

SWANTON NOVERS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th August 2020 at 7:00pm

Councillors Present: *Cllr. Chris Armstrong, Cllr. Jenny Anderson, Cllr. Viv Brittain, Cllr Gerard Eaton, Cllr. Hazel Mindham Cllr. David Harman.*

Councillors Absent: *Cllr. Ross Keynejad.*

Others present: - Val Hart, Frances Jenkinson, Rosemary Leeder, May Gold & Jeff Gold.

2020/008

To Consider Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Ross Keynejad, NNDC Cllr. Vincent Fitzpatrick, NCC Cllr. Steffan Aquarone.

2020/009

To receive Declarations of Interest.

None received.

2020/010

Cllr. Chris Armstrong welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new Parish Clerk Emma Russell.

2020/011

To receive County Councillors Report.

Report from your County Councillor, Cllr Steffan Aquarone Coronavirus update With the most recent government announcements lurching England into a 'new normal 'there are more and more rules, and alterations to previous rules, for everyone to comprehend. With the Covid-Alert Level dropping down to three, the virus is still in general circulation but transmission is no longer as high. As of the 4th of July the rules on visiting households changed to allow groups of up to two households (with a support bubble counting as one household) in any location - indoors or outdoors. Households can mix, not restricting socialising to just two households, but social distancing measures must continue to be followed at all times. In addition the 4th of July marked the reopening of many pubs, restaurants, bars and other leisure venues such as cinemas and museums. Holiday cottages and hotels are open allowing people to travel from one location to another and stay for several days. However, nightclubs, bowling alleys, indoor play areas, spas, fitness studios (including swimming pools) and beauty salons will remain closed. As tempting as it is to rush out and return to normal, the virus is still a threat and should be treated as such. Careful consideration should be given to the undertaking of all activities, especially in light of such chaotic scenes across Holkham, Great Yarmouth and other UK destinations such as Bournemouth during the heatwave last month. This consideration is vital to ensure the safety of not only ourselves but all of those around us. As instructed by Government, Norfolk now has a Local Outbreak Control Plan. The council has been allocated £3.7 million to support the Test and Trace Programme in line with the Local Outbreak Control Plan. The three key phases are: prevent, engage, contain. The plan brings together Norfolk County Council, all the seven district Councils, the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group, emergency services and Public Health England. Our strong partnerships in Norfolk will be vital to the plan's success. Six key delivery groups will focus on specific areas. The delivery groups are: care providers; education settings; health settings and emergency services; high risk public sector; business and public venues; and vulnerable people isolating. Email:

steffan.aquarone.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk Tel: 01603 327827 Report from your County Councillor, Cllr Steffan Aquarone Businesses reopening We face enormous challenges as we approach the next phase in Norfolk's coronavirus recovery. But there are also many opportunities to use what we have learned in the crisis to support a green economic recovery, celebrate our beautiful environment, and build compassion and kindness into the so-called 'new normal'. One way to help is to support local businesses who are working hard to reopen safely. Local businesses are the lifeblood of our county: providing jobs and paying tax, not to mention supplying the goods and services we all need to lead a good life. We are blessed with thousands of brilliant, innovative and high quality shops, restaurants and services in Norfolk. Many have already had to shut their doors permanently, having suffered too much financial loss. Whether it's buying from local suppliers, ordering takeaway from cafes and restaurants that can't reopen yet, or seeing which of your classes you can take online,

please try and do your bit for the local economy. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance. Regular updates I am sending regular updates to my local mailing list - to join, visit this link:

2020/012

Public Forum

Val Hart raised the matter of the glamping site and how she felt that the Astley Estate had not consulted the village prior to starting. In addition, she is concerned by the use of the restricted byway to access the site and has consulted the County Council Highways Department regarding the use of this byway by many powered vehicles. At this point the Highways Department do not have a definitive ruling but have said that they will be taking advice and will be advising the outcome in the near future. Cllr. Chris Armstrong said that having checked the law relating to camping sites and due to the Covid situation the normal 42 days allowed without formal planning has been increased to 56 days this year. Cllr. Chris Armstrong went on to say that she had been in regular correspondence with Delaval Astley on this and other matters and was made aware that the Astley Estate had not investigated the position regarding the restricted byway prior to granting Swallowtail a lease on the site and it has only been after the event that they became aware that this may be a breach of regulations.

Cllr. Gerard Eaton asked who or what authority determine the classification of Public Footpaths and Restricted Byways. The Clerk informed him that this was a responsibility of Norfolk County Council.

Cllr. Chris Armstrong said that she had been contacted by a number of residents enquiring about the campsite and asked why this was started without any consultation with the parish council or village. She went on to say that apart from seeing more people around she had not been made aware of any noise or other problems.

Val Hart said that it was inconsiderate of the Astley Estate to land the village with this during a pandemic and especially as they were not able to use the Holt Hall grounds because of the pandemic. But having said that I have not heard them of been bothered by them so far.

Rosemary Leeder said that the verges need cutting at the end of Tin shed Lane (The Street) and that the visitors to the campsite were using Tin shed Lane as access and causing problems with local traffic and should be directed down Hemp pits Road to Piggs Grave. Cllr. Chris Armstrong said that she had been made aware that vehicles were using the lane at speed and that this has caused some problems with local traffic. Additionally, she was aware that vehicles were using Gallowhill Lane at unsuitable speeds and she had been required to scramble up a bank to get out of the way of the vehicle.

Frances Jenkinson asked why Natural England were involved with the campsite. As far as she was aware they were only involved with the woodland. Additionally, she was aware that visitors were in the permit restricted woodland and asked if this was allowed.

Cllr. Chris Armstrong said that she had learnt from correspondence that if the campsite was successful that this may become a regular summertime event. She has requested that after this is over that a meeting can be arranged with Astley Estate to discuss this and evaluate how this event sat with the village.

2020/013

Matters Arising from minutes of the Zoom meeting held 18th June 2020

No points were raised

2020/014

To Sign the Minutes of the Zoom Meeting held 18th June 2020 as a true record

Minutes were signed by Chair Cllr. Chris Armstrong and the Clerk

2020/015

Matters Arising from Correspondence received and distributed

No points were raised

2020/016

Street Lighting - Update

The upgrade of the village streetlights to LED has now been completed. They are dimming to half light between 11:00pm and 5:00am. We have received a number of favourable comments and one unfavourable comment where the new light causes disturbance. To resolve this the company that fitted the new lights are arranging for a light shield will be fitted.

2020/017

Mobile Telephone Coverage - Update

Chair Chris Armstrong stated that a number of villagers and councillors met with Jerome Mayhew (Member of Parliament) recently and that he intimated that there is hope that the mobile telephone signal problems will be addressed in the near future.

2020/018

Social Housing Provision - Update

Despite the lockdown, the steering group has been working on the proposed Affordable Housing project here in the village and meeting by Zoom. North Norfolk District Council has provided some funding which has enabled us to plan for a legal structure to represent the interests of the Village. Provisional ideas from a local Housing Association which has expressed an interest in working on the project are now awaited to enable the steering group to plan for further public consultation to be held in the village hall, as soon as we are able to meet publicly. If you have any questions, please speak to Gary, Ian or Jenny or email: snclt@outlook.com. Further updates will be published in the Swanton Novers Newsletter.

2020/019

To Consider Planning Applications Received

No new planning applications have been received for discussion however, the Parish Council received notification that a planning appeal by the owners of Dennisby House against the decision by NNDC rejecting the development of the barn at the rear of Dennisby House into a dwelling. The objection has been lodged with the Government Planning Inspectorate and they have invited comments from the Parish Council.

Cllrs. Chris Armstrong, Hazel Mindham, David Harman, Viv Brittain, Jenny Anderson and the Clerk visited the site. The consensus after inspection was that the parish council upheld their previous decision in not objecting to the development. A vote was taken and passed unanimously for No Objections

2020/020

Financial Report

The financial report was submitted to councillors prior to the meeting and no queries were raised. Payments to Swanton Novers Village Hall – Hire £10 and K & M Lighting £29.04 were approved.

2020/021

Items from Councillors and registered electors to be considered for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.

Glamping Site, Social Housing Update.

Parish Clerk

10/09/2020

