr. Penfold of this on-going problem. Cllr. Vaughan will also speak to Scott at Highways.</p>	Clerk Cllr. Vaughan
23.08	<p><u>TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS.</u> Cllr. Day had updated the Standing Orders after his training session. He suggested the Parish Council have a meeting to discuss these amendments and the 24th. January was agreed. This will be an open meeting for members of the public to attend. Resolution. Proposed by Cllr. Brown, seconded by Cllr. Ford and agreed by the Parish Council to make the proposed amendments available to the public before the meeting. Cllr. Day will do this.</p>	Cllr. Day
23.09	<p><u>ON-GOING ISSUES</u> <u>TO REPORT AND RESOLVE, WHERE POSSIBLE, ON-GOING COMMUNITY ISSUES.</u> Cllr. Brown asked if the council could be updated on the Village Hall. There is some confusion over a Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Committee. In the past Cllr. Taylor & Cllr. Gee have been Parish Councillors and members of the Village Hall Committee. The Clerk explained that the Village Hall Governing Document states 'one (Committee member) shall be elected annually at the Annual Parish meeting of the said Parish of Swanton Abbott.' It doesn't have to be a Parish Councillor. <i>The meeting was closed to allow members of the public to speak.</i> The Village Hall Trustees are addressing the issues to appoint new Trustees under the rules of their Governing Document. One of the Trustees would like the Parish Council to appoint someone from the village as soon as possible. The defibrillator should be kept centrally so should be left where it is. <i>The meeting was closed to the public and returned to the Agenda.</i></p>	
23.10	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.</u> E-mail from 4 The Street regarding problems with surface water flooding in the garden. Anglian Water are sending an engineer to the site. Clerk's and Councils Direct 145. Information on the Coronation of King Charles 111 on May 6th. Cllr. Brown suggested a plaque in the Village Hall and the Clerk will look into this. Cllr. Vaughan said the granite for the village sign has not arrived yet.</p>	
	The meeting closed at 8p.m. Next meeting March 7 th 2023.	Page317

Members of the public were invited to speak.

The Parish Council's decision on the Affordable Housing Scheme might be seen as not caring one way or another and they should take the lead. Cllr. Ford said there is no clear case here.

The fields by the Aylsham Road have flooded again which makes this site unsuitable. The development should be linear. It is clear that people need housing.