

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF SWANTON ABBOT HELD ON  
17th. OCTOBER 2017 at 7.00p.m. IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SWANTON ABBOTT

PRESENT –Cllrs. C Belsham (Chair), R Gee, S. Taylor, & S. Underwood, the Clerk,  
G. Kimmerling, Peter Davison, Police Community Engagement Officer & 19 members  
of the public.

**Presentation by Peter Davison on Speed-watch.**

The Chair welcomed Peter Davison and invited him to speak. He explained that the Speed-watch team in Swanton Abbott is struggling due to lack of volunteers. The aim of Speed-watch is evidence gathering. If there are 11 offences in one month at the same location, the enforcement officers go out on site. Speed-watch is about education and it does see a reduction in speeding. If someone is caught doing 35mph & above in a 30mph area (46mph in 40mph area) a letter is sent. After 2 letters have been sent, enforcement action will be taken. Speed-watch volunteers are trained by the Police –it takes about half a day.

No sessions have taken place in Swanton Abbott since October and we could lose the equipment if not used regularly. There are three sites in the village – 2 in Aylsham Road & 1 in Long Common Lane & 3 volunteers are needed for each session.

Mr. Davison left leaflets and asked people to leave their names and addresses with the Clerk if they wanted to volunteer.

*Mr Davison then left the meeting.*

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

Cllr. Belsham explained that members of the public would be able to speak on Item 17.47 when it arose.

Dr. Day asked when there would be another newsletter. It was agreed that a paper copy is still relevant. Cllr. Belsham said it was a struggle to get information for the newsletter but Dr. Day felt it should be a regular news-sheet.

	<b>AGENDA</b>	<i>Action</i>
17.42	<p>a. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Cllr. Howlett – babysitting, NNDC Cllr. Williams – on holiday &amp; PCSO King.</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 JULY 18th. AND AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>. 2017</u> <b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Belsham &amp; agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on July 18th. as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Gee &amp; agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on August 15<sup>th</sup> as a true record. These were signed by the Chairman.</p>	
17.43	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES</u></p> <p>a) The Poplars. The Clerk had received a letter from Victory Housing re the re-housing of a tenant. One family member has been excluded from the parish since March 2017; they are in the process of taking legal steps to take possession of the property; the incident with the dog is being investigated.</p> <p>b) The SAM2 machine is ready for delivery and the sites have been approved.</p> <p>c) There is no news on the purchase of the old phone box.</p>	

17.44	<p><u>NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT.</u> No report.</p> <p><u>NORTH NORFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT.</u> No report</p> <p><u>POLICE REPORT</u> No report</p>	
17.45	<p><u>FINANCES</u></p> <p>a) <u>To consider present financial position.</u> The Clerk had provided up-to date accounts. The second half of the precept had been received and £344.79 had been received from the bottle bank re-cycling.</p> <p>b) <u>To consider and resolve whether to approve the Clerk's extra hours.</u> The Clerk had provided her working hours for the last 6 months. The total of extra hours worked was 24. <b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Belsham to pay the Clerk's extra hours and to increase the hours from 2 per week to 3 per week starting immediately. This was agreed by the Parish Council.</p> <p>c) <u>To consider and resolve whether to approve outstanding invoices for payment.</u></p> <p><b>Resolution.</b> Proposed by Cllr. Taylor &amp; approved by the Parish Council to pay the following invoices:- The following cheques had been paid before the meeting:- Dated 08/08/2017 &amp; signed by Cllrs. Belsham &amp; Vaughan Chq. No. 100877 payable to Play Inspection Company for inspection £78.00, Chq. No. 100878 payable to I Muir for bus shelter cleaning for £ 40.00 " " 100879 " G Kimmerling for computer &amp; printer £579.97 (VAT £96.67) The following cheque was dated 15/08/2017 &amp; signed by Cllrs. Gee &amp; Vaughan Chq.no. 100880 payable to Mazars LLP for Audit for £ 30.00 (VAT £5.00) The following cheques were dated 06/09/2017 &amp; signed by Cllrs. Vaughan &amp; Gee Chq. No. 100881 payable to G Kimmerling for salary for £ 190.67 " 100882 " Dementia UK s137payt. Re Mr. Smith £25.00 " 100883 " SR Print &amp; Design for printing info letter £58.00 The following cheques were dated 17/10/2017 &amp; signed by Cllrs. Belsham &amp; Gee Chq. no 100884 payable to G Kimmerling for Clerk's extra hours £ 264.00 " 100885 " URM/UK/Ltd for re-cycling £ 28.80 (VAT £4.80) Chq. no 100886 " Westcotec Ltd for SAM2 machine £3780.00 (VAT £630.00) Chq. No 100887 " SA Village Hall for hire of hall £ 10.00 " 100888 " C Belsham for Chair's allowance £ 30.00 " 100889 " Macmillan Nurses for s137payt. from re-cycling £ 250.74 " 100890 " G Kimmerling for Clerk's expenses £ 17.48</p> <p>Cllr. Belsham said that even with the SAM2 machine in operation, Speed-watch was still important.</p>	

17.46	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>a.) <u>To consider any planning applications received.</u> –None.  b.)<u>To notify of any planning decisions by NNDC</u> - None.  c.) <u>To consider any other planning issues.</u></p> <p><b>PF/17/0083</b> Appeal ref. <b>APP/Y/2620/W/17/3181634</b>  Hall Farm House, Black Horse Road, Skeyton  Change of land from agricultural for siting of two shepherds huts for holiday accommodation: associated works.  An appeal has been made against the refusal.  The Parish Council had rejected to this planning application and this information has been passed to the appeals board. No further comments were felt necessary.</p>	
17.47	<p><u>VILLAGE POLL ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON LAND OFF LONG COMMON LANE.</u></p> <p>To agree a date for the village poll and to consider and agree the wording on the voting card.</p> <p>Cllr. Belsham said the Parish Council had received 5 e-mails/letters against the proposal and 5 in favour. She read out a list of the main comments and explained that the landowner had wanted to develop the site for some time and that it had been put forward, and approved in the ‘Call for sites’.  She explained that after the first development proposal a survey had been carried out to gather information which had been passed on to the developer and land-owner. The Parish Council was not in favour of this proposal. The developer then came back with a new proposal which included a flood report, 100-year covenant to protect the area of land near Cross Road and changes to the housing. People are being asked to vote on the principle of the development, not the actual development.  On Monday 16<sup>th</sup>. October, Cllr. Belsham had received an e-mail from the developer saying they would give the parish until the end of the month to give their position and if unable to move forward under the current proposals they would continue the planning process through the allocation of sites route. She then sent an e-mail explaining that a village poll was to be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> and she could pass on the results on November 13<sup>th</sup>. She asked if any Plans submitted without village support would be minus the village hall, village green &amp; covenanted land and would include more houses.  She had also tried to contact the developer by phone.  An e-mail was received on Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>. which said they would work to the 13<sup>th</sup> November but if there was a lack of support they would not be committing to the benefits currently on offer.</p> <p><i>The meeting was closed to allow members of the public to speak.</i></p> <p>Mr Hodson said he had offered land next to the village hall to the committee some time ago and the offer still stands.  Other comments were made:-  The NNDC plan says that any development application has to provide substantial benefit to the village so it would not get permission without the village hall, green etc.  It is costly to put in a planning application so the developer would be unlikely to do this if he didn’t think he would be successful.  The application without benefits would be rejected – the village should work together</p>	

If the vote is 'yes' it will help the planning application, if 'no' there will not be any benefits.  
There is a precedent here. Building on the site has been turned down twice before.  
A 'yes' vote will mean the parish has control.  
Terraced housing in other developments is very expensive so young people could not afford to buy here. The land offered under covenant is on a slope so couldn't be built on anyway.  
The developer is not to be trusted. He said he would not build without support. People thought this had all been settled by the first vote. They didn't know about the meeting in August. This is bribery.  
Why is this a new development? It is just like the first.  
Cllr. Taylor said the fairest way was to let everyone have a vote.  
Cllr. Belsham said she would agree with whichever way the village voted and Cllr. Taylor agreed.

The Clerk explained that the poll could not be run under Parish and Community Meetings (Polls) Rules 1987 as it was not being organised by the Principal council. The wording on the voting card had to be agreed by the Public at this meeting.

The Parish Council suggested:

**Do you agree, in principle, to a housing development with a Village green & new village hall, as proposed, on land by Long Common Lane?**

No            Yes

The alternative suggestion was:

**Are you in favour, in principle, of the proposed development in Long Common Lane, as specified by Heritage Development?**

No            Yes

People were asked to vote on a show of hands. 9 voted for the first question and 7 for the second so the Parish Council suggestion was agreed.

The date has been provisionally set for Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> from 11a.m. to 8p.m. in the village hall. The votes will be counted immediately after voting has finished and the results given to the land-owner and the developer. An independent Clerk will be in charge of proceedings. Anyone who is on the Electoral Register will be able to vote. Members of the public are invited to the Count.

Information on all aspects of the development will be on display in the Village Hall on voting day.

There was concern that some people may not be able to get to the hall to vote Cllr. Belsham suggested that these people should contact the Clerk.

*Meeting closed to the public and returned to the agenda.*

The date for the Village Vote was agreed for Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 8p.m. with counting immediately afterwards.

The wording on the voting card to be:

Do you agree , in principle, to a housing development with a village green and new village hall, as proposed, on land by Long Common Lane?

No            Yes

17.48	<u>HIGHWAY ISSUES</u> Nothing to report.	
17.49	<u>PLAY PARK - update</u> Cllr. Belsham said she had been sent photos showing problems on the Play Park. Some of the wooden planks had been pulled off and left unsafe. She believed this was vandalism but it has now been made safe. The Clerk said she has two quotes for new equipment and is waiting to get a third quote.	
17.50	<u>ON-GOING ISSUES</u> a) To agree responsibility for the SAM2 machine. The SAM2 machine must be moved every 28 days. There are 5 possible sites in the village. The Clerk will arrange training for the people who are to be responsible for the machine. Cllrs. Belsham, Taylor & Underwood agreed to share responsibility.	
17.51	<u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED</u> Heating Oil club – poster & leaflets Clerks & Councils Direct issue 113 Vattenfall Norfolk Vanguard Offshore Windfarm consultation from 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov. to 11 <sup>th</sup> . Dec. Information in North Walsham library.	
17.39	The next meeting will be on November 14 <sup>th</sup> .  Meeting closed at 9.00p.m.	