

SWANBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING Wednesday 30th September 2020 at 7.00pm Meeting held remotely due to Covid-19 pandemic

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Clive Rodgers, Mike King, Rosemary Andrew, Vanda Bennett

Also present were Councillor Scott Raven and Andrew Jones

42/20 Apologies

Helen Cleaveley, Deborah Barrow, Steve French, Linda Sirett

43/20 Declarations of Interest

CR declared his interest as a homeowner in the parish.

MK declared his interest as a homeowner in the parish.

RA declared her interest as a homeowner in the parish.

44/20 Approval and signature of previous minutes

Approved and signed off by CR.

45/20 Action points from previous minutes

None.

46/20 Traffic management/grant applications

HC reported in absentia:

MVAS – current working well and being moved around the village as part of its usual rotation every 3-4 weeks.

Sentinel – dependent on the availability of the device and enough trained volunteers, it is hoped to hold a few more “watches” before the winter sets in.

Signage – there are now three signs being rotated around the village “drive like your children live here”, “20 – slow – children playing” and “kill your speed”. Another “20” will be installed. Initial feedback has been positive.

New VAS – HC currently chasing Morelock Signs who produced the “smiley face/your speed” VAS for Stewkley.

Traffic calming project – Speed hump application to Winslow Community Board will be considered at their November meeting. This would only provide £50k towards the nearly £300k that we will need for this. HC pointed out that is the last available option to us if we are serious about traffic control through the village.

47/20 Playing Field Committee – future

It was RESOLVED to integrate the playing field committee with the PC with VB as Chairman and the rest of the PFC made up by Parish Councillors, the advantage of this being that in the future PFC issues can be routinely discussed at normal PC meetings.

Action: VB to provide PFC constitution document for consideration by the PC.

VB

48/20 Playing field signage/repairs/litter/parking/verge issues

The damage to the spire net at the playing field is to be repaired now that the insurance claim has been approved at a cost of £2,121.42 plus VAT. The PC will have to cover the £250 excess and reclaim the VAT
Action: VB to chase Kompan for repair date.

VB

Swanbourne Estate (as landlords) owns the access track so they should be consulted if track parking becomes an issue. The PC approved new signage to reduce parking abuse at the very end of the track "Parking for users of recreation ground only".
Action: CR to obtain quote for sign through Blinky Media.

CR

49/20 Other parking issues

- Parking problems near the C. of E. School have improved. There were problems at the start of term (due to closure of Station Rd.).
- Paramedic courses have resumed at the Methodist Chapel leading to increased congestion.
- Parking problems still sometimes occur in Smithfield End.

50/20 Dog bin quote (for opposite the church)

It was RESOLVED to get the new dog waste bin at a cost of £300 to go on wall opposite the church.
Action: VB to confirm with Street Scene (Bucks Council)

VB

51/20 Approval of half year payments and spend (bank statement/budget figures)

All banking transactions shown on the bank statement from 1/4/20 30/09/2020 were retrospectively approved.

52/20 Verge grass cutting (progress/future arrangements/TfB)

CR reported that after six months with TfB contractor, the verge cutting service has proved to be a disappointment. In April, Smithfield End was missed out and in July the Nearnton End strimming was half hearted and skimped. They were three weeks late for the early September cut, (equipment had broken down and there was no back up). Crew manager (David Smith) not very helpful (claimed the crew had already done the work). CR had to photograph uncut verges and email as proof. Verge cut finally done on 23rd September but Tattams Lane wasn't finished. Arguably not the service it used to be.

CR presented a spreadsheet showing the costs of the various options which were considered by the PC.

Cllr Raven advised that Lynch Garden Services of Whitchurch do the work in North Marston.

Action: CR to request a quote from Lynch Garden Services.

CR

- RA notes that villagers have expressed an interest in contributing towards maintenance of the verges, and also litter picking. Article to go in next newsletter. CR
- It was RESOLVED to opt out of Tfb service and to obtain quotes for alternate contractor. CR
Action: CR to email Simon Garwood at Tfb.
- 53/20 Annual donations towards cemetery and graveyard grass cutting**
 The legality of donations to the PCC were considered and it was agreed to hold an Extraordinary meeting to allow further discussion as some councillors were unable to attend (the PC must not knowingly make an illegal decision).
Action: CR to send David Blunt's recent email and any other relevant information to councillors prior to the meeting. CR/VB
Action: VB to circulate a range of suggested dates to ensure maximum attendance.
 Post meeting note:- The Extraordinary meeting will provisionally be held on Wednesday 14th October.
- 54/20 Other annual donations**
 Winslow Community Bus - £50 approved.
 NBPPC - £20 approved.
 Remembrance Day wreath – approved.
- 55/20 Bus shelters – whether to add lights**
 It was decided that New Walk bus shelter would benefit from a light. DB to advise cost of motion sensitive light. RA will replace the batteries if needed.
Action: DB to advise and obtain cost of motion sensitive light. DB
- 56/20 PC website**
 The PC website was hacked during the summer. CR reported most aspects repaired but the design is old and vulnerable. MK
Action: MK to look into cost of replacement website and report back at January meeting.
- 57/20 AOB**
 SF has handed in his notice as he will be leaving the village. CR/VB
Action: CR/VB to advertise for new Councillor (entry in next Newsletter agreed).

Action: RA to organise Remembrance Day wreath. RA

 Planning – Cllr Raven spoke about government white paper re: planning – consultation closes on 29th October – accessible from government website.

DATES

Next meeting – TBA, 6th or 13th January 2021 (VB to email councillors)

Meeting ended - 9.20pm