

## SWANTON NOVERS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 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** – PCSO Shane Artingstall, & Cllr. Mrs. V Brittain.
2. **To receive declarations of interest:** None received.
3. **Report from County & District Councillors and Police–**

No report received from District Cllr. S. Ward. The Crime Report was received from PCSO Shane Artingstall.

The following report was given by County Councillor Mr. David Ramsbotham –

He informed the meeting that the County Council will be cutting back on roadway maintenance in the county due to a reduction in the budget. He went on to say that NCC have asked for members of the public to be alert and to report any situations of neglect or abuse being suffered by children in the parish. Cllr. Val Hart pointed out that this was a very sensitive matter and needed to be approached with caution, she also asked if the NCC has any posters or literature that could be displayed on the notice board showing contact details for the public. County Councillor David Ramsbotham was thanked for presenting his report.

4. **What impact would an elected Mayor for East Anglia and further devolution have on parishes in Norfolk.**  
This question was raised by Cllr Miss. Frances Jenkinson – County Cllr. David Ramsbotham replied that at this point nothing has been settled and not all local authorities in East Anglia are in favor of having a Mayor. He stated that he would have liked a referendum to decide if a Mayor was wanted but this is not on the cards. Devolution, like the proposed Mayor is very much a “work in progress” and how it will affect local government will become apparent as the year progresses.
5. **Public Forum** - No items were raised
6. **Parking in St Giles Road** – This matter was discussed and it was suggested that visitors park either in the Village Hall car park or in the parish land opposite. It was stated that the problem is aggravated by traffic generated by the Montessori School which is held in the woodland. It was hoped that this could be mentioned to Tim Sanderson at the weekend.
7. **To sign as correct the minutes arising from the meeting held on 31/03/2016** – These were duly signed as correct.
8. **Report from the Chair and the Clerk –**

**Report on Meeting at NNDC regarding Cllr. Steven Ward-** the Chair reported on a very unsatisfactory meeting with Tom FitzPatrick and Emma Duncan of NNDC legal services. We received little or no support for our complaint and we were granted no respect and we were told that District Councillors were under no obligation to attend PC meetings and that our expectations of our district councillor are unrealistic.

**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.

**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.

9. **Correspondence Received:** The Local Crime Report. (Copy attached)
10. **New Planning Applications Received:** No new planning applications have been received prior to this meeting.
11. **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
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 12 May 2016 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall together with the Annual Parish Meeting.**