

# **Swinstead Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council  
held at 7.00pm 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016  
in Swinstead Village Hall

Present: Councillor Bryan Lynch (Chairman), Councillor George Brown (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Clive Lunn, Councillor Tony Moss, Wendy Benson (Clerk), PCSO Stuart  
Bowden, Nick Robins (Leader of Lincolnshire County Council), Mr Dave Andrews (resident  
8 Creeton Road)

## **1. Public Forum**

Mr Dave Andrews of 8 Creeton Road, Swinstead presented documents in relation to his issues with the road outside of his property. The verge along side his driveway is continually churned up as lorries and tractors use it as part of the road. This causes extremely hazardous driving conditions as the mud and water spread over the highway and the possibility of it freezing over in cold conditions would only add to the problem. Bryan Lynch stated he would email Martin Hill (legal leader of Council) and copy Nick Robins in the email.

Mr Andrews left the meeting

**2. Policing:** PCSO Stuart Bowden stated that he has received no phone calls or has any concerns regarding Swinstead. He explained that apart from the usual Deer Poaching, Speeding and Cold Calling nothing untoward had been reported.

PCSO Stuart Bowden also stated that any concerns by the public of Swinstead could be reported to him via 101 and this would then be passed to him. He is also available most days with the mobile library. He agreed that a notice put up on the village notice board would be a good way to let people know how to contact him and Wendy Benson agreed to do this.

**3. Declarations of Interest:** Wendy Benson explained that all Councillors have now signed the new Declaration of Interest forms and that from now on these are to be signed yearly

**4. Code of Conduct:** Wendy Benson stated that the Code of Conduct has now been rewritten and is now on the computer making it easier to amend in future years

## **5. Minutes of previous meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016**

Approved: George Brown Seconded: Clive Lunn

**6. Correspondence:** None received

7. **Financial Report:** Wendy Benson stated one cheque had been issued to J K Mowing for the Orchard grass cutting. A cheque was written to Wendy Benson for stationary purchased.

8. **Precept:** This was adjourned until the meeting in January 2017

9. **Planning:** Wendy Benson stated that planning applications are only available on line which was agreed wasn't perfect as some of the councillors did not have computers. Councillor Nick Robins explained that yellow notices were put up on lamp posts when an application had been received which was also not thought to be a great way to know when an application had been received. Wendy agreed to check the website regularly and check with other clerks of nearby villages to see how they dealt with this.

George Brown asked about Bertie Close planning application and Wendy Benson agreed to look out for it on line

10. **Change of details, addresses, emails, banking, insurance etc:**

This had mostly been carried out but Barclay's Bank were proving difficult as it needed a Signatory to change the address. Bryan Lynch to sort.

11. **Buttercross:** Councillor Clive Lunn has weeded and cleared the Buttercross area

12. **Highways:**

Wendy Benson stated that the pot holes and drain cover issues in Croake Hill had been rectified.

New Estate: Wendy Benson explained that this had been reported to the SKDC website

George Brown mentioned that the pavement drain cover has collapsed by the outside number 4 Bourne Road causing a danger to pedestrians. Clerk will contact Highways at SKDC and report.

Cars parked on the pavement in same area caused a lot of concern for the disabled and people pushing pushchairs as the cars blocked the pavement. PCSO Stuart Bowden agreed to check this when passing through and put a sticker on the windscreen stating the police were aware of the pavement parking hopefully to encourage the residents to park on the road.

13. **Parish Councillor Vacancy**

We still have a vacancy for Parish Counsellor. Wendy Benson will post a note on the village notice board asking for someone to fill the post.

#### **14. Councillors' Reports**

Clive Lunn stated that now the darker evenings were upon us the dogs mess in the Church Yard had increased tenfold. It was also noted that on the pavements in Swinstead there was also a problem with dogs mess. Nick Robins said that a new leader in May with new priorities could help with this, also mentioned the possibility of DNA testing could help. Residents could also report instances of dog fouling to the parish council or dial 101 and ask for Dog Warden who have powers to prosecute. Wendy Benson offered to put this on the village noticeboard and also contact The Link to run a story on it and highlight the issue.

#### **15. Any Other Business**

A list of future meetings will be set for the forthcoming year and Wendy agreed to do this

**16. Date and time of next meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Meeting closed at: 20:20