

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF SWANTON ABBOT HELD ON  
14th. JULY 2015 at 7p.m. IN THE WESLEYAN CHAPEL, SWANTON ABBOTT

PRESENT –Cllrs. C. Belsham (chair), S. Taylor, M. Vaughan, R. Gee, G. Williams, S. Underwood, the Clerk, G. Kimmerling, & two members of the public.

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

Mr. Traverso had sent an e-mail to the Chairman. He said he was concerned about speeding and the state of the footpaths in the village. He explained that he had been in touch with the County Council about extending the 30m.p.h. limit along the Aylsham Road to Blackhorse Lane & had been advised to contact the Parish Council for support. He had also raised the issue with Norman Lamb. There had been near misses by his house & it was difficult to get out of driveways onto the main road. He was also concerned that landowners did little to maintain the footpaths over their land and the Council was no longer pro-active due to cutbacks.

Cllr. Taylor said she was the Footpath representative and had walked most of the paths.

Cllr. Gee said she had sent an e-mail on 19<sup>th</sup> June detailing the problems with footpaths & these had been cut within 2 weeks. There is still a problem on FP2 – Mortons Farms – where the rape is overgrown – the Clerk to contact Mortons.

Cllr. Belsham said Speed-watch had been re-instated & several cars had been caught speeding along the Aylsham Road in the 30m.p.h. limit.

Cllr. Williams said the County Council Highways & the Police work together on speed limits. They need statistics on accidents to extend speed limits as there are thousands of miles of narrow roads in rural Norfolk with the same problems. He is concerned with speeding traffic and agricultural vehicles along the Aylsham Road and other village roads. The Clerk will write to Mr. Riley-Smith of Swanton Abbott Hall to request the trees are cut back along the Aylsham Road.

		<i>Action</i>
15.34	<p><b><u>A. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> Cllr. Plews – Sea Cadets meeting &amp; PCSO King.</p> <p><b><u>B. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</u></b> None.</p> <p><b><u>C. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MAY 19<sup>th</sup> . .</u></b> <b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Taylor &amp; agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on May 19<sup>th</sup>. as a true record. These were signed by the Chairman.</p>	
15.35	<p><b><u>CLERK’S REPORT AND UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES</u></b></p> <p>a) The Clerk had spoken to Mr. Hodson who said he would be willing to be co-opted onto the Council in the future if the need arose but was happy to stand down for now. He will arrange for the Fire Break to be cut on The Hill.</p> <p>b) The Post Box on The Hill is now due to be replaced in August.</p> <p>c) Police Report from PCSO King. There has been 1 crime from 19/05 to 14/07 – fraud- which is an on-going investigation. PCSO King has asked to attend the Speed-watch sessions. He has looked at the issue of parking by parents near the Jolly Farmers.</p> <p>d) The Clerk read out a report from the Bowls Club which had arrived too late for the APM.</p>	

15.36	<b>FINANCES</b>	
	<p><u>A. To appoint the RFO for 2015/16</u>  <b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Belsham and approved by the Parish Council to appoint the Clerk as RFO for 2015/16.</p> <p><u>B. To consider present financial position.</u>  The Clerk had provided a financial statement showing up-to-date figures. She explained that the start balance had been amended to exclude outstanding cheques.  This was approved by the Parish Council. There had been an anonymous donation of £1000 for the defibrillator plus other donations totalling £35 and £93.50 from the yard sale. £132.60 had been received from re-cycling.  Cllr. Taylor asked about the contract for emptying the doggie bins as she had had to get the one on The Hill emptied.</p> <p><u>C. To consider and resolve whether to approve outstanding invoices for payment.</u>  <b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Williams &amp; approved by the Parish Council to pay the following invoices.  Chq. Nos. 100771, dated 26/05/15, payable to Swanton Abbott Village Hall for hire of hall for Speed-watch &amp; chq. No. 100772, dated 26/05/15, payable to Mrs. M Saberton for internal audit &amp; both signed by Cllrs. Belsham &amp; Williams had been paid earlier.  All cheques dated 14/07/2015 &amp; signed by Cllrs. Belsham &amp; Williams.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
	<p>Chq.no. 100773 payable to G Kimmerling – Clerk’s expenses     £ 21.24  (VAT £2.33)</p> <p>“     “     1000774     “     Wesleyan Chapel – hire of hall     £ 10.00</p> <p><u>D. To consider and approve signatories on the accounts.</u>  Mr. Hodson was a signatory on the accounts. The two remaining signatories are Cllrs. Belsham &amp; Williams.</p> <p><b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Taylor &amp; approved by the Parish Council to add Cllr. Gee to the signatories on the accounts. The Clerk will get the necessary forms filled out.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
15.37	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>a.) <u>To consider any planning applications received.</u> - None  b.) <u>To notify of any planning decisions by NNDC</u>  <b>PF/15/0514 Grove Farm, Aylesham Road</b>  Erection of two-storey side/front extension and pitched roof to existing single-storey rear extension.  NNDC permission with 3 conditions.</p> <p>c.) <u>To consider any other planning issues.</u> - None</p>	
15.38	<p><b>DEFIBRILLATOR. – update</b>  The Red Cross would only give a grant if the box was kept unlocked and the Ambulance Trust said the box must be locked as it had to be sure the defibrillator was available when an emergency call was made. Although mobile reception is poor, emergency calls get through. Andrew Barlow from the Ambulance Trust had been allocated defibrillators for North Norfolk and had ear-marked one for Swanton Abbott. The total cost would be about £1000. The Clerk will arrange for this to be installed as soon as possible.</p>	<b>Clerk Page 96</b>

15.39	<u>PLAY PARK INSPECTION</u> This should have been carried out on July 13 <sup>th</sup> . The Zip Wire still needs to be repaired. The Clerk was waiting for a third quote when all the information had been supplied. The three quotes will then be sent to all Councillors. Cllr. Gee said there were problems with the pigeons by the slide and pic-nic table. The Clerk will check when the hedges are to be cut and see if the oak tree can be cut back.	<b>Clerk</b>
15.40	<u>VILLAGE LITTER PICK.</u> The local Headmistress had suggested a litter pick at the APM. If the Parish Council arranges this it will need insurance and a Risk Assessment. It was decided to encourage people to clear up litter via the newsletter.	
15.41	<u>ON-GOING ISSUES</u> a) Cllr. Gee had sent an e-mail detailing the problems with footpaths in the village and all had been cleared within 2 weeks. b) Cllr. Gee said the latest on Super-fast Broadband was that it should be live by the end of August. She will contact Norman Lamb again about the problems with mobile signals. c) Cllr. Williams had met Mr. Alexander re the possible Village Green/Housing development. Bidwells are unable to find a developer willing to take on a small build. A review of the Local Plan begins at the end of the year and will take 3 years to complete. Developers may wait for the results of this. It was agreed to put this plan on hold for the present as there is not enough to consult the village about. The Parish Council is still interested in Affordable/Exception Housing but no land has been identified for this. It was agreed that Cllr. Williams should invite the new Affordable Housing Officer to the next meeting.	<b>Cllr. Williams</b>
15.42	<u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</u> Clerk's and Councils Direct no.100	

**15.43 DATE AND ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting on September 1st 2015 in the Wesleyan Chapel at 7p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.