

## SWANTON NOVERS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 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. Miss F Jenkinson and Cllr. Rick Hadden.

1. **Apologies –**, NNDC Cllr. S. Ward, PCSO Shane Artingstall, County Cllr. D. Ramsbotham & Cllr. Mrs. V Brittain.
2. **To receive declarations of interest:** None received.
3. **Report from County & District Councillors –** No report from County Cllr. D. Ramsbotham. A written report was received from District Cllr. S. Ward. A copy is attached to these minutes.
4. **Public Forum –** No items were raised by the members of the public present.
5. **To sign as correct the minutes arising from the meeting held on 26/11/2015 –** These were duly signed as correct.
6. **Broadband for Swanton Novers – Report by Mark Wilson –** Mark informed the meeting that at present Swanton Novers was not scheduled to receive Hi Speed Broadband in the current phase of upgrades. He and members of the village have got together to lobby NNDC to get the village included. A village meeting has been arranged for February 29<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall where Mark has arranged for Karen O’Kane the Programme Director for Better Broadband for Norfolk to address the meeting. Chair. Cllr. Val Hart thanked Mark for his very informative presentation and asked him to keep the Parish Council informed of any developments.
7. **Report from the Chair and the Clerk –**

**Barney Lane:** Cllr Mrs. Val Hart informed the meeting that Cllr. Miss F Jenkinson, the Clerk and herself had attended a site meeting with Lord Hastings and William Hepworth-Smith. It was agreed that when conditions permitted repairs would be undertaken. Also, that a gate to stop powered vehicles illegally using the lane would be fitted at the Swanton Novers end. It was also agreed that unless absolutely necessary the Astley Estate stockman would not use the lane in this vehicle.

**Update on Planning Procedure Complaint:** Cllr. Val Hart informed the meeting that together with Cllr. Viv Brittain and the Parish Clerk she attended a meeting with NNDC Chief Executive Sheila Oxtoby in December where the PC’s complaint regarding the planning procedure was discussed and minuted.

**Dog Nuisance:** This matter was discussed and information requested on the perpetrators so their names could be forwarded to the NNDC Dog Warden who would take further action.

**Litter:** The village continues to be targeted by fly tippers. We have had two incidents of car wheels and tyres being dumped in The Street and Tin Shed Lane. We are also suffering from a great number of cans being dumped throughout the village. **The Village Litter Pick has been arranged for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.**

**Update on the Transparency Code requirements Grant Application:** The Clerk informed the meeting that the application for money to enable the provision of broadband in the village hall together with the purchase of a laptop computer and printer had been successful.

8. **Correspondence Received:** The Local Crime Report. (Copy attached)
9. **New Planning Applications Received:** No new planning applications have been received prior to this meeting.
10. **Financial Report:** The Clerk presented the Financial Report for the current period. No queries were raised. Outstanding accounts for Street Lighting Maintenance and Footpaths and Byways meeting were approved for payment.

- 11. **Matters relating to our District Councillor:** The matter of the continued non-attendance at Parish Council meetings of our District Councillor Cllr Steven Ward was discussed. It was decided that a meeting would be requested with the NNDC Chairman Cllr. Tom Fitzpatrick to hopefully resolve the problem.
  
- 12. **Any Other Business:** Cllr. Miss Frances Jenkinson raised the matter of the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations and asked if any plans had been made for the village. Chair Cllr. Val Hart informed the meeting that the Village Hall Committee will be organizing the celebrations and that their plans are progressing well.

There being no further business to discuss the Cllr. Val Hart closed the meeting at 21:05

Signed..... Chairperson    dated.....

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

**Next meeting will be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**