

SWANTON NOVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th July 2017 at Swanton Novers Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors present: Cllr. Miss. F Jenkinson (Chair), Cllr. Mrs. R Leeder, Cllr. Rick Hadden.

Others present: – District Councillor Pierre Butikofer and 3 Members of the Public

- 2017/032** **Apologies**, PCSO Shane Artingstal, County Councillor Steffan Aquarone, Cllr Mrs. V Hart, Cllr Mr. R Hart & Cllr Mrs. C Armstrong (Vice Chair).
- 2017/033** **To receive Declarations of Interest:**
No declarations of interest were received.
- 2017/034** **Report from District Councillor:**
Planning Applications. We were informed of the new planning system where the information is distributed electronically. The drawback of this system is that most clerks only have A4 printers which are not suitable for printing site plans. Therefore, it is suggested that clerks contact the architects directly and request full size plans. It was established that they were not under any legal obligation to provide these but it was hoped that most would comply with the request.
Brown Bins. At present, there is a waiting list for the provision of these bins which are for the disposal of garden waste. NNDC have negotiated a new contract which should ease the waiting list for these bins. The service remains chargeable.
Sculthorpe Development. It was confirmed that the proposed development of 200 houses has been rejected on appeal and will therefore not go ahead.
- 2017/035** **Public Forum:** David Wilson requested that PC meeting dates be displayed on the notice board and the website. The clerk confirmed that this would be done.
Broadband provision. He requested some clarification on the present situation and if we had a firm date for installation. NNDC Cllr Butikofer confirmed that we would definitely be getting this service. The clerk would contact Karen O’Kane to clarify the present and future position and report back.

David Wilson also brought up the matter of the gap in the playing field hedge next to the zip wire and the potential problems that this could cause if children ran out onto St Giles Road. It was established that at present a temporary netting fence was in position however, various options were discussed as a possible permanent solutions. As this was primarily a matter for the Village Hall Committee to resolve the concern raised would be passed on to them.
- 2017/036** **Rectory Lighting.** We were joined by Mr & Mrs Doncaster who are the owners of The Rectory. Mr Doncaster was informed that the PC had received two complaints regarding the intensity of the flood lighting to the property. Mr Doncaster said that he had re-positioned the lights so as to reduce the problem but that as he was often away from home and that they had been burgled on 2 occasions and had their vehicles broken into he was not prepared to forgo them for security reasons. He went on to say that he would be very happy to discuss the matter directly with the complainants and asked the PC to let them know. Cllr Rick Hadden asked for it to be miniated that this matter was on tonight’s agenda and that the villagers who had contacted the PC had been made aware of this and they had not attended the meeting.
- 2017/037** **Matters arising from previous meetings minutes:** None.
- 2017/038** **To sign as correct the minutes of the meeting held 17/05/2017:**
The minutes had been previously circulated to councillors. They were approved as a true record and duly signed.
- 2017/039** **Report from the Chair and Clerk**
Adult Fitness Equipment: It was confirmed that the equipment would be installed by the end of September By Wicksteed’s own installation team.

WW1 2018 Celebration: Madam Chairman informed the council of her intention to oversee the formation of a committee to administer the celebrations and that this committee would hopefully comprise of members of the PC, Village Hall Committee and Villagers.

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Cllr Viv Brittain confirmed that she had been in contact with a relative of one of the fallen and that they had been invited to attend our celebration and had accepted.

2017/040 Financial Report: The report had been previously distributed to Councillors and no queries were raised. Cheques for payment of the Insurance and NALC membership were presented and approved for payment.

2017/041 Correspondence Distributed: Information on training courses and correspondence from NALC had been previously distributed. No questions were forthcoming.

2017/042 Proposed Amendment to the Parish Council Standing Orders: It was proposed by Madam Chairman that the office of Chairman be restricted to a maximum of 3 consecutive terms, and that in the final term, if elected for 3 consecutive terms, a successor could be proposed to facilitate a handover period prior to taking office.

A vote was taken on the amendment to Clause 1.4 to say: If elected, no councillor will be allowed to serve for more than 3 consecutive terms as chairman followed by 2 fallow terms before being eligible for the office again. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Rick Hadden and passed unanimously.

The Standing Orders will be duly amended to incorporate this change.

2017/043 Planning Matters: No planning items were received.

2017/044 Any other Business: Cllr Rick Hadden proposed the following:
1/ In the future all parish council meetings should start at 7:00pm.
2/ Meetings should be conducted by way of a timed agenda, allocating each item a specific time.
3/ Meetings will in future finish at 8:30pm, with any un- transacted business carried over to the next meeting.
It was agreed that these proposals will be added to the agenda of the next meeting for discussion and vote.

There being no further business Cllr. Miss Frances Jenkinson closed the meeting at 20:30pm

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

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

Next meeting will be held together with the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 12th October 2017 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.