

SWANTON NOVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2017 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: 2 Members of the public

2016/85 Apologies – County Councillor David Ramsbotham, District Councillor Pierre Butikofer, PCSO Shane Artingstall and Councillor Rick Hadden

2016/86 To receive declarations of interest: None received.

2016/87 Public Forum: Mrs Martha Monday raised the matter of her current planning application. Chair, Val Hart said that it would be better to address this during Agenda Item 11 – Planning Matters.

2016/88 Matters arising from previous meetings minutes:

- Cllr. Viv Brittain. Said that she thought that the matter relating to Mrs Leigh and her dogs was now concluded and asked if the Clerk would write to her to confirm this.
- Cllr Viv Brittain went on to ask if we have received any feedback on the proposed increased precept. The clerk confirmed that no questions or enquiries have been received to date. Cllr. Frances Jenkinson raised the point that NNDC have now been given powers to increase the council tax to pay for social care and that the increase in the parish precept would only add to the burden on parishioners. The clerk informed her that the decision had been made at the last meeting to increase the precept and could not be changed.

2016/89 To sign as correct the minutes of the meeting held 08/12/2016: The minutes had been previously circulated to councillors and were passed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed accordingly.

2016/90 Report from the Chair:

- **Visit of MP Keith Simpson.** The meeting was informed that MP for the Broadland constituency would be coming to the Village Hall on January 27th to take questions in open forum. It was hoped that a good turn out from the village and surrounding area would be forthcoming.
- **Adult Fitness Equipment.** The grant application to the NNDC Big Society fund was progressing well and would be submitted well before the closing date. The application was for just short of £15K which is the grant limit. Pierre Burikofer is acting as our independent referee and feedback that we have had from NNDC thus far was favourable and we are hopeful of being awarded some funds when the committee sit in April.
- **Fly Tipping.** This continues to be a problem for the village however, the various items, tyres, tank and kitchen units that were dumped around the Christmas period have now been cleared. If anyone sees tipping taking place, please just take a note of the vehicle number and pass this to the clerk or any Councillor.
- **Holt Road.** The condition of the Holt Road continues to deteriorate. Cllr. Ramsbotham has taken this up on our behalf with Highways Department but so far progress is slow in getting remedial repairs started.
- **WW1 Centenary of ending in 2018.** The parish has been invited to register its willingness to participate in the lighting of 100 beacons in Norfolk to celebrate the ending of WW1. This event will be held on Sunday November 11th 2018 and it is suggested that the village could celebrate the event in some way. The clerk was asked to register our intention to join in and have our beacon listed amongst the 100 in Norfolk. This matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

2016/91 Financial Report: The report had been previously distributed to Councillors and no questions were raised. These were agreed and signed by the Chair and Vice-Chair.

2016/92 Correspondence Distributed: Crime Commissioners Forum, WW1 celebrations and Crime Report.

2016/93 Planning Matters: Mrs Monday informed the councillors that she would be applying to NNDC Planning Department to vary some of the conditions relating to the planting of the northern boundary of her property that adjoins open fields. She went on to say that she felt that the conditions were restrictive and that these conditions had caused a problem as she was at present trying to sell the property. Councillor Chris Armstrong asked if livestock were ever put in this field and she was told that they have been in the past. Councillor Richard Hart stated that he could not see why this restriction should be upheld. Further discussion continued regarding the type of planting that had been agreed and the failure of some of the planting due to unsuitable soil type. The clerk informed the councillors that he was not yet in receipt of the papers from NNDC Planning Department and would distribute them when received. *It should be noted that Cllr. Viv Brittain declared an interest in this matter. In addition, this item would not be subject to a vote due to it not being listed on the published agenda, nor at this stage had official papers been received from the District Council*

2016/94 Any other Business: No items were raised.

There being no further business Cllr. Val Hart closed the meeting at 20:42pm

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

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

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.