

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF SWANTON ABBOT HELD ON  
14th. MARCH 2017 at 7.00p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SWANTON ABBOTT

PRESENT –Cllrs. C Belsham (Chair), C. Haden, S. Underwood, R. Gee, M. Vaughan & S. Howlett, the Clerk, G. Kimmerling, NCC Cllr. Timewell & 9 members of the public.

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

Possible problems at Clements Corner Farm, The Hill were explained. A fence has been constructed near to the road which could cause problems with vehicles having to go onto the verges opposite as the road is very narrow here. Photographic evidence showing large agricultural vehicles filling the road were produced. Highways have been asked to look into this. NCC Cllr. Timewell offered to take this forward.

A question was asked about the proposed Yard Sale. Cllr. Gee said the Village Hall Committee are organising this and a leaflet will go out soon.

Dr. Day asked about the newsletter which he feels should go out regularly. Cllr. Haden said there used to be a 4 page newsletter but felt the web-site is a better way now of keeping the village informed. Cllr. Belsham said the newsletter was well liked and it did work. She had only been able to produce one copy last year but her work situation has now changed so she would have more time to produce this. Cllr. Howlett offered to help with this.

	<b>AGENDA</b>	<i>Action</i>
17.11	<p>a. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – Cllr. S. Taylor – hospital appointment, NNDC Cllr. Williams – away. It was noted that the Police are unlikely to attend meetings due to cuts.</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 MEETINGS HELD ON JANUARY 23rd. 2017.</u> <b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Howlett &amp; agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. as a true record. These were signed by the Chairman.</p>	
	<p><i>NCC Cllr. Timewell was invited to give his report as he had another meeting to attend.</i></p> <p>He explained that Norfolk County Council needs to be more business orientated as Central Government finances are due to dry up in 2020. Money will still be available but departments will have to put in bids for this. There is a statutory duty to look after children and adult services. NCC need to attract more businesses to the area to bring in more business rates and need to look at other ways of earning money rather than collecting it from increased council tax. Children’s services are improving and there is a new director. There is a growing problem with an ageing population and many people come to Norfolk to retire. NORSE operates many old people’s homes and are now selling their services to other areas and other countries. The profits from this can go to NCC. Jonathon Winnett has replaced Justin in Highways from April and is based at the Aylsham unit. The Northern Bypass is on schedule to be finished by December 17<sup>th</sup>. North Walsham is one of two main towns for development with many more houses to be built. The scheme will include new schools and surgeries. Cllr. Timewell is pushing for a relief road towards Waitrose to ease congestion in the town.</p> <p><i>NNC Cllr. Timewell then left the meeting.</i></p>	<b>Page 138</b>

17.12	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES</u></p> <p>a) The Clerk has put in a bid for £2090 from the Transparency Funding. Cllr. Haden helped with the paperwork for this.</p> <p>b) The Agenda item for the Upgrade to the Parish Plan will be on the Annual Parish Council meeting agenda in May.</p>																
17.13	<p><u>NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT.</u> See above.</p> <p><u>NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT.</u> No report</p> <p><u>POLICE REPORT</u> No report but the Parish Councillors had seen the e-mailed report on the area.</p>																
17.14	<p><u>FINANCES</u></p> <p>a) <u>To consider present financial position.</u> The Clerk had provided up-to-date accounts. There were no problems. Cllr. Haden asked if the doggie bins were being emptied often enough. The Clerk to ask Cllr. Taylor to monitor this.</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 &amp; approved by the Parish Council to pay the following invoices:- The following cheques were dated 14/03/2017 &amp; signed by Cllrs. Gee &amp; Belsham.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="336 1070 1366 1238"> <tr> <td>Chq.no. 100857</td> <td>payable to G. Kimmerling for Clerk's salary for</td> <td>£ 145.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 100858</td> <td>" Post Office Ltd Clerk's tax</td> <td>£ 36.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 100859</td> <td>" G Kimmerling for Clerk's expenses</td> <td>£ 56.65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 100860</td> <td>" S A Village Hall for Hire of Hall</td> <td>£ 10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" 100861</td> <td>" URM/UK/Ltd re-cycling</td> <td>£ 16.74</td> </tr> </table> <p>(VAT £2.79)</p> <p>Chq. No.100862 " C Belsham – Chair's allowance £ 35.00</p> <p>c) <u>To consider and resolve whether to set up a standing order to pay for the weekly inspection of the Play Park.</u></p> <p>The Clerk explained that Mrs Schofield had not cashed either of the two cheques she had been given. Cllr. Howlett had spoken to her and she had been unable to get to her bank to present the cheques. She is now owed £250.00.</p> <p><b>Resolution.</b> Propose by Cllr. Haden to set up a standing order to pay £250 immediately and then £60 half yearly to Mrs. Schofield. This was agreed by the Parish Council. Cllr. Howlett will find her bank details.</p> <p>Two letters asking for donations had been received:-North Norfolk Community Transport –Clerk to find out if this is used. Norfolk Age UK. Proposed by Cllr. Belsham and agreed by the Parish Council to make a s137 payment of £50.00 Chq. No. 100863 payable to Norfolk Age UK – s137 payment for £50.00</p>	Chq.no. 100857	payable to G. Kimmerling for Clerk's salary for	£ 145.75	" 100858	" Post Office Ltd Clerk's tax	£ 36.60	" 100859	" G Kimmerling for Clerk's expenses	£ 56.65	" 100860	" S A Village Hall for Hire of Hall	£ 10.00	" 100861	" URM/UK/Ltd re-cycling	£ 16.74	<p><i>Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Clerk/ Cllr. Howlett.</i></p> <p><i>Clerk</i></p> <p><b>Page 139</b></p>
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17.18	<p><u>ON-GOING ISSUES</u></p> <p>Cllr. Belsham reported on continuing problems in The Poplars. Last week the police attended on three separate occasions and there were fights in the street. Some residents are afraid to walk down The Poplars because of this. Cllr. Belsham suggested writing to Victory Housing on behalf of the residents and this was agreed. A response should be requested within 14 days. Cllr. Vaughan suggested writing to the Police Commissioner as well and this was approved.</p> <p>Cllr. Haden asked about Speed-Watch. The Parish Council should hear this month if it has been successful in getting funding for the Sam2 sign. There still needs to be more volunteers to carry out Speed Watch.</p> <p>There is a missing 30m.p.h. sign on the Aylsham Road from Burgh. Clerk to report.</p>	Clerk  Clerk
17.19	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</u></p> <p>UK Power Networks – leaflets for vulnerable people to apply for extra support during a power cut. These can go out with the newsletter. Some will be kept in the Jolly Farmers pub and the information will be on the notice boards and website.</p> <p>Clerks &amp; Councils Direct 110 – taken by Cllr. Howlett.</p> <p>E-Mail from Heritage Developments to say they have completed the assessment into the flood risk and drainage strategy for the proposed development and have the report for the Parish Council to view. It was agreed this should be looked at. The Clerk to ask for this to be forwarded to her.</p>	Clerk  Clerk
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