

SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 14th January 2016
in Swinstead Village Hall

Present : B. Lynch – Chairman, G. Brown, C. Lunn A. Moss, S. Webb.
Mrs J.M. Hunt-Webb (Clerk)

1. Apologies: None

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th November 2015 were approved.

Proposed: George Brown **Seconded:** Stephen Webb

4. Correspondence:

The following had been received:

Electoral Review: Consultation is currently underway relating to a review of Electoral Boundaries – the parish of Swinstead remains in the Upper Glen area.

5. Financial Report:

The report was presented and agreed.

Proposed: George Brown. **Seconded:** C. Lunn.

6. Broadband – Work by BT

It was noted that LCC had contributed funding toward BT's work to install high speed cabling to local villages. Corby Glen and Swayfield were completed and although work was begun in Swinstead, the work now seems to be abandoned.

It was agreed to e-mail Martin Hill and inform him of the situation

7. Highways:

The work arranged following the meeting between the Superintendent of Highways and Parish Councillors at the soakaway on New Estate was completed. It was agreed to make investigations relating to an open drain under the adjacent hedgerow to see if it could be made more safe.

Work by L.C.C. along the B1176 Creeton Road opposite the Church Car Park and in front of Nos 2,4 and 6 to repair the collapsed foul sewer scheduled for December has yet to be started, although yellow flags have been installed to identify the site of the work.

A request has been sent to LCC to ensure the Grit Bins in the village are topped-up.

A request for LCC to repair the pot-holes along the High Street toward New Estate has also been made.

7. Croake Hill:

It was noted that following a successful Crown prosecution, the tenant at No11 is currently serving a prison sentence. This “guilty” finding comes after the tenant was allowed to remain in the property following SKDC’s previous successful application for re-possession of this property. (The tenant was allowed to have use of the property as he exhibited “habitual behaviour” problems which the judge said he should have a twelve month opportunity to correct.) It was agreed that SKDC now be contacted to confirm that following this further, proven breach of the tenancy agreement, the property will now be re-possessed by SKDC and allocated to a more deserving applicant from their housing list.

8. Councillors’ Reports:

Community Orchard:

Cllr Lunn reported that the gate requires attention as the gate bolt no longer meets the hole in the corresponding gatepost. Some of the trees have died and will be replaced in the spring. There is also a need for the hedgerow to be trimmed back along the road and inside the orchard.

10. Any Other Business:

None

Date and Time of next meeting: - 3rd March 2016, commencing at 7pm.
The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.