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**SWANTON NOVERS PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th November 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 Cllr. Rick Hadden.

1. **Apologies –**, NNDC Cllr. S. Ward, PCSO Shane Artingstall
2. **To receive declarations of interest:** Cllr. Mrs. R Leeder declared a possible interest regarding item 11, settlement of outstanding accounts. Cllrs Miss F Jenkinson and Cllr. Mrs. C Armstrong declared an interest regarding item 10, planning applications received.
3. **Report from County Councillor –** Cllr. Ramsbotham reported to the meeting that the county budget had been agreed for 2016 / 17 and that this would be ratified at a meeting of the council in February. To fund this budget it will be necessary to levy an increase to the Council Tax of around two percent. We were also informed that talks are being held between Norfolk and Suffolk County Council’s to enable them to work together to secure some devolved powers from Central Government which would in turn release increased funds.

**Holt Road**: Cllr Ramsbotham informed the Council that he had personally inspected the poor condition of the roadway and would be requesting that the highway engineer bring forward the proposed repairs scheduled for 2016/17.

1. **Public Forum –** No items were raised by the members of the public present.
2. **To sign as correct the minutes arising from the meetings held on 10/09/2015 and 07/10/2015** – These were duly signed as correct.
3. **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.

**Update on Planning Procedure Complaint**: The Clerk informed the meeting that he had written to Ms. Sheila Oxtoby requesting a meeting to discuss the complaint regarding the planning procedure and was awaiting a response.

**Dog Nuisance:** This matter was discussed and information requested on the perpetrators so that they could be contacted. Cllr Val Hart informed the meeting that one of her chickens was savaged and killed on her property by a dog off the lead. She has been in contact with the owner and the matter has now been settled.

1. **Correspondence Received:** The Local Crime Report was discussed. During the period September to November one incident of anti-social behavior and one domestic incident were reported.
2. **Parish Precept 2016/2017:** This was discussed and a proposal to increase the precept to £6K was made by Cllr. Rick Hadden, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs. C Armstrong and passed by the council unanimously.
3. **Update on the Transparency Code requirements Grant Application:** The Clerk informed the meeting that the application had been submitted and that we would know if we had been successful by the end of January 2016. The application was to cover the costs of installing a broadband connection in the village hall and the provision of a laptop and printer for the use of the Parish Council.
4. **New Planning Applications Received:** Mr & Mrs Monday have applied to have a Calor Gas tank installed within the garden of Oak Tree Cottage. The details have been previously distributed to all councilors and no objections were received. There were however, some concerns raised as to the safety aspects of the installation and these were passed on to NNDC together with the response of no objection from the council. Cllr Miss. F Jenkinson wished it to be noted that the application was inaccurate with regard to the proximity of a tree to the proposed location of the tank and asked if NNDC could be informed.
5. **Financial Report:** The Clerk presented the Financial Report for the current period. No queries were raised.

Outstanding accounts for hedge and grass cutting and charitable donations were approved for payment.

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1. **Any Other Business:** No items were raised.

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

**Signed………………………………....................... Chairperson dated……………………………….**

**Signed………………………………........................ Parish Clerk dated……………………………….**

**Next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th February 2016 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**