

# SWANTON NOVERS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at Swanton Novers Village Hall at 7.30pm.**

**Councillors present:** Cllr Mrs. V Hart (Chair), Cllr. Mrs. R Leeder, Cllr Mr. R Hart, Cllr. Mr. R Hadden, Cllr. Mrs. V Brittain. and Cllr. Miss. F Jenkinson.

**Others present:** NNDC Cllr. Pierre Butikofer.

**2016/44 Apologies –** PCSO Shane Artingstall, County Councillor David Ramsbotham. Cllr Mrs. C Armstrong (Vice Chair)

**2016/45 To receive declarations of interest:** None received.

**2016/46 Report from NNDC Cllr. Pierre Butikofer.**

- He reported that the Chief Executive and two other senior officers had resigned from their positions at NNDC after the staff sharing agreement with Great Yarmouth Council was terminated by Cllr. Tom Fitzpatrick.
- He went on to report that his wife Cllr Sarah Butikofer has been made leader of the Lib-Dem group on the NNDC.
- He informed that council that he had been elected to sit on the planning committee and as a substitute on the licensing committee.
- Rat problem in The Close: We were informed that an enforcement officer from NNDC had visited the offending property and that he would be re-visiting within the next few days. If nothing has improved in the interim an enforcement order would be issued.
- Fly Tipping: A number of "No Fly Tipping" signs will be available and he will bring one to the next meeting for councillors to examine.
- A "Pot Hole" reporting website has been set up by the County Council and is now up and running.

**2016/47 Public Forum:** No members of the public attended this meeting.

**2016/48 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.

**2016/49 Report from the Chair:** It was reported that a member of the public has accused the Parish Council of being obsessed with dog fouling, however, there are many dogs in the village and it remains a significant problem on the footpaths and roadways throughout.

**The Remembrance Service** this year as last be held at the Pill Box on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11a.m. This will be followed by a light lunch in the Village Hall if available. Cllr Val Hart to contact Red regarding access she may require for the craft event to be held on the following day.

**37 St Giles Road:** The matter of the tar-mac ramps to the driveway were a requirement to retain the gravel with which the parking areas are to be surfaced.

**2016/50 Parish Land:** The matter of trimming the trees and hedges was discussed. It was agreed that Ross of Tree Matters would be contacted to survey the trees. It was reported by Cllr. Miss Jenkinson that several the trees adjoining the footpath were in a sorry state and that some would need to be removed. It was agreed that she would accompany Ross on his visit and would report back.

**2016/51 Village Sign:** Cllr. Miss Jenkinson asked what progress has been made with the refurbishment of the village sign. Cllr Richard Hart responded that the matter was in hand and would be completed when time permitted.

**2016/52 Adult Fitness Equipment:** The Clerk reported that so far progress with this has been slow. A requirement of the grant application is to submit two costings and at this point we only have one. Councillors have been invited to view the equipment on offer from Wicksteed Group and the clerk offered to arrange a visit. When the second costing is available the grant can be submitted.

**2016/53 Financial Report:** The report had been previously distributed to councilors and no questions were raised. Two cheques were presented for payment: K & M Lighting and Village Hall Hire. These were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**2016/54 Correspondence Distributed:** Councillors discussed the crime reports and no recommendations were made.

**2016/55 Planning Matters:** The planning application for the extension to North House was discussed. A vote was taken and no objections were raised. The Clerk would report this back to NNDC. A query was raised regarding the staircase shown on the plan as the extension was to be single storey. NNDC Cllr Pierre Butikofer said he would take this up with the planning department and report back at the next meeting.

**2016/56 Any other Business:** Cllr Miss Jenkinson asked if the digging out of the roadway soak-a-ways was imminent as at present they were obscured by grass and silt, consequently their location was not apparent when pulling off the single carriageway roads to pass oncoming traffic. The Clerk was agreed to contact Steve White to find out.

**There being no further business Cllr. Val Hart closed the meeting at 20:50pm**

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

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

**Next meeting will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.**