

SWANTON NOVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2019 at Swanton Novers Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Councillors present: *Cllr. Chris Armstrong, Cllr. Jenny Anderson, Cllr. Viv Brittain, Cllr Gerard Eaton, Cllr. David Harman, Cllr. Ross Kinyad & Cllr. Hazel Mindham.*

Others present: – Rosemary Leeder, Val Hart, Rick Hadden, David Wilson & Rev. Jennifer Elliott de Riverol.

2019/001

Apologies.

County Councillor Steffan Aquarone & District Councillor Vincent Fitzpatrick.

2019/002

Election of Chair of the Parish Council

Cllr. Christine Armstrong stood for the position of Chairman and was elected unopposed.

2019/003

Election of Vice-Chair of the Parish Council

Cllr. Gerard Eaton stood for the position of Vice Chairman and was elected unopposed.

2019/004

Councillors to Complete Acceptance of Office forms.

All councillors completed their acceptance of office forms and they were duly counter signed by the clerk.

2019/005

To receive Declarations of Interest:

No declarations of interest were received.

2019/006

Public Forum:

Val Hart, referring to the possible provision of some additional social housing in the village, went on to say that she was aware that John and June Parsons, who are at present tenants of the Astley Estate, would be very interested in re-locating into one of the properties.

Cllr. Chris Armstrong, said that despite rumours circulating, the type and number of houses has not been decided.

2019/007

Matters arising from previous meetings minutes:

During the last meeting the clerk was asked to contact Anglian Water to ascertain the likelihood of mains drainage being brought to the village. The response from AW was that it is their long-term intention to connect all villages at mains drainage but currently Swanton Novers is not on their priority connection programme. Cllr. David Harman asked if mains drainage was provided in the village would it be mandatory to have your dwelling connected. Cllr. Chris Armstrong went on to say that it would be most likely the householder's decision to connect to the system but did not think that it would necessarily be compulsory.

2019/008

To Sign the Minutes of the previous meeting as a true record:

No additions or alterations were raised and therefore the minutes were signed by the Chair of the Council and the clerk

2019/009

Correspondence Received.

The Clerk had previously distributed correspondence from The Police, NALC regarding training and other courses available, The Police and Crime Commissioner and Renewal Quotation for the PC Insurance.

Cllr. Jenny Anderson asked several questions regarding the cover offered by the Inspire Insurance quote. These were discussed at length and it was decided to renew with Inspire for the coming year.

2019/010

To Agree Meeting Dates for the Coming Year

Following discussion, the dates for forthcoming meetings were agreed as listed.

2019 - 20th June, 27th July, 12th September & 19th November. 2020 – 16th January & 26th March.

Please note that there have been some changes to the dates listed above. The meeting scheduled for the 20th June has been changed to the 27th June and the meeting scheduled for the 27th July has been changed to August 15th

2019/011

To Consider Planning Applications received.

No planning applications have been received for consideration since the last meeting.

2019/012

Financial Report.

The clerk presented accounts for the previous financial year and for the present financial year to date.

The opening balance for 2019/20 is stated as £7325.32 This will be subject to change once we receive the bill from NNDC for running the parish council elections

The following questions were asked. Cllr Hazel Mindham asked if each village paid for their election costs. The clerk confirmed that all villages that held a ballot were charged for the administration of the election in their village.

Cllr. Gerard Eaton asked if the balance of funds carried forward from year to year affected the amount of precept paid. The clerk confirmed that it did not.

2019/013

Items for inclusion for discussion at the next meeting

Cllr. Chris Armstrong (Chair) proposed that the parish council hold an informal meeting to discuss areas where councillors may require further information. For example. The role and responsibilities of NNDC, NCC and Parish Council and how these are administered. Proposed dates for this meeting will be circulated by Cllr. Chris Armstrong.

Rick Hadden requested that problems with the street lighting to be put on the next agenda

Val Hart requested Parish Council's support for her campaign to have the Thursford Christmas Lights stopped be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr. Chris Armstrong requested that the problem of lack of mobile telephone coverage in the village is put on the agenda.

Cllr. Gerard Eaton would like the possibility of working with neighbouring parishes on matters affecting the villages, for example, mobile telephone coverage and areas such as village or area plans.

There being no further business, Chair Cllr. Chris Armstrong closed the meeting at 20:15pm

Signed..... Chairman dated.....

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

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th June 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Village Hall.

