

SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 3rd September 2015
in Swinstead Village Hall

Present :

B. Lynch – Chairman, S. Webb, A. Moss, Mrs J.M. Hunt-Webb (Clerk)

1. Apologies: G. Brown, C. Lunn

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th July 2015 were reviewed informally but remain in Draft form until the meeting on November 12th.

4. Correspondence:

The following had been received:

Two Planning Applications had been received from SKDC since the last meeting. These were circulated and no objections had been raised. An un-attributed and un-dated communication had been received and investigated. The concerns expressed therein proved to be unfounded.

5. Financial Report:

The report was presented and agreed.

6. Highways:

The re-surfacing work on Park Road has been completed. A further visit by the road sweeper is required as the gravel continues to travel into the High Street causing potential skidding hazards. The white lines at the junction also need to be re-instated.

Recent works to the drainage system seem to have been effective with a resultant decrease in standing water through the village. A site meeting has been arranged between the Superintendent of Highways and Parish Councillors at New Estate to discuss continuing problems with the drain.

7. Buttercross :

An e-mail has been received from Dr Ben Robinson of Historic England (now a division of English Heritage) requesting that the Council continue to maintain the monument in good repair and any further works required are notified to Historic England in order that they may issue the necessary permission.

8. Croake Hill:

A Re-possession Notice in respect of one of the properties had been issued by SKDC and ignored by the tenant. The arising implications were discussed at length and D/Cllr Robins reported that work is now in hand by SKDC to instigate the necessary legal processes required to progress this matter.

9. Councillors' Reports:

Deed Document:

During a document search in the Parish Archives, a Deed has come to light and steps are now being taken to ascertain whether the terms of the Deed, signed in 1970, are still extant or have been superceded by a later document.

Local Plan:

D/Clr Robins reported that changes in planning legislation have led to many Parish Councils drafting Local Plans to protect Greenfield sites from development. This was considered not to be pressing in the case of Swinstead given the nature of local land ownership.

Community Orchard:

A further cut and weeding around the base of the trees had been completed by lifting and replacing the tree guards. A delivery of Bark Chippings has been made and these will be placed around the tree bases to reduce further weed-growth.

10. Any Other Business:

None

Date and Time of next meeting: - 12th November 2015, commencing at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.