

Swinstead Parish Council

Minutes of of the Parish Council
held at 7.15pm, 3rd August 2017
in Swinstead Village Hall

Present: Chairman Bryan Lynch, Vice Chairman George Brown, Councillor Clive Lunn,
Councillor Angie Percival, Councillor Nick Robins, Clerk Wendy Benson

Public Forum:

No members of the public present

1. Apologies:

None received

2. Chairman's comments

Apologies were passed to all councillors who attended on Thursday 6th July which was cancelled and no notification given. A full list of all meeting dates for the forthcoming year were passed to councillors.

Apologies also passed to Clive Lunn who was left off the meeting Present list for the minutes of the previous meeting.

Chairman outlined the importance of confidentiality in matters concerning the Parish Council

3. Matters arising from previous meeting held 11th May 2017

The Minutes were stated as correct.

Proposed Angie Percival Seconded George Brown

4. Declaration of Interests:

None received.

5. Correspondence:

Correspondence has been received from the following:

Mr Tony Moss who regretfully has resigned from the Parish Council

Insurance Company AON has notified the council that it will no longer supplying insurance to local councils. Renewal is due in June and a new company has been instructed by AON and who will give us a quote nearer the time. Insurance quotes will be obtained from other insurers prior to the renewal date to ensure value for money.

Correspondence has been received from the Swinstead Parish Council Church asking for a donation to repair the Church clock at an estimate of £1,500.00. The council agreed to donate £300.00 to the repair as the clock is such an important piece of village life.

6. Councillor Vacancy:

Due to the resignation of Councillor Tony Moss a notice has been placed on the Village Noticeboard asking for interested parties to contact the Clerk. Two applications had been received and after contacting them both to place in writing their CV or description of what they can bring to the Parish one has withdrawn their application with a view to applying in the future if a vacancy arises and the Council thanks them for their interest.

This now leaves one application from Jenny Cowen who lives in Swinstead. It was agreed the Clerk would contact her to advise of procedure.

7. Financial Report:

The financial report for the previous quarter was handed out and explained by the Clerk.

Three cheques were signed for stationary and expenses

8. Highways:

Since the previous meeting the Clerk has contacted the Highway Road Safety Partnership who are now in the process of monitoring the High Street in Swinstead. The outcome of the survey will decide if the village will warrant a Reduce Speed sign. It was suggested that if the survey proved negative enquiries would be made to look at purchasing signs.

The lorries on route to Creeton Quarry are entering the village from Corby Glen and have been reported as coming through the village approximately 05:30 each morning, with the noise disturbing residents along the High Street. It was suggesting that the quarry manager should be contacted to see what time the quarry opens and Bryan Lynch agreed to do this. It was also suggested the Clerk contact Planning to check the Creeton Quarry planning application to check the planned opening times and also to see if any subsequent plans had been submitted recently to change the timings.

9. Councillors' Reports

District Councillor Nick Robins outlined the new incoming council leaders had a much more pro-active agenda in the running of the Council. He highlighted the improvement of communication and having a more 'do more' agenda. The contacting of the Council has now become a lot easier with the decrease of options available when telephoning.

The regeneration of Grantham was noted as a priority for the council and the Town Centre shop closures etc were currently being assessed and were at a current rate of 8% empty. Downtown has stated they intend to invest in the area expanding its business.

The Grantham Cinema was also outlined and with parking and access strategies in place. Five screens instead of seven has been proposed and although no start date has been given it is suggested mid-February 2018.

Grantham Market will also benefit from the regeneration of the town.

The new Shopping Village near Grantham and on A1 has been approved with planning rules to not draw shoppers away from Grantham town. No restaurants or eateries will be allowed to be open after the centre closes and the shops will not impact those already in Grantham. The regeneration of Grantham has been given a target of three years.

District Councillor Nick Burrows also highlighted the Big Clean event being run by SKDC which will run from 7th August for 12 weeks. The idea is to tackle areas which had become over grown or untidy.

There is also now a mobile Road Show trailer which will advertise Grantham and surrounding districts at events throughout the year. The trailer will be present at local events such as Corby Glen Sheep fair and its like, and will have information regarding Tourism in the area and other events planned.

Councillor Angie Percival stated that her husband Tony Percival cleared the gutter of the bus stop opposite her house. The clerk will write to thank him.

Councillor Clive Lunn stated that the privet hedge on Creeton Road belonging to Mud Cottage was over grown and obstructing the pavement making it very difficult to pass by. The Clerk agreed to write to the occupants asking if they could possibly trim it back and to give it to Councillor George Brown to pass it to them.

Councillor George Brown will obtain petrol for the lawn mowing of the grass area The Pond on Bourne Road

10. Planning:

One planning application has been received for Tower Farm, Grimsthorpe. This was unanimously agreed with no objections raised.

11. Defibrillator:

It was agreed by all present not to purchase a Defibrillator for Swinstead Village. The reasoning is there was nowhere safe to install it, training to use it, cost to maintain it, and that the Fire Station in Corby Glen has trained C0-Responders ready to assist on a 999 basis when needed.

12. Any Other Business:

It was noted that the hedge by Tower Farm on Forstead Road needs cutting back as it obstructs the road signs. The Clerk to contact Tim Clarke, Estate Manager for Grimsthorpe Castle to request that the hedge is urgently cut and kept maintained.

Date and time of next meeting:

The next SW instead Parish meeting will be held on **Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Meeting closed at: 20:40