

Agenda

Swanton Novers Parish Council Meeting Monday 13th May 2024

I hereby summon all Parish Councillors to the Swanton Novers Parish Council Meeting to be held at Swanton Novers Village Hall on **Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30pm.**

Next Parish Council Meeting to be held on 17th June 2024 at 7.30pm.

- **Welcome to members of the Parish Council and Parishioners.**
- Apologies for absence-
- To receive declarations of interest – Members must declare any personal interest in any items on the agenda and state whether they are also prejudiced. In the case of personal interest, the member may speak and vote on the matter. In the case of prejudicial interest, the member must withdraw while the matter is discussed.
- **Public Forum** – To allow registered electors to raise any matters for discussion. The Forum will allow each member of the public three minutes each to raise their concerns in the meeting. After the Public Forum is closed no further comments are welcomed from the public during the Parish Council Meeting. Communication from the public is welcomed and can sent to the Parish Council to be raised at a subsequent meeting.
- **Reports from District and County Councillors.**
- **Matters arising from the meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024.**
 - a. All matters arising are agenda items.
- **To sign as correct the minutes for the meeting held on Monday 18th March 2024.**

Matters arising from correspondence –

- **Biodiversity Duty-** Correspondence received from parishioners concerning the biodiversity duty and recommendations by SNPC. Dog walkers concerned that the long grass along the footpath between St. Giles Road and Church Lane that due to the length of the grass there is nowhere to step aside from other dog walkers along the path if the dogs are not friendly towards each other. Also, comments received that due to the length of the grass along this area and along the verge of St. Giles Road it is difficult to collect the excrement of the dog in the long grass and where the Parish Council is trying to reduce the amount of dog mess in the parish it seems that

this measure will only increase it as it is difficult to collect the said excrement and see it all. Maybe the grass/banking could be left unmown at the back of the verge and still trimmed at the front to allow passing along the footpath and collection of dog waste. Additional concerns also that Ticks are always an issue in the warmer weather within the woodland and leaving the long grass could also increase their presence so an area to step aside that is mown would also be of benefit. The Village Hall has also voted on not being able to keep their grass long due to the nature of the use of the facility and insurance conditions as this could possibly increase the risk of an accident due to the uneven nature of the ground.

- **D- Day 80- June 2024.**
 - Development group**- Update on communication from the development group.
- **Affordable Housing update – Ian Watson, Secretary Swanton Novers Community Land Trust (CLT).**
- **Planning**- Planning applications within the parish.
- **Swanton Novers annual litter pick**- Completed on April 21st, thanks to all who attended the litter pick and kind thanks to Rosemary, Sue and all those who donated for refreshments and those that helped collect refuse around the parish.
- **Working groups -Update:**
 - **Communications** – Cllr. Chris Armstrong.
 - **Governance** – Cllr. Jenny Anderson. Policies are currently being reviewed by the Parish Council for ratification. Discuss policy amendments and content currently being reviewed.
 - **Biodiversity Duty Development Group**- Cllr. Ian Watson and Cllr. Ginny Riseborough. How to conserve and enhance biodiversity within the parish and create policies and specific objectives which will meet the requirements of the Biodiversity Duty.
- **Financial Report and payments for approval**-
 - Parish Clerk to present up to date status of Parish Council finances.
 - Authorise any outstanding payments needing approval.
 - Agar audit to be completed by Monday 1st July and presentation of annual accounts.
- **Items from Councillors and registered electors to be considered for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting.**
- **Close Meeting**

Chris Armstrong

Chair of Swanton Novers Parish Council