

SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 9th July 2015
in Swinstead Village Hall

Present : G. Brown (Chairman) C. Lunn, S. Webb,
D/Councillor, N. Robins, Mrs J.M. Hunt-Webb (Clerk)

1. Apologies: B. Lynch.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th May 2015 were agreed as an accurate record and signed.

Proposed : C. Lunn

Seconded : S. Webb

4. Croake Hill:

Residents reported that the situation had deteriorated to a point where urgent action was required. Meetings between District and Parish Council Members and staff from other agencies were held to resolve the issues. One tenant has now been re-housed, and in another instance, SKDC is following procedures to bring matters to a satisfactory conclusion. D/Cllr confirmed that tenant allocations going forward are deemed to be “sensitive”.

5. Correspondence:

See Highways.

6. Financial Reports

2014-15 Accounts.

The 2014-15 accounts have now been audited and approved by our Auditors Grant Thornton. In accordance with the new Transparency regulations, they have been posted on the Library section of the SKDC website.

2015-16 Accounts

The Financial Report was circulated and approved.

Proposed: S. Webb. **Seconded:** C. Lunn

7. Buttercross

English Heritage promised to report back on their findings for the requirements relating to the base during early July.

8. Highways.

a) Drains –

i) New Estate.

Following further enquiries to LCC Highways, they re-confirm that the drain outside No7 New Estate is a soakaway. Problems return in wet weather and it is suggested that steps be taken by Highways to remove the heavier silt deposits from the bottom of the drain to make the soakaway function as required.

ii) 15 High Street

The drain on the corner of Creeton Road and 15 High Street remains blocked and requires attention before the autumn storms.

b) Pot Holes

Park Road

Highways confirm that the pot holes between No 4 Park Road and the junction with Bourne Road and High Street will be attended to and that this section of Park Road will be re-surfaced.

High Street

The deep potholes along the top end of High Street will also be repaired.

c) Wall behind Bus Shelter.

LCC also confirmed that the wall behind the bus shelter should be maintained by SKDC to whom the clerk will now write for repairs to be undertaken as the stonework and mortar have perished to a dangerous degree.

d) Dog Fouling

D/Cllr Robins reported that he intends to spearhead a new initiative regarding the dog fouling nuisance and fines of up to £75.00 can be imposed on those caught allowing their dogs to foul public areas.

9. Councillors' Reports

a) Jubilee Community Orchard

The Community Orchard had been mowed. The tree guards had also been lifted and the weeds removed from around the trees. Bark Chippings and/or Mulch Matting will be used to minimise weed growth around the trees – C. Lunn and G. Brown will consider this matter. The dry weather may cause some trees to be lost at the higher end of the paddock and replacements will be planted in the autumn if required.

b) Memorial Seat – Croake Hill

The replacement seat had been purchased and is now bolted in place at the bottom of Croak Hill.

d) Notice Board.

Work will begin later in the year to refurbish the Notice Board as if not attended to, the wood would become rotten and further costs would be incurred in funding a replacement.

The meeting closed at 8.23 p.m.

Date of next meeting is : 3rd September 2015