

SWANTON NOVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 27th October 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 Mr. R Hart, Cllr. Mr. R Hadden, Cllr. Mrs. V Brittain. and Cllr. Miss. F Jenkinson.

Others present: NNDC Cllr. Pierre Butikofer, County Councillor David Ramsbotham.

2016/57 Apologies – PCSO Shane Artingstall,

2016/58 To receive declarations of interest: None received.

2016/59 Report from County Councillor. David Ramabotham.

- **Kings Lynn Incinerator:** The ongoing inquiry into the abandonment of the project and the level of compensation paid to the developer has now been shelved after a vote to continue the inquiry was defeated at a recent County Council meeting.
- **Devolution:** A meeting will be held on the 21st of November where this matter will be decided.
- **Potholes:** A highway maintenance hot-line has now been set up to enable potholes to be reported on line.

2016/60 Report from NNDC Cllr. Pierre Butikofer.

- He reported that a new “Planning Enforcement Team” has been set up under the management of Steve Hems. This team is to help with the backlog of planning matters and improve efficiency
- **The Close – Vermin:** NNDC officers visited the premises on the 24th August and will visit again to check that the improvements required have been implemented. This will be followed up and reported back at the next meeting.

2016/61 Public Forum: No members of the public attended this meeting.

2016/62 To sign as correct the minutes of the meeting held 15/09/2016: The minutes had been previously circulated to councillors and were passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed as correct.

2016/63 Matters Arising from previous meetings minutes: Councillor Miss Frances Jenkinson reported that she had a site meeting with Ross of “Tree Matters” to discuss the maintenance of the trees in the parish land and adjoining footpath and that he will send a quotation for the work required in due course. Cllr. Val Hart thanked Cllr. Jenkinson for her help with this matter.

Councillor Miss Frances Jenkinson asked District Councillor Pierre Butikofer if he had been in contact with the planning department regarding the staircase shown on the plans of the extension to North House and if it could be used to facilitate access to a second storey in the future. He replied that he had asked the planning department and had been told that although shown it was not to be implemented and that a second storey would not be allowed to be added in the future.

2016/64 Report from the Chair: The proposed visit by Elaine Ferguson (NNDC and Victory Housing Co-Ordinator) was discussed and it was decided to seek further information regarding the need within the village in advance of her visit. **Dong Energy / Vanguard Energy Wind Farms:** The Chair informed the meeting that she and the clerk were proposing to visit the Vanguard Energy exhibition at the City Hall over the coming weekend and the Dong Energy exhibition in Sheringham the following Monday and would report back at the next meeting any areas of impact within the parish. This matter was discussed at length and the Chair urged all Councillors to try and visit the exhibitions if possible.

2016/65 Parish Precept: The clerk presented proposals for increasing the precept for the financial year 2017/2018 to cover known and likely increases in the Parish's liabilities. He went on to inform the councillors that it has been proposed that increases in excess of Central Government guidelines, in the future may need to be put to a referendum before they can be implemented. The likely cost for a small village will be in excess of £1000 which would make future increases uneconomic. A further discussion and setting of the Precept will be decided at the December meeting.

2016/66 Financial Report: The report had been previously distributed to Councillors and no questions were raised. Cheques were presented for payment: K & M Lighting, Clerk's salary and Village Hall Hire. These were agreed and signed by the Chair and Vice-Chair.

2016/67 Correspondence Distributed: Councillors discussed the crime reports and no recommendations were made.

2016/68 Planning Matters: The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received the approval from NNDC for the extension to North House.

2016/69 Any other Business: No items were raised.

There being no further business Cllr. Val Hart closed the meeting at 21:02pm

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

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

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th December 2016 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

