

SWANTON NOVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 17th April 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. Miss. F Jenkinson Cllr. Rick Hadden.

Others present: – District Councillor Pierre Butikofer and 1 Member of the Public

- 2017/018** **Apologies,** PCSO Shane Artingstal, County Councillor Steffan Aquarone
- 2017/019** **Election of the Chair of the Parish Council:** The Clerk invited nominations for the post of Chairman for the forthcoming year. Cllr. Rick Hadden said that it would be good for the council if the chairmanship was regularly rotated and he encouraged other councillors to stand for the post. This resulted in two candidates standing for the office of Chairman of the Parish Council: Cllr. Mrs Val Hart and Cllr. Miss Frances Jenkinson. A secret ballot was arranged, overseen by District Councillor Pierre Butikofer and Cllr. Miss Frances Jenkinson was declared the winner and would take over chairmanship of the Parish Council for the next year.
- 2017/020** **Election of the Vice Chair of the Parish Council:**
Cllr. Mrs Christine Armstrong stood for the position of Vice Chairman of the Parish Council unopposed and was duly elected as Vice Chairman for the next year
- 2017/021** **To receive Declarations of Interest:**
No declarations of interest were received.
- 2017/022** **Report from District Councillor:**
Big Society Fund : We were informed that the next round of the Big Society Fund was now open for applications. He was asked to find out if the Village Hall would be eligible to apply for a grant for the possible purchase of equipment to enable them to show films. He will report back on this at the next meeting
NNDC Newsletter: A newsletter from NNDC will be distributed by email to all parish clerks for onward distribution to councillors. This will include up to date information on recent council and cabinet meetings together with news about events and a diary of forthcoming meetings
- 2017/023** **Public Forum:** The member of the public present (Mr David Wilson) did not raise any items however he was consulted on the problem of Badgers causing damage in gardens. A discussion followed in which it was established that as Badgers were a protected species, nothing could be done.
- 2017/024** **Matters arising from previous meetings minutes:** Cllr. Richard Hart asked if contact had been made yet with the owners of the Rectory regarding their floodlighting. The clerk responded that it had not yet been done but would be before the next meeting. Cllr. Viv Brittain informed the meeting that as part of the proposed WW1 celebrations she had made contact with a relative of Hiawasse Bullock, who is mentioned on the war memorial, and that he would be happy to attend the celebrations to perform the lighting of the beacon.
- 2017/025** **To sign as correct the minutes of the meeting held 02/03/2017:**
The minutes had been previously circulated to councillors. They were approved as a true record and duly signed.
- 2017/026** **To agree revised dates for Parish Council meetings for the year ahead:** They were agreed and set:-
27th July 2017
14th September 2017
23rd November 2017
25th January 2018
29th March 2018
- 2017/027** **Report from the Chair: Looking at the year ahead**
Due to the change in the Chairmanship of the parish council this item was suspended and would be addressed by the incoming Chairman at the next meeting

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2017/028 **Financial Report:** The report had been previously distributed to Councillors and it was agreed for them to be forwarded on to the auditors for verification.
A point raised at the last meeting by Cllr. Rosemary Leeder regarding the costs for gardening services was addressed. The increase in costs over the previous financial year was explained by the clerk and was entirely due to the tree work done on the parish land and adjoining footpath.

2017/029 **Correspondence Distributed:** Information on training courses and correspondence from NALC had been distributed prior to the meeting together with the latest report from the Police.

2017/030 **Planning Matters:** No planning items were received.

2017/031 **Any other Business:** No matters were received.

There being no further business Cllr. Miss Frances Jenkinson closed the meeting at 20:49pm

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

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

Next meeting will be held together with the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 27th July 2017 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.