

Swinstead Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
held at 7.10pm, 2nd November 2017
in Swinstead Village Hall

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

1. Public Forum:

No residents present

2. Apologies

Apologies received from District Councillor Nick Robins and agreed by councillors

3. Declarations of Interest:

None received

4. Minutes of previous meeting held on 3rd August 2017

Resolved and signed by Chairman

5. Parish Clerk Report and update

Letters were sent to Tower Farm re hedge needing cutting back.
Creeton Quarry: Clerk contacted Planning Department at SKDC and nothing can be done about the lorries that travel through Swinstead village in the early hours of the morning. It was noted that the quarry opens at 7am and the lorries are not allowed to load before 7am.

Clerk attended a Training Course re Agenda and Minute taking and new updated standard was implemented.

6. Financial Report:

Financial report handed out to councillors
Cheques signed

7. Chairman's Report:

Chairman welcomed to new Councillor Jenny Cowan to the board of Councillors of Swinstead Parish Council.

Sebastian Miller, the new MD for Grimsthorpe Estate, has made enquires re attending a future Parish Council Meeting. Clerk to ensure he is invited to the next meeting.

There have been numerous reports of suspicious behaviour around the area. Residents are asked to be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity either to the Parish Council or to the Police.

It has been reported that a green bin in the village was not emptied recently. The council would like to thank District Councillor Nick Robins for his assistance in this matter.

8. Councillors Reports:

Councillor George Brown

Asked that the Parish Council pay to use the village hall for future meetings.

Councillor Clive Lunn

Suggested that our Parish Cleaner, Dean Heath, be given a letter of thanks and given an updated Health & Safety guideline to ensure his safety whilst litter picking.

Stated that the Community Orchard has been well maintained and attended this year and that it is now ready to be locked for the winter.

Councillor Angie Percival

Asked that SKDC be contacted again re the broken fence on Croake Hill asking for it to be repaired for safety reasons.

9. Ash Tree 54/58 High Street, Swinstead

It was suggested that the Ash Tree outside 54/58 High Street be reported to Highways at SKDC as it is causing severe damage to residents paths.

10. Road Safety

Clerk outlined the different speed signs that are currently available and made links to Colsterworth and South Witham who have both installed speed signs locally. It was agreed that the clerk contact companies for quotes before next meeting.

It was also suggested that a new Village Sign on entering the village would be beneficial to speed reduction and a quote will be sourced.

11. Correspondence received:

- a) St Marys PCC thanking the Parish Council for their donation towards the clock
- b) LALC increase of fees
- c) Airfields of Britain, re memorial plaque

The council has received information from the charity Airfields of Britain regarding the old WW1 airfield located in Swinstead.

The charity have agreed to supply the village, free of charge, a plaque of 600mm x 600mm, to be placed in the village in recognition of the value this airfield offered pilots in WW1 between 1916 – 1918. The plaque will arrive in due course and be placed in a locality in the village. There will be an unveiling ceremony to which everyone will be invited.

12. Meeting Resolved and moved into closed session to discuss Clerks Yearly Review and Wages

Time meeting closed 8.25pm