

Swinstead Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council

held at 7.15pm Thursday 2nd March 2017

in Swinstead Village Hall

Present: Chairman Councillor Bryan Lynch, Vice Chairman George Brown, Councillor Clive Lunn, Councillor Tony Moss, Leader of County Council Nick Robins, Clerk Wendy Benson

1. Public Forum: None present

2. Apologies: Councillor Angie Percival

3. Minutes of previous meeting:

Proposed by George Brown, Seconded by Clive Lunn

4. Declarations of Interests: None received

5. Policing:

Nothing has been reported

6. Correspondence: Clerk mentioned that a lady from 4 Bourne Road was interested in becoming a Councillor. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact SKD and ask if we can have a 6th Council member and will report back to Chairman.

We have also received information from two gardening contractors and these will be kept on file.

7. Financial Report:

Clerk reported that 2 cheques were raised for the new Parish Council PC and wages.

Clive Lunn to contact

8. Banking:

Clerk reported that the Banking is still ongoing, At this present time we have received no bank statements and the address for correspondence is still not correct. The Clerk will ring Barclays Bank and try and sort this out again, and if necessary an appointment at the bank will be made for us all to attend if necessary.

9. Highways:

The pot hole at the end of Bourne Road is still in a very dangerous state. This has been reported by the clerk and at present nothing has been done. Bryan Lynch has since emailed the council and this has had no effect and we are presently feeling abandoned. The condition of the road is very dangerous; in particular, for push bikes and motorcycles, and when icy becomes a major issue for all road users.

The man hole cover outside number 4 Bourne Road has still not been fixed. Tony Moss believed that the cover had been replaced but a large slap of concrete and a cone placed over it gave the appearance that it was incomplete. Bryan Lynch will check it and report back to the Clerk.

Croake Hill Fence; This has already been reported to SKDC by the Clerk and again nothing has been done yet. It has been noted that young children play on the field and the High Road is a busy road which if the children ran out into could possibly cause a serious accident. The Clerk agreed to contact SKDC again to try and get a response from them.

10. Councillors' Reports:

Bryan Lynch suggested the possibility of hiring a Parish Cleaner on a wage to keep the village clean and tidy. Councillor Nick Bowles suggested the Clerk contact Keith Rowe from SKDC and discuss this with him and he will advise us on the procedure to employ a cleaner. It was agreed to advertise in The Link, Three Towers and the Parish Noticeboard.

It was suggested by ???? to purchase 6 new fruit trees to replace those damaged by the deer last year. Clive Lunn will contact the Orchard Grass Cutter; Jack, to ask him to prune the trees. Proposed: George Brown Seconded: Clive Lunn

11. Matters Arising:

none

12. Any Other Business:

George Brown asked about Machans Close planning application regarding the access to the new buildings which will run through the Village Hall car park. The Clerk agreed to look for the planning application and forward to George asap.

13. Date and time of next meeting:

Next meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday 10th May at 7.15pm

It was noted that the AGM will also be held on this day as well.

Meeting closed at: 8.15pm

