

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 at 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Bailey, Bates, Goodier, Grant, Holling, Powis (arrived at 7.05pm), 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:**

V Pierce and V Strong

**1529 APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Beavan and Chair Trewick

**Vice Chair Trenear stood in as Chair**

**1530 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

**1531 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

**1532 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**1532.1 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

**VP** asked the Council to consider making Chapel Street Recreation Grounds into a Community Park to preserve the green space for the benefit of the community, setting up a 'Friends of Chapel Street Park' to help with ideas, fundraising etc. He submitted a possible funding avenue from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and said that it would also be an ideal opportunity to address the water logging of the land and also requested that the Council consider laying a path from Chapel Street to Blisworth Way as when wet the grass can be very slippery to walk across. He also raised the issue of vandalism of the goal posts and ground holes that they fit into. **VP** suggested that tree planting would be a good option, if funding was available and the most important outcome is that there is a safe and pleasant space for everyone in the community to use and enjoy. **The Chair** replied that the Council would consider all suggestions and asked **the Clerk** to get more background information, send out the details of the prosperity fund to Councillors and get a quote for a path for the next meeting.

**1532.2 MEMBERS' OBSERVATIONS**

**Cllr Powis** said that several residents have asked him why there aren't more facilities in the village to cater for children's needs and the building a village hall would help in facilitating some of these issues.

**Cllrs Bailey** said that he had complained to DCC about the clearing of debris (leaf litter etc) by the hedge on Derby Road was pleased to report that they had now been cleared.

**Cllrs Bailey and Goodier** both commented on the new road surface at Queen Elizabeth 2<sup>nd</sup> Park, Cray' Hill and **Cllr Bailey** said that the pot holes on Hickton Road were being filled in.

**1532.3 POLICE MATTERS.**

The Police sent reports of 125 drink or drug drivers being caught across Derbyshire over festive period. Police executed 2 section 8 warrants at separate addresses in Amber Valley seizing substantial quantities of cash and cannabis. They are also doing a campaign with the Derbyshire Police Cadets to make people aware about locking cars when parked, this will continue throughout Amber Valley.

**1532.4 REPRESENTATIONS OR EVIDENCE FROM MEMBERS DECLARING A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**

None

**1533 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED:** The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were received as a correct account of the meeting. The minutes were approved by all Councillors and signed by the Chair.

**1534 CHAIR'S REPORT**

**1534.1 SCARECROW/CAKE COMPETITION SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2025**

Cllrs Bailey, Holling and Trewick have had another meeting; Cllr Holling will confirm with The Steampacket that the competition will be held in their car park on Sunday 22nd June 2025 and also do the risk assessment. Cllr Bailey with the help of his daughter are just finalising the poster to give to the Clerk to get printed.

## **1535 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report was presented by the Clerk.

### **1535.1 NEWSLETTER**

The Clerk reported that the newsletter was partly done, she is awaiting New Cllrs intro from Cllrs Bailey and Holling. The Council requested that the Scarecrow and Cake Competition plus the extension to the temporary car park be included, plus if room the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations by the Churches.

### **1535.2 CLERKS LAPTOP**

The Clerk reported that the clerk's laptop is in need of replacing, it is 11 years old and very slow/out of date. A Dell laptop for £750 has been recommended by the Council's website company.

**PROPOSED:** To authorise the Clerk to purchase a new laptop for £750.00 plus VAT.

**RESOLVED:** To authorise the Clerk to purchase a new laptop for £750.00 plus VAT.

### **1535.3 VE DAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

The Clerk has been asked if the Council will be celebrating the VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was decided that it was short notice to do this now, but would look at future anniversaries to celebrate.

## **1536 JUBILEE COMMUNITY HALL**

### **1536.1 TEMPORARY CAR PARK – PHASE TWO**

The contractor has been informed and works will be started April/May. The Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan need sorting before this.

### **1536.2 Village Working Group**

The Chair said that there hasn't been a meeting yet this year but will update the Council at the next meeting.

## **1537 SWANWICK RECREATION GROUNDS (CHARITY NO. 520525)**

### **1537.1 RECREATION GROUNDS UPDATE**

As previously discussed.

### **1537.2 COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Cllr Goodier said that the Swanwick Wildlife Group is going to do a weeding session soon and the daffodils are all shooting up.

## **1538 STAN BREWSTER MEMORIAL GARDEN**

### **1538.1 UPDATE**

Cllr Goodier reported that out of the 3 contractors she met for quotes only 1 has sent in a costing and this was over £10,000. The Council discussed this and agreed it was too expensive, so it was suggested that the Council considered reducing the scope of the renovation works. The Men's Shed will be contacted to quote for the wood working, the Clerk will get a quote from current gardening contractors to remove the old decking. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

### **1538.2 SCHEDULE OF WORKS**

Once the decking is removed this area will be planted.

## **1539 PLANNING MATTERS**

### **1539.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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**Our Ref: AVA/2025/0074** Proposal: Single storey side and rear extensions, raising of floor level and ridge and hard-standing of frontage Location: 5 Butterfield Crescent Swanwick DE55 1BA

**Our Ref: AVA/2025/0095** Proposal: Extension to existing garage and construction of covered carport Location: 63 Broadway Swanwick Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 1AJ

**Our Ref: AVA/2025/0097** Proposal: Single storey rear extension  
Location: Lansdowne 27 Delves Bank Road Swanwick Derbyshire DE55 1HA

**Our Ref: AVA/2024/0876** Proposal: Change of use from storage of equipment and office space to production space for new confectionery equipment, installation of roller shutter, new doors, roof vents and chimney flues and internal alterations

Location: Ferrero Limited, Thorntons Park Wimsey Way, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4XJ,

#### **1539.1.2 DECISIONS**

**Our Ref: AVA/2024/0816** Proposal: Demolish detached garage and construct single storey extension with alterations to include changing windows, front door & bay window cladding

Location: 1 Yardley Close, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 1EP **Decision: PERMITTED**

**1540 CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS**

1540.1 Noted

**1541 ACCOUNTS****1541.1 RESOLVED: TO APPROVE URGENT PAYMENTS** All voted in favour.

Date	Payable To	Reason	Amount
07.01.25	PC Website	Update website	£30.00
07.01.25	Grasstrack	Inv 1179 Ground Maintenance Dec 2024	£1030.01
07.01.25	Grasstrack	Inv 1171 Tree in well & Transport 1 set posts	£120.00
17.01.25	C Miles	Working from home expenses 2025	£300.00
20.01.25	A Trewick	Chair's Allowance 2024-25	£800.00
23.01.25	Baptist Church	4 months meeting rent plus 2 extra	£180.00
23.01.25	PC Website	Move from org.uk to gov.uk	£185.00
29.01.25	Virgin Money	Bank charges Dec 2024	£12.07
30.01.25	O2	Clerks phone 27.01.25 to 26.02.25	£16.84
30.01.25	Timpson	Rec Grounds gate extra keys	£18.00
30.01.25	Argos	Padlock	<u>£15.00</u>
<b>Total</b>			<b>£2,706.92</b>

**1541.2 RESOLVED: TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PAYMENTS** All voted in favour.

To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount
Staff Salaries	Mth 11 Salaries	£2,688.56
HMRC	Mth 11 Employee-er Tax & NI	£732.22
Nest	Mth 11 Pension Contribution	<u>£231.42</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>£3,652.20</b>

**1541.3 INCOME RECEIVED**

Noted

Date	Remittance	Source	Amount
03.01.25	BACS	Virgin Money Cashback	£0.12
16.01.25	BACS	Allotment Association rent 1st half 2024/25	<u>£250.00</u>
<b>Total</b>			<b>£250.12</b>

**1542 BANK RECONCILIATION**

Noted:

Opening Balance 01.04.2024	£723,257.15	
Receipts to 31.01.25	£198,758.98	
Sub Total		£922,016.13
Payments to 31.01.2025	£136,373.75	
Unpresented cheques	£0.00	
Sub Total		£136,373.75
Closing Balance 31.01.2025		<b>£785,642.38</b>
Bank Balance 31.01.2025		<b>£785,642.38</b>

**1543 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

None

**1544 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

VE Day/Community Events

**1545 NEXT MEETING**

**The date for the next Parish Council Meeting is the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7pm at the Meeting Room to the rear of the Baptist Church, Derby Road, Swanwick, DE55 1BG.**

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed: *A Trewick*Date: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025