

## SWANTON NOVERS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at Swanton Novers Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Those present:** Cllr Mrs. V Hart (Chair), Cllr. Mrs. C Armstrong (Vice Chair) Cllr. Mrs. R Leeder, Cllr. R Hart, Cllr. Mrs. V Brittain, Cllr. Miss F Jenkinson and 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr. Rick Hadden, NNDC Cllr. S. Ward, PCSO Shane Artingstall
2. **To receive declarations of interest:** No declarations were made to items on the agenda
3. **Report from County Councillor** – Cllr. Ramsbotham reported to the meeting that the County Council has agreed their budget for the forthcoming year and this will mean substantial cuts to Adult Social Care, Children's services and a reduction in support for the Police Service and Fire Service. He also said that the County Council are promoting an initiative to stop food waste whereby volunteers would be trained to educate local people in ways of purchasing and using food economically. The Council was further informed that the Holt Road was programmed to be patch repaired this financial year and fully surfaced next summer.
4. **Public Forum** – Mrs Bishop asked if the boundary hedge to Swanton Cottage could be cut back. The Clerk said that he would contact the owners to arrange this. Mr Wilson asked if the website was now functioning. It was confirmed that this was the case.
5. **Report from the Chair and the Clerk** –

**Barney Lane:** Cllr Mrs Val Hart thanked Cllr Ramsbotham for all his help with the continuing problems with the Lane. He informed the meeting that Lord Hastings had been contacted regarding this and had passed the matter on to his farm manager to arrange repairs.

**Pill Box:** Cllr. Val Hart informed the meeting that although this was not technically a matter for the Parish Council it was of great interest to the village. She informed the meeting that a plaque had been commissioned and was about to be affixed to the pill box. Cllr. Miss Frances Jenkinson said that the path to and the surrounding area of the pill box needed trimming. She was informed that this was in hand.

**Report on meeting with Elaine Ferguson. NCC Housing Representative:** A number of Councillors attended a presentation by Elaine Ferguson on local housing need in the village and surrounding parishes. She informed us that a number of properties were required in the mix of rented or affordable, also some properties suitable for older people. The provision of these properties was dependent on suitable sites and finance being available within Swanton Novers and adjoining parishes. The Clerk would report further at the next meeting.

**Update on Planning Procedure Complaint:** The Clerk informed the meeting that as yet we have not had a response or acknowledgement to the Parish Council's request to have the complaint escalated to a level 3 complaint under the NNDC complaints procedure. He confirmed that as soon as a response was received he would inform all councilors.

6. **Correspondence Received:** A request has been received from the children's hospice "Each" for a donation. No decision was made on this request. A letter was received from Holt CAB thanking the Parish Council for its support and inviting councilors to attend their AGM. The Local Crime Report was also discussed.
7. **New Planning Applications Received:** No new planning applications have been received since the last meeting however, decision notices have been received approving Mr. Thompson's fence and Mr. & Mrs. May's conservatory.
8. **Financial Report:** The Clerk presented to the council the Auditors report which had passed the accounts for the financial year ending March 2015 without alteration. These were accepted and would be filed as complete. The Financial Report for the current period was presented to councilors and passed. No queries were raised.
9. **Any Other Business:** A letter has been received from Mr. Chris McCloud who lives at the end of St.Giles Road asking about the status of the old sawmill, known as "The Shed" which he believes is being used as a dwelling and from where the resident appears to be running a business. After discussing this matter the council decided that the clerk should send a letter to Mr & Mrs Sanderson requesting clarification of the status and use of the building.

There being no further business to discuss the Cllr. Val Hart closed the meeting at 20:27

Signed..... Chairperson    dated.....

Signed..... Parish Clerk    dated.....

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