

Swanton Novers Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 22nd July 2021 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Cllr. Chris Armstrong, Cllr. Jeff Smallbones Cllr. Jenny Anderson, Cllr. Gerard Eaton, Cllr. David Harman, Cllr. Hazel Mindham, Cllr. Shaun Doncaster ,

2021/114

Apologies for absence – Cllr Steffan Aquarone

2021/115

To receive declarations of interest – None

2021/116

Public Forum

- Francis Jenkinson spoke about the article in the Newsletter regarding the purchase of Dog bins. She expressed her concern that these bins will not address the dog fouling problem in the village and that she hoped we would not spend the precept on these bins.
- Val Hart informed the council that she had been told by the estate that there would be no camp site this year.

2021/117

- Cllr Armstrong thanked Cllr Eaton and Cllr Harman for their hard work on the PC notice board. It is a very nice job, thank you.
- We noted that 2nd June 2022 is the date for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It is hoped that the village will arrange an event to mark the day.
- All other items are agenda items.

2021/118

- To sign as correct – The minutes from the meeting 24th June was signed as correct.

2021/119

Matters arising from correspondence

- Email withdrawal of request - An email was received from Gerard Eaton in his capacity as Chair of the Village Hall committee. After discussion with others on the committee it was decided to withdraw the request to the PC to share responsibility of the play equipment with the PC.

- Email from Police and Crime Commissioner - Giles Orpen-Smellie, the new Police and Crime Commissioner, asked for questions for him to consider regarding policing concerns in his area. Cllr Armstrong sent him a question regarding her inability to contact or get any response from the 'neighbourhood team' during the problems we had regarding flouting of the lockdown laws by certain 2nd home owners.
- An Email from a Parishioner regarding dog poo bins. Topics raised will be discussed under specific agenda item.

2021/120

Cllr Mindham reported to the PC regarding the latest developments.

- Traffic survey conducted, results will be discussed in the next CLT meeting
- The architects have suggested moving the entrance to the development slightly nearer to the 'green box'
- The public consultation which was held at the village hall on Wednesday 21st at the Village Hall. Approximately 22 people attended, there were several people who live near to the proposed development who were visited by Ed from Broadland. This was a successful event.

2021/121

Provision of Dog Excrement bins

- There was full discussion about this. Each councillor had the opportunity to express an opinion.
- Cllr Armstrong said that she had one email and had spoken to three separate parishioners who did not want the precept spent on these bins.
- A parishioner made a representation at the meeting to express her concern.
- There were other suggestions offered during this discussion
 - More notices around the village.
 - Notices in second homes reminding those renting about our concerns regarding dog fouling.
 - We should investigate how dog poo bags could be provided at strategic places in the village free to those exercising dogs.
 - Dog warden cards to be filled in when offenders are seen which could be sent to the council alerting them to the offenders.
 - Another item to be put into the Newsletter giving feedback regarding the results of asking for the public response to dog poo bins. Especially mentioning that only negative feedback was received. No support for the suggestion.
- The councillors took a vote on the motion:- This year should the Parish Council pay for the installation of dog poo bins in the village.
 - 4 votes against the motion
 - 2 votes for the motion
 - 1 abstention.

- As a result of this vote the council will hold on considering dog poo bins until next year. Next year we will review our decision and consider whether our additional actions made any improvement to the situation.

2021/122

Planning

- Breach of Planning permission 4 The close – Cllr Armstrong updated the PC with information given by Kevin Peacock. A new planning permission will be applied for.
- Planning Waterlog Spa – Cllr Smallbones has returned our responses, the only observation that was noted was about the concern about another bathroom adding to the already high water table.

2021/123

Working groups

- Cllr Armstrong suggested that from each working group one person should be seen as the 'leader' . The 'leader' should call a short meeting just to establish the groups understanding of the task and how to move forward
- Cllr Eaton – governance structure
- Cllr Mindham – Communications
- Cllr Smallbones – Village plan

2021/124

Financial report

- Cllr Smallbones presented the finances. He informed that PC that Emma had some bills and statements which she would be forwarding to Cllr Smallbones.

2021/125

Parish Clerk Recruitment Update

- As to date we have not been successful in recruiting anyone.
- It was felt that we had exhausted the chance of anyone in the village coming forward.
- The ad is on the NALC website.
- It was noted that there are several local PCs without a Parish Clerk.
- Cllr Mindham has drafted another advert. Cllr Armstrong will work with her to get the ad out to other, not tried yet, places.
- In the meantime Cllr Armstrong continues to take the minutes and Cllr Smallbones continues with the accounts.

2021/125

Report fomr Distict Councillor – Cllr Vincent Fitzpatrick

- As we have rearranged the agenda Cllr Fitzpatrick came especially for us at 8.30pm
- Councillors had read his report and questions were asked.
 - Were any of the grants he mentioned in his report available for lighting and sound? – Cllr Fitzpatrick felt they were for more innovative items.
 - Were the grants available for supporting the council providing dog bins – Cllr Fitzpatrick suggested we contact the administrator of the grant to find out.
 - Councillors asked Cllr Fitzpatrick to identify the Dog Warden and ask questions on our behalf. We will contact the Dog Warden once Cllr Fitzpatrick sends details.

2021/126

Items from Councillors and registered electors.

- Update on working groups
- Update on dog fouling
- Update on Clerk
- Queens Platinum Jubilee

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.47 pm

Chair

Date.....

Clerk.....