

SWANTON NOVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2016 at Swanton Novers Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors present: Cllr Mrs. V Hart (Chair), Cllr. Mrs. C Armstrong (Vice Chair) Cllr. Mrs. R Leeder, Cllr. R Hart, and Cllr. Rick Hadden & Cllr. Mrs. V Brittain.

Others present: NNDC Cllr. A Claussen-Reynolds, Cllr. R. Reynolds, PCSO Shane Artingstall, County Cllr. D. Ramsbotham. and 3 members of the public.

2016/5 Apologies – Cllr. Miss.F Jenkinson

2016/6 To receive declarations of interest: None received.

2016/7 Election of Parish Council Chair: Cllr. Rosemary Leeder proposed Val Hart as Chair. This was seconded by Cllr. Viv Brittain and passed unanimously. Cllr. Val Hart accepted the office of Chair of the Parish Council.

2016/8 Election of Parish Council Vice Chair: Cllr. Rosemary Leeder proposed Christine Armstrong as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr. Viv Brittain and passed unanimously. Cllr. Christine Armstrong accepted the office of Vice Chair of the Parish Council.

2016/9 Report from PCSO Shane Artingstall: He reported that there were two traffic accidents and one stray dog reported in the parish. He was asked if he could check for speeding in The Street as a member of the public had complained about this. He said that he would visit the village and check for speeding over the summer. Cllr Val Hart thanked him for his report.

2016/10 Report from County Councillor David Ramsbotham: He reported that the proposed Mayor for East Anglia was still a work in progress and that so far it is at the consultation stage. One of the major sticking points is the amount of funding offered by central government. Cllr. Val Hart thanked him for his report.

2016/11 Report from Acting District Councillor Annie Claussen-Reynolds: Annie Claussen-Reynolds introduced herself to the Parish Council and was welcomed by the Chair Cllr. Val Hart. She updated the PC on the progress regarding the provision of Broadband to the village. The date for roll-out will be known later in the year after the contract is signed in July.

2016/12 Update from District Councillor Roy Reynolds (Chair of Planning Committee): We were informed that progress is being made in the planning department of NNDC, the website is now more user friendly but still has some way to go. He confirmed that all representations received on planning matters however received (email, letter or personal) would now be put on the website. Further training sessions will be forthcoming later in the year. The matter of "The Shed" was raised regarding progress of its registration as a dwelling. District Cllr. Roy Reynolds said he would look into the matter and report back in due course.

2016/13 To sign as correct the minutes of the meeting held 31/03/2016: The minutes had been previously circulated to councilors and were passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2016/14 The resignation of Steven Ward as District Councillor: This matter was discussed together with a report of the meeting held with District Councillor Tom Fitzpatrick and Emma Duncan. Cllr. Val Hart together with the Chairs of Barney and Fulmodeston and Melton Constable Parish Councils were in attendance at the meeting. A discussion followed her report and a vote taken on the proposal to send a letter of complaint regarding the conduct of the meeting to Sheila Oxtoby (Chief Executive NNDC). This vote was passed unanimously.

2016/15 Parking in St Giles Road: The matter of the congestion at the end of St Giles Road was discussed. It was suggested that a nearby holiday cottage was the cause. This was dismissed as this area is used by dog walkers parking. It was also said that now the School in the Woods was not running and the building works at No.37 has finished the problem has eased in recent weeks. It was agreed that this would be monitored over the coming months and any problems reported.

2016/16 To agree dates for forthcoming Parish Council meetings: This matter was discussed and the following dates agreed: June 16th, July 28th, September 15th, October 27th, December 8th, January 19th, March 2nd, April 20th and the APM 2017 on 18th May.

2016/17 Correspondence received: A letter was received from Mr & Mrs Jacob enquiring if the land adjacent to their property (The Green House) could be made available for purchase. This matter was discussed and it was

suggested that instead of a sale, which could prove both costly and difficult legally that the land could be leased to Mr & Mrs Jacob. The Clerk had already had preliminary discussions with the NALC but was awaiting further information. It was suggested that Mark Ashwell NNDC planning may be of help with this and would be contacted in due course. This matter is to be discussed further at the next Parish Council Meeting.

2016/18 New Planning Applications: The application for an extension to Nextwood Cottage was discussed. The Council have no objection to the plan but have concerns regarding the access required by the contractors together with the levels of noise that would undoubtedly be a nuisance to the residents living close by. The Clerk explained that these concerns were not a planning matter but would need to be discussed by interested parties prior to the build starting with the owner. A vote was taken and passed unanimously as no objection to planning permission being granted.

2016/19 Financial Report: The report was presented to the Councillors. No queries were raised and the outstanding accounts passed for payment.

2016/20 Any other business: No matters were raised under this item. The next meeting will be primarily to discuss and approve the financial accounts that will have been previously audited by our Internal Auditor prior to submission for external audit.

There being no further business Cllr. Val Hart closed the meeting at 20:47pm

Signed..... Chairperson dated.....

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

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th June 2016 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.