

Swanton Novers Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th June

2023 at 7.30pm

Councillors Present: Cllr. Chris Armstrong, Cllr Gary May, Cllr Ian Watson, Cllr. Jenny Anderson, Cllr. Shaun Doncaster, Cllr. Virginia Riseborough.

2023/014

Apologies for absence – District Councillor Mike Hankins.

2023/015

- **To receive declarations of interest** – None

2023/016

Public Forum-

- No local parishioners were in attendance.

2023/017

Reports from District/County Councillors -

- County Councillor Aquarone attended the meeting, he presented his report. A copy of his report was available to the Councillors and presented at the meeting.
- County Councillor Steffan Aquarone commented on the lack of local dentists, the difficulty in being able to book doctors' appointments and reductions in mental health services within North Norfolk and how he would be campaigning to highlight the reduction in these essential services.
- Bank Hubs- The lack of Banks in a rural community is a major blow to our area. A community request has been submitted to Link (cash machine provider) to have a Bank Hub in Holt allowing a different bank in the hub daily Monday-Friday. This would allow the local community to have a counter service for their respective bank once a week, applications are proposed for other towns in due course.
- Holt Hall- Greshams school the new owners of Holt Hall have been met to discuss their plans for the Hall. Steffan was optimistic that outdoor learning opportunities will continue to be made available to young people there.
- Nutrient Neutrality- An issue with new process which is causing concern and delays within the parish and the Community Land Trust (CLT) and the affordable housing project planned for the village. The County Councillor was unaware of the planned development within the village but was very interested in the project and the delays being caused by this new process. The details and plans for the development were requested to be sent to Steffan for review to understand the delays for the proposed project.

- District Councillor Mike Hankins sent his apologies and was not present at the meeting.

2023/018

Matters arising from the meeting held on Monday 15th May 2023.

- Potholes – Norfolk Highways were emailed to highlight the issues of the potholes In St. Giles Road and in The Street opposite the Rest Harrow residence. These have now been repaired.
- All other matters are agenda items.

2023/019

- **To sign as correct - The minutes from the Parish Council meeting held Monday 15th May 2023.**
- The Minutes were signed as correct by the Chair, Parish Councillor Chris Armstrong, and the Parish Clerk Jason Crowe.

2023/020

Matters arising from correspondence.

- Church Lane- The deterioration and undermined sides of the road due to heavy plant traffic. The member of the public using the contractors for a new garden project assured the Parish Council that once the project was completed and the need for large vehicles as no longer necessary for the work the contractor would make good any damage caused by the vehicles.
- Dog Waste Bin- The application to have the new bin installed along St.Giles Road has been received by NNDC and we are now waiting for the decision to be made by NNDC to whether permission has been granted.
- All other correspondence has been passed on to Councillors.

2023/021

Social Housing update- Ian Watson Secretary Swanton Novers Community Land Trust

- The Swanton Novers Community Land Trust secretary Ian Watson mentioned that all statutory consultation responses to the planning application have now been received.
- Broadland Housing (the developer) is liaising with Rivers Ecology to seek a solution to nutrient neutrality at the site. Since March 2022 all new housing developments are required to demonstrate as part of the planning application that they can accommodate the nutrient load generated by the proposed development.
- No other further update has been received currently.

2023/022

Planning.

- Currently no new planning applications are present for Swanton Novers.
- Regarding the planning application for the re-naturalising of the river Stiffkey. A planning amendment has been made that now shows the closure of the existing footpath during the planned works. It was commented by the Parish Councillor Ian Watson that there is no mention of the length of the closure and to whether there is the possibility of a temporary footpath to allow the public access while the works are in progress. It was agreed that the planning office are to be emailed to clarify these questions.

- **River re-naturalising diversion scheme along the stretch of the river Stiffkey north of the Fulmodeston Road, Fulmodeston (599987, 330946 to 600448, 331387)**

Section Of River Stiffkey (know As Swanton Novers Meadow) Land North East Of Fulmodeston Road Barney Common Fulmodeston
Ref. No: PF/23/0677 | Received: Thu 23 Mar 2023 | Validated: Fri 24 Mar 2023 | Status: Pending Consideration

2023/023

Working groups – Update:

- **Communications** – Cllr Chris Armstrong- Village Newsletter. Chris Armstrong, Hazel Mindham arranged a meeting to discuss details of content within the Newsletter going forward.
- **Governance structure – Policies, Cllr Jenny Anderson-** Policies are currently being reviewed by the Parish Council for ratification, At the next PC Meeting it is intended to approve more policies.
- **Policies-** Policies that have been voted on to be added to the Parish Council website.

2023/024

Financial report and payments for approval.

- Parish Clerk presented the finances.
- No payments are currently in need of approval.

2023/025

Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP)

- **Funding** – Funding is available through North Norfolk District Council for the installation of the charging points. A site survey has been discussed with NNDC to see whether the Village Hall would be suitable for installing such a device. Details have been forwarded to the Chair of the Village Hall Committee to discuss with NNDC and the proposal for the charging points.

2023/026

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

- Arrange Parish Council Account audit.
- Expansion of the Churchyard
- Fibre optic to Swanton Novers, timeline to service being installed.

2023/027

- **Close Meeting**
- There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.02pm

Chair

Date.....

Clerk.....