

SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2024 at 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs Bailey, Bates, Beavan, Goodier, Grant, Holling, Chair Trewick, Vice Chair Trenear and Clerk C Miles.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Members of the public listed waived their right to anonymity under the Data Protection Act:
DCC Cllr D Wilson, T Connolly, M Ng and C Pollicott

1460 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Powis

1461 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

1462 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interest they may have in any item of the evening's business, and to explain the nature of that interest.

None

1463 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1463.1 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Cllr Wilson said that he would chase the grant payment of £4000 which he has allocated towards the changing rooms demolition. He was also asked to look into a new road sign at the bottom of Sleetmoor Lane directing traffic going to Alfreton Gateway to drive through the Lily Street estate. **MN and TC** both put a case to the Council for a donation towards a defibrillator that they wish to have on The Gate public house, the Council discussed this and **the Chair** made a proposal to use a portion of the remaining S137 available.

PROPOSED: To authorise the Clerk to make a payment of £250 towards the Gate defibrillator from the S137.

RESOLVED: To authorise the Clerk to make a payment of £250 towards the Gate defibrillator from the S137.

MN also informed the Council that the Gate would become a warm space from the 1st week in November and the Clerk will advertise this on social media. **CP** asked when the resurfacing on Derby Road near Lily Street will be done, **the Clerk** reported that it has been scheduled for mid November. **CP** also asked if the Council was involved in the discussions/meeting regarding the new electricity pylons proposal, as other parish councils were campaigning. **The Chair** said that the Council were neutral on this as the system needs updating, but **The Chair** will be attending an upcoming meeting with our local MP to discuss and **CP** was encouraged to send any comments to the Clerk so these could be mentioned at the meeting.

1463.2 MEMBERS' OBSERVATIONS

Cllr Bailey commented that Horsley had received a grant to obtain speed signs, the Clerk will help look into this.

Cllr Holling said that there is a problem with cars parking on the pavements near the Rowthorne Nursing Home, The Chair said these issues needed reporting to DCC/Police and a photo will also help.

1463.3 POLICE MATTERS.

The Somercotes and Riddings Safer Neighbourhood Team have been into Swanwick Primary School delivering inputs regarding hate crime, what it means and the consequences of committing a hate crime. They spoke to the Year 5 and 6 classes and the children engaged well and asked some really good questions.

1463.4 REPRESENTATIONS OR EVIDENCE FROM MEMBERS DECLARING A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

None

1464 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL

RESOLVED:

Minutes of the Full Council Minutes of meeting held 19th September 2024 were received as a correct account of the meeting. The minutes were approved by all Councillors and signed by the Chair.

1465 PLANNING MATTERS

1465.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Our Ref: AVA/2024/0710

Proposal: First floor rear extension Development Type: Householder

Location: 3 Woburn Close Swanwick Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 1DW

1466 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk's report was presented by the Clerk.

1466.1 ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The Clerk reported that the auditors have signed off the Annual Return for year ended 31st March 2024 with the following comments –

“Section 1, Assertion 9 has been incorrectly completed. Information has come to our attention that it has not met its responsibilities as a sole managing trustee during 2023/24 as transactions in relation to the trust fund have been included in the Section 2 reported figures. The response to Section 2, Box 11b is ‘No’ to reflect this.”
The form doesn’t cover the issue of running a charity (Swanwick Recreation Grounds) that isn’t making any income, so the Clerk will liaise with the internal auditor to see if this can be rectified.

1466.2 SHIRLEY ROAD ALLOTMENTS

The trees and rubbish have been removed from site and the allotment association have said they are pleased.

1466.3 DEFIB

Cray’s Hill defib has been returned to the manufacturer to investigate a fault and The Circuit have been informed that it’s out of service.

1466.4 DOMAIN NAME

The Clerk has received the information to set up the new email and will do so asap.

1466.5 SPEEDING

As previously discussed Cllr Bailey mentioned grants from Police Commissioner and he will forward the information to the Clerk.

1466.6 COMMUNITY EVENTS/SCARECROW COMPETITION

The Council discussed several options for future community events after being a small part of the Scouts celebrations. Cllrs Bailey, Holling and the Chair will look into this further.

1466.7 REMEMBRANCD SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024

The Clerk reminded the Council that the parade will move off from the scout hut at 10.45am everyone to meet no earlier than 10.30am. The guides have written the names on the poppies and the Clerk will collect them and deliver them to Cllr Bates, who will co-ordinate with other Cllrs to put them up.

1467 CHAIR’S REPORT

The Chair reported that she will be attending the National Grid pylons meeting along with our local MP Linsey Farnsworth, in November. The Chair also attended DCC Parish and Town Council Forum in Matlock with Cllr Trenear and they both found it helpful. Several topics were covered from Cllr Carol Hart, Cabinet Member on Health & Communities, Mayor Claire Ward discussing the East Midlands Combined County Authority and Richard Ward on DCC Flood Risk Management.

1468 JUBILEE COMMUNITY HALL

1468.1 WORKING GROUP

The working group had a meeting on Wednesday 2nd October, 3 members have agreed to stand as Trustees to allow the progression of looking into securing more funding. Part of this requires a larger response to the survey than was received, so members have volunteered to do a door knocking exercise to get a larger demographical response. Cllr Trenear is trying to contact Linsey Farnsworth MP regarding possible funding opportunities. CVS and a member from the Belper blue box scheme will be invited to the next meeting to give help/advice.

1469 SWANWICK RECREATION GROUNDS (CHARITY NO. 520525)

1469.1 CHARITY COMMISSION ANNUAL RETURN 2024

The Report for Trustees Meeting held on 17th October 2024.

The Annual Return of the Charity for year ended March 2024 has been prepared and is ready to be submitted. If income is under £10,000 the Charity only needs to report income and spending. This is set out in the table below:-

Swanwick Recreation Ground Charity Accounts 2023-24		
Expenditure (ex VAT)		£5,730.39
Receipts		
3 Horseshoes pitch rental 2022-23 (CF)	£90.00	
Alfreton Town Juniors pitch rental 2022-23		£180.00
The Boot pitch rental 2022-23 (LT)		£240.00
3 Horseshoes pitch rental 2023-24 (RC)		£90.00
Alfreton Town Juniors pitch rental 2023-24		£90.00
Swanwick Scout Group land rent 2023-24		£5.00
Swanwick Scout Group land rent 2024-25		£5.00
Sub Total Receipts		£700.00
Net Expenditure		£5,030.39

RESOLVED:

To allow the Clerk to submit the Annual Return of the Swanwick Recreation Grounds (Charity No. 520525) for year ended March 2024.

1469.2 RECREATION GROUNDS UPDATE

1469.2.1 TPO OAK TREE After receiving another complaint about the large oak tree behind the goal area for the grounds, the Clerk asked the contractor to do an inspection. They have found fungus at the base of the tree and after discussion with AVBC they propose to do a full reduction of up to 4m.

PROPOSED: To authorise the Clerk to instruct AA Trees to do the works, including submitting the work proposal to AVBC for £1750 + VAT.

RESOLVED: To authorise the Clerk to instruct AA Trees to do the works, including submitting the work proposal to AVBC for £1750 + VAT

1469.2.2 CHANGING ROOMS National Grid have been told by DCC that traffic lights will be needed on Derby Road for the works and the disconnection of the grid box will still go ahead on 23rd October. The demolition company have informed the Clerk that due to the delay the earliest they can do the works is 6th January 2025, this has now been booked in.

1469.2.3 PLAY AREA AVBC has done its yearly inspection, the only issue is the basketball back board is damaged. The report cost £46.20 + VAT. The Chair will ask AVBC to see if there is any available funding and the Clerk will look at other possibilities.

1469.2.4 COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Chair reported that the flailing has been done and the area is looking nice.

1470 STAN BREWSTER MEMORIAL GARDEN

Cllr Goodier reported that the bulbs have been ordered and she would go and get the seed. Cllr Goodier and the Chair asked other Cllrs to attend at the weekend to help with the planting of the bulbs and the Clerk said she would collect the bulbs. Cllr Goodier will obtain quotes for the works required in the garden including the jet washing.

1471 CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS

1471.1 Noted

1471.2 Noted and the Clerk will book Cllrs Bailey, Bates, Beavan and Holling onto the Code of Conduct Course on 13th November at 6pm.

1472 ACCOUNTS

1472.1 RESOLVED: TO APPROVE URGENT PAYMENTS

Date	Payable To	Reason	Amount
03.09.24	Morph Cons	BNG Report for V Hall car park phase 2	£1066.20
26.09.24	Virgin Money	Bank charges August 2024	£10.10
30.09.24	PWLB	Loan repayment instalment PW509437	£11217.50
30.09.24	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit 2023-24	£756.00
30.09.24	Parkin Ctrs	Tree & rubbish clearance Shirley Road allotments	£840.00
30.09.24	Phoneshop	Caretakers phone unblocked	£25.00
30.09.24	Land Registry	V Hall title register check	£6.00
30.09.24	Argos	Nether Close allotment gate lock	£15.00
30.09.24	O2	Clerks phone 27.09.24 to 26.10.24	<u>£16.84</u>
Total			£13952.64

1472.2 RESOLVED: TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS

To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount
Staff Salaries	Mth 7 Salaries	£2681.52
HMRC	Mth 7 Employee-er Tax & NI	£786.62
Nest	Mth 7 Pension Contribution	<u>£234.43</u>
Total		£3702.57

1472.3 INCOME RECEIVED

Noted

Date	Remittance	Source	Amount
03.09.24	BACS	HMRC VAT Reclaim to 31.07.24	£5173.33
30.09.24	BACS	AVBC Precept 2024-25 2 nd payment	<u>£91478.50</u>
Total			£96651.83

1474 BANK RECONCILIATION

Noted:

Opening Balance 01.04.2024	£723,257.15	
Receipts to 30.09.2024	£193,738.36	
Sub Total		£916,995.51
Payments to 30.09.2024	£96,114.52	
Unpresented cheques	£0.00	
Sub Total		£96,114.52
Closing Balance 30.09.2024		£820,880.99
Bank Balance 30.09.2024		£820,880.99

1475 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

1476 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

1476.1 Newsletter

1477 NEXT MEETING

The date for the next Parish Council Meeting is the 21st November 2024 at 7pm at the Meeting Room to the rear of the Baptist Church, Derby Road, Swanwick, DE55 1BG.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed: *A Trewick*

Date: 21/11/2024