

SWANTON NOVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 28th July 2016 at Swanton Novers Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

Others present: NNDC Cllr. Pierre Butikofer, County Cllr. David Ramsbotham. and 1 member of the public (Mr. Jacob).

2016/31 Apologies – PCSO Shane Artingstall

2016/32 To receive declarations of interest: None received.

2016/33 Report from NNDC Cllr. Pierre Butikofer.

- He reported that he would be joining the Planning Committee after he had received the appropriate training, also, that NNDC are recruiting four additional Planning Enforcement Officers to help with the backlog of over 200 retrospective planning applications.
- Dog fouling: he went on to say that he had spoken to Steve Hems regarding the dog mess signage that had been removed and that this would be replaced at no additional cost to the parish council.

2016/34 Report from County Cllr. David Ramsbotham:

- He reported that the County Council are having a campaign to highlight the problems of abuse to both vulnerable adults and children and that posters highlighting this will be forthcoming.
- Waste Amnesty: the annual waste amnesty will be held on the 17th and 18th of September at the Hempton dump. Paint and other items not usually accepted will be taken during this time.
- First Responders: When calling for an ambulance in future villagers may be attended by members of the Fire Service who are being trained in first aid to relieve pressure on the Ambulance Service.

2016/35 Public Forum: Mr. Jacob reported that the street light outside his house in St Giles Road had been repaired but that it now is on permanently. The Clerk confirmed that he would report this to the maintenance company. He went on to ask if any progress had been made regarding the parcel of land adjacent to his property and his possible acquisition or lease of it. The Clerk reported that this had been passed to Cllr. Claussen-Reynolds (caretaker councillor) who had promised to look into this but as yet nothing had been received. NNDC Cllr. Pierre Butikofer said that he would chase this up with her and report back at the next meeting.

2016/36 To sign as correct the minutes of the meeting held 28/07/2016: The minutes had been previously circulated to councillors and were passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed as correct.

2016/37 Report from the Chair: Cllr. Val Hart reported that the matter of the council's complaint regarding the conduct of a member of the NNDC legal team had not been acknowledged or addressed, she went on to ask the NNDC Cllr. Pierre Butikofer if he thought that this should have been taken up by the NNDC Standards Committee and asked if he could look into this on the parish council's behalf and report back.

Cllr. Val Hart also reported that the hedging bordering Swanton Cottage has now been cut back after a number of complaints to the agent.

2016/38 Suggested Village Projects: A number of proposed projects were discussed and it was agreed that the clerk together with the assistance of a number of councillors would move forward the project to have some adult fitness equipment installed on village hall field and investigate the funding available for the provision of equipment to run Village Cinema events.

2016/39 Financial Report: The report was presented by the clerk, no queries were raised and payments for street lighting maintenance and village hall hire were approved.

2016/40 Correspondence Received: The Clerk had previously distributed correspondence from the Highway Rangers and Police.

2016/41 North Norfolk Electoral Review: The report had been previously distributed to councilors. The objective of the review is to regularise the number of constituents in each electoral ward as best they can and reduce the number of sitting NNDC councillors by 4. The report was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council were in principle in agreement with the proposals and that they would be happy to accept an increase in the number of parishes in the Astley Ward but would be opposed to losing Melton Constable and thereby fragmenting the remaining parishes to other wards. This recommendation would be submitted to NNDC in due course.

2016/42 Parish Land: This matter had been discussed as part of the public forum however, the matter of the large trees on this land and overhanging trees on the footpath was discussed and it was decided to contact the local tree surgeon to see what could be done at reasonable cost to tidy up the area.

2016/43 Any other Business: It was reported by Cllr Rosemary Leeder that Mr Massingham a resident of The Close has a problem with rats entering his land from the adjoining property where a large number of animals are kept in sheds in the garden. Cllr Val Hart said that she and the clerk would visit Mr. Massingham to investigate the problem and report back at the next meeting.

There being no further business Cllr. Val Hart closed the meeting at 21:12pm

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

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

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 15th September 2016 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.