

## PLEASE NOTE THE VENUE AND TIME

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6<sup>th</sup> February 2020

You are summoned to attend the **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** to be held at **Meeting Rooms, rear of Baptist Church, Derby Road, Swanwick** on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00pm.**

Members are asked to sign the attendance sheet for the meeting and to complete the Declarations Sheet (if appropriate), both available at the meeting.

#### Clerk to the Council

### AGENDA

#### 1. Apologies

Members are reminded to give their apologies direct to the Clerk, these must be made **well in advance** (barring last minute emergencies) of the meeting giving the Clerk enough time to cancel if there is a prospect of the meeting not being quorate.

#### 2. Variation of Order of Business

#### 3. Declarations of Interest

Members must fill out the Declaration of Interests Forms for submission. Members are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interest they may have in any item of the evening's business, and to explain the nature of that interest.

Where a member indicates that they have a prejudicial interest, but wish to make representation regarding the item before leaving the meeting, they must do so under item 4D of Public Participation.

#### 4. Public Participation

**A) Public Attendance & Speaking:** Residents wishing to speak need to book in with the Clerk, preferably prior to the meeting by email/phone or immediately prior to the start of the meeting.

**Whether wishing to speak or not, each member of the public is required to indicate whether or not they consent to have their name and/ or organisation recorded and published in the minutes of the meeting. Minutes are published on the Parish Council website and are available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

At the start of the meeting a period is available for members of the public to ask questions, make representations or submit comments. This is **LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON** – at the sole discretion of the Chair.

**B) Parish Council Members' observations will be taken alongside Reports from any Borough and County Councillors attending.**

**C) Police Matters**

Information is on the following web pages [www.police.uk/derbyshire/NR06/](http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/NR06/)

**D) Representations or Evidence from Members Declaring a Prejudicial Interest**

Members indicating that they have a prejudicial interest in an agenda item and who wish to make a representation before leaving the meeting shall do so at this stage.

**5. Minutes of Full Council**

**5.1 To receive the Minutes of the Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**6. Planning Matters**

**6.1 Planning Applications for comment:** All applications can be viewed at [www.ambervalley.gov.uk](http://www.ambervalley.gov.uk) click on Planning and then click on Planning Applications and use the AVA reference number to search.

**7. Clerk's Report**

- 7.1** Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor
- 7.2** Councillor Attendance record 2019/20
- 7.3** Swanwick Old Peoples Welfare High Street
- 7.4** Rights of Way Maintenance
- 7.5** Application for Hanging Baskets
- 7.6** Invitation from the Chief Constable Monday 16 March 2020
- 7.7** High Street BT Payphone Consultation

**8. Chair's Report (Verbal Report)**

- 8.1** Swanwick Recreation Ground

**9. Councillors' Updates**

Website Activity & Social Media  
Village Hall Working Group  
Defibrillator Working Group  
Well Dressing 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**10. Correspondence & Circulars (copies are available on the website)**

- 10.1** DALC 01 - 2020
- 10.2** DALC 02 - 2020

**11. Accounts**

**11.1 To approve urgent payments made to the following:**

Date	Cheque	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
17.01.20	DD	Haven Power	Electric Utility	14.00
17.01.20	BACS	R Castledine	PPE Trousers	32.00
20.01.20	BACS	Mr Christmas Tree	Supply and removal of xmas tree	600.00
27.01.20	BACS	Iansprint	Oct to Dec 2019 copying	29.00
27.01.20	BACS	Grasstrack	Nov 2019 Ground Maintenance	896.00
27.01.20	BACS	Grasstrack	Dec 2019 Ground Maintenance	896.00
27.01.20	BACS	Grasstrack	Winter 2019 tub planting	372.00
27.01.20	BACS	Swanwick Baptist Church	Oct to Dec 2019 Room Hire	90.00

27.01.20	BACS	2nd Swanwick Scout Grp	Village Hall Funding Room Hire	25.00
31.01.20	DEBITCARD	Ripley Shoe Repairs	Spare Memorial Garden Keys	13.00
31.12.19	DEBIT CARD	O2	Clerks Mobile Phone Dec 2019	17.22
			<b>Total</b>	<b>2984.22</b>

### 11.2 To approve payments to the following:

To Whom Payable	Payment Ref	Reason	Amount £
Staff	BACS	Mth 11 Year End 2020 Salaries	2720.09
HMRC	BACS	Mth 11 Tax & NI Contribution Year End 2020	691.44
NEST	D/D	Mth 11 Pension Deduction & Employer Contribution Year End 2020	230.14
Rockfall	BACS	PPE for Caretaker	79.34
Woolley Moor Nurseries	BACS	Spring Planting	1620.00
KC Building Services	BACS	Swanwick Social Club compound surfacing	4833.50
KC Building Services	BACS	Excavating well, making new drains and widening of gates at Village Hall site	1622.62
Grasstrack	BACS	Ground Maintenance January 2020	896.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>12693.13</b>

### 11.3 Income Received:

Date	Remittance	Amount £
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## 12. Bank Reconciliation

### Cash Book Reconciliation

#### 31.01.20

Opening Balance 01.04.19	181,054.23	
Receipts to 31.01.20	531,133.05	
Sub Total		712,187.28
Payments to 31.01.20	173,102.16	
Unpresented cheques 2018/19	0.00	
Sub Total		173,102.16
Closing Balance 31.01.20		539,085.12
Bank Balance at 31.01.20		539,085.12

## 13. Exclusion of Press & Public

'That pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for Agenda Item(s) below by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted'.

### 13.1 Bank Signatories

### 13.2 Tenders for Gardening Maintenance Contract

## 14. Items for the next Agenda

Items are invited for inclusion in next month's agenda

## 15. Date of Next Meeting: 7.00pm 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at the Meeting Room at the rear of the Baptist Church, Derby Road.

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Barnett, Goodier, Grant, Payne, Trenear & Clerk C Miles

**Members of the Public:**

**Members of the public listed waived their right to anonymity under the Data Protection Act:**

Cllr D Wilson (left at 19.06) J Briggs, E Brown, R Castledine, R Cooke & K Morden

**784/2020 APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Chidlow, King, Soudah & Webster

**785/2020 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

**786/2020 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Members were requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interest they may have in any item of the evening's business, and to explain the nature of that interest.

None

**787/2020 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**787.1/2020 Public Speaking –**

**Cllr Wilson** informed the Council that Swanwick has raised £1264.74 so for the Poppy Appeal.

**J Briggs**

1. Informed the council that he and Cllr Soudah attended a meeting regarding Fracking for the area and they were told that the Government has suspended any applications.
2. Informed the Council that a Public Notice has been issued regarding The Hayes Conference Centre and there will be a drop in on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 3pm – 9pm to look at their proposals. The Clerk will get the information and post it on Facebook etc.

**787.2/2020 Members' Observations**

**Cllr Rod Grant** informed the Council that High Street has poor water pressure and could we report it, the Clerk will contact STW.

**787.3/2020 POLICE MATTERS**

None reported and all can be viewed online.

Cllr Payne said that Neighbourhood Watch have reported that catalytic convertors are being stolen from cars when they are parked in hospital car parks.

**787.4/2020 REPRESENTATIONS OR EVIDENCE FROM MEMBERS  
DECLARING A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST**

None

## **788/2020 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL**

### **RESOLVED:**

Minutes of Full Council held 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 be received as correct account of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Vice Chair.

## **789/2020 PLANNING MATTERS**

### **789.1/2020 Planning Applications**

None

## **790/2020 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report was presented by the Clerk.

### **790.1/2020 Vacancies in the office of Parish Councillor**

Members noted the update.

### **790.2/2020 Councillor Attendance Record**

Members noted the update.

### **790.3/2020 Banking update**

Members noted the update.

### **790.4/2020 Gardening Maintenance Tender**

Application deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

### **790.5/2020 AVBC Bins**

Members noted the update.

### **790.6/2020 Wildflower Verge**

Members noted the update.

## **791/2020 Chair's Report**

The Vice Chairs comments are reported under Councillors Updates.

## **792/2020 Councillor Updates**

### **792.1/2020 Website activity & Social Media**

Analysis of website activity as follows –

Facebook reached over 391views.

SPC Website had 299 visits.

A working Group is to be set up to look at a new website over next few months.

### **792.2/2020 Village Hall Working Group**

No meeting this month and the VHWG Funding Group met with the Consultant, who is now making some inquiries into funding options.

### **792.3/2020 Defibrillator Working Group**

Total £1,519.00. A new site to put up a defibrillator around the Brackendale/Broadway area is being looked into.

### **792.4/2020 Well Dressing 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

The theme will be VE Day 75 Years Celebrations and Swanwick Hall Dining Room is booked. The Clerk will start on organising everything else.

### **792.5/2020 Civic Service 2020**

Has been booked for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**793/2020 Correspondence & Circulars  
Noted**

**794/2020 Accounts**

**794.1/2020 RESOLVED: To approve urgent payments**

Date	Cheque	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
09.12.19	BACS	Crich Brass Band	Civic Service	140.00
09.12.19	BACS	Grasstrack	Gardening Maintenance Oct 19	896.00
17.12.19	DD	Haven Power	Electric Utility	14.00
20.12.19	BACS	RH Clayton	JCB hire for Village Hall Site works	360.00
20.12.19	BACS	G Soudah	Chairs Phone & B/band	30.00
31.12.19	DEBIT CARD	Amazon	Name Badges	25.28
31.12.19	DEBIT CARD	Sainsburys	Civic Service Drinks etc	27.45
31.12.19	DEBIT CARD	Marcus Flowers	M Hannant leaving flowers	40.00
31.12.19	DEBIT CARD	The Phone Shop	Clerks replacement phone	130.00
31.12.19	DEBIT CARD	The Phone Shop	Clerks phone upgrade	50.00
31.12.19	DEBIT CARD	O2	Clerks Mobile Phone Nov 2019	17.22
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1729.95</b>

**794.2/2020 RESOLVED: To approve the following payment**

To Whom Payable	Payment Ref	Reason	Amount £
Staff	BACS	Mth 10 Year End 2020 Salaries	2720.09
HMRC	BACS	Mth 10 Tax & NI Contribution Year End 2020	691.44
NEST	D/D	Mth 10 Pension Deduction & Employer Contribution Year End 2020	230.14
Iansprint	BACS	Copying Oct-Dec 2019	29.00
Grasstrack	BACS	Nov 2019 Maintenance	896.00
Grasstrack	BACS	Dec 2019 Maintenance	896.00
Grasstrack	BACS	Winter planting of tubs/planters	372.00
Swanwick Baptist Church	BACS	Meeting room hire Oct-Dec 2019	90.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>5924.67</b>

**794.3/2020 Income Received  
Noted**

Date	Remittance	Amount £
18.12.19	605978 SAA Rent	225.00
19.12.19	605979 Civic Service 2019 Collection for Defib Fund	320.00
23.12.19	605980 The Steampacket Xmas lights donation	150.00
31.12.19	BACS The Gate Inn Xmas lights donation	150.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>845.00</b>

## **795/2020 Bank Reconciliation**

### **Noted:**

#### **Cash Book Reconciliation**

**31.12.19**

Opening Balance 01.04.19	181,054.23	
Receipts to 31.12.19	531,133.05	
Sub Total		712,187.28
Payments to 31.12.19	166,097.27	
Unpresented cheques 2018/19	0.00	
Sub Total		166,097.27
Closing Balance 31.12.19		546,090.01
Bank Balance at 31.12.19		546,091.01

### **796/2020 Exclusion of Press & Public**

None.

### **797/2020 Items for the next agenda**

None.

### **798/2020 Date & Time of Next Meeting**

Date of Next Meeting: 7.00pm 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the Meeting Room at the rear of the Baptist Church, Derby Road.

### **Meeting closed at 19.25**

Signed:

Date:

# 7. Clerk's Report to Swanwick Parish Council Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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## **7.1 Notice of vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor**

There are now a total of two vacancies for Parish Councillors. I urge members to increase the effort to persuade any resident to consider applying to be co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

## **7.2 Councillor Attendance record 2019-20**

Members are reminded to notify the Clerk of any apologies (barring emergencies) well in advance of the morning of the council meeting. This is to ensure that the Clerk is aware that the meeting is quorate or needs to be rearranged if not quorate.

## **7.3 Swanwick Old Peoples Welfare High Street**

The compound works have now been completed and will be inspected monthly too ensure its upkeep.

## **7.4 Rights of Way Maintenance**

The documentation for ROW Maintenance for 2019-20 is ready to submit to DCC, the Chair and Clerk have to sign Form 2 and 2A to allow it to be sent.

## **7.5 Application for Hanging Baskets**

This application is in the process of being submitted to DCC Highways for a permit to have hanging baskets on the lamp posts in the village.

## **7.6 Invitation from the Chief Constable Monday 16 March 2020**

The Councillors are invited to attend and the Clerk will discuss this to ascertain who will go to the event.

## **7.7 High Street BT Payphone Consultation**

The Council has been asked to comment on the possible removal of the High Street payphone.



## Councillor Attendance Record May 2019 – April 2020

Name	May 16	June 20	July 18	Aug HOLS	Sept 19	Oct 17	Nov 21	Dec 19	Jan 16	Feb 20	Mar 19	Apr 16	%	2018-19
Barnett	√	<b>X</b>	√		√	√	<b>X</b>	√	√				<b>75%</b>	<b>91%</b>
Chidlow	√	<b>X</b>	√		√	√	<b>X</b>	√	<b>X</b>				<b>63%</b>	<b>64%</b>
Goodier	√	√	√		<b>X</b>	√	√	√	√				<b>88%</b>	<b>80%</b>
Grant	-	-	-		-	√	√	√	√				<b>100%</b>	-
King	√	√	<b>X</b>		√	<b>X</b>	√	√	<b>X</b>				<b>63%</b>	<b>82%</b>
Payne	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	√				<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Soudah	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	<b>X</b>				<b>88%</b>	<b>91%</b>
Trehear	√	<b>X</b>	√		√	√	√	√	√				<b>88%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Webster	√	<b>X</b>	√		<b>X</b>	√	<b>X</b>	√	<b>X</b>				<b>50%</b>	-
Hayes	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Wilson	√	√	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	√	√	<b>X</b>	√				<b>63%</b>	<b>45%</b>
Smith	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Marshall-Clarke	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>

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## Circular No. 01/2020

To all Member Town and Parish Councils and Parish Meetings

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Wendy Amis  
Chief Officer

January 2020

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#### TRAINING & EVENTS DIARY

DATE	SUBJECT	CIRCULAR/ REF	VENUE	COST	CPD POINT	TRAINER
5 March – 10am – 4pm	Climate Emergency Workshop (smaller councils)		TBA	£30 per delegate	2.5	
6 March – 10am – 4pm	Climate Emergency Workshop (larger councils)		TBA	£30 per delegate	2.5	

\* Up to 3 delegate places free per council on the enhanced subscription scheme

\*\* Total fee for both days, plus follow-up support; a further payment is payable to SLCC for the examination and certificate.

**Please be aware that cancellation of fee-paying delegate places with less than 2 weeks of the course will be charged.**

# Newsletter – January 2020

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils



## In this newsletter:

- **Climate Emergency Derbyshire – book your workshop place now!**
- **Be heard in Parliament .... Lobby Day**
- **Opportunity to join DALC’s Executive Committee and shape our future**
- **Help save our ‘lost’ footpaths...**
- **New funds available for village halls**
- **Have Your Say – on Derbyshire Fire & Rescue**
- **National Living Wage goes up**
- **Clerk Salary Award goes...?**
- **Help protect the principle of ‘affordable homes’**
- **Councillor Essentials training dates announced**
- **And finally, DALC’s Spring Seminar line-up revealed...**

### **1. CLIMATE EMERGENCY DERBYSHIRE – two workshop dates announced**

With the world’s attention focussed on events in Davos, we’re delighted to report that Derbyshire’s local councils are obviously keen to play their part in trying to avert a climate catastrophe. In response to DALC’s proposal to hold Climate Emergency workshops, we were overwhelmed by your enthusiasm to learn more – resulting in two one-day workshops being planned. On both days, experts from the Centre for Sustainable Energy, a Bristol-based independent charity, will advise on how to change the way people think and act at a local level.

Both courses will run from 1000-1600 (lunch included) and will cost £30 per delegate (please contact us to reserve places). The course on March 5<sup>th</sup> is targeted at smaller parish councils, while March 6<sup>th</sup> is geared towards larger parishes and town councils.

## **2. BE HEARD IN PARLIAMENT .... LOBBY DAY**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> March, our Chair Cllr John Plant will be representing the Association in Parliament, lobbying on your behalf. What do you want your politicians to hear? What do you want to be changed to make life better in your community? John wants to hear and will be speaking to our local politicians on your behalf.

If you have something you want them to hear, from finalising legislation on abolishing business rates on toilet blocks to issues with neighbourhood plans, this is your opportunity. Please send an email with details of any lobby issues to Wendy.

## **3. OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN DALC'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND HELP SHAPE OUR FUTURE**

The Executive of DALC is a 20 strong body of councillors from member councils who manage and set the direction of DALC. The commitment is a minimum of two meetings per year with the opportunity to be involved in how your organisation is managed and what support is provided to member councils.

Executive members represent the district or borough to which their council belongs. There are currently 3 vacancies on the Executive – one each in Derbyshire Dales, Erewash and South Derbyshire.

We are currently looking to the future and what improvements can be made. If you would like to help shape our future please get in touch. For more information and to apply, please contact Wendy.

## **4. SAVING OUR FOOTPATHS – YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

As we all know, Derbyshire has one of the most extensive networks of footpaths anywhere in the UK. But, say The Ramblers Association, many of them are missing from legal maps which define historic rights of way. A new campaign - 'Don't Lose Your Way' – aims to save an estimated 10,000 miles of unrecorded paths across England and Wales before new legislation threatens their loss in January 2026. To help save and protect these historic pathways for future generations, your help is needed – a new mapping platform is being launched in February which will record paths on every single grid square in Derbyshire – it can be downloaded at [www.ramblers.org.uk/dontloseyourway](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/dontloseyourway) .

## **3. NEW FUNDING FOR VILLAGE HALLS**

New grant funds are available for village halls – from DEFRA. Although the grants can't be claimed by the parish council, we know many of you work closely with village hall charities, so please make them aware of this opportunity. More details are here <http://www.fundingforall.org.uk/funds/defra-village-hall-improvement-grant-fund/>

## **4. HAVE YOUR SAY... ON DERBYSHIRE'S FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

If you'd like input on our county's next Fire and Rescue Service plan, now's the time! A short consultation survey can be found here <https://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk/community/have-your-say>, gathering feedback on the service's three-year (2020-23) plans.

## **5. NATIONAL LIVING WAGE INCREASE – IMPACT ON COUNCILS**

An increase to £10.50 per hour (for workers aged 22 and over) is amongst Government legislation which could have an impact on our members. Other proposed changes include

better workplace protection for parents, and improving flexible working arrangements. For more information, read our [HR newsletter](#).

## **6. CLERK SALARY AWARD**

Based on local government pay scales, we've been advised by the NJC (National Joint Council for Local Government Services) that negotiations have not yet taken place. To minimise any unwelcome impact, DALC recommends budgeting for an increase of 2-3%.

## **7. AFFORDABLE HOMES 'LOST' TO PLANNING**

With the need for affordable housing at an all-time high, the Local Government Association is warning that 'permitted development' is resulting in many former office buildings being converted into 'high-end' residential property – without local communities having their say. The LGA estimates that the potential for more than 13,500 affordable homes has been lost in the last four years, and is calling on Government to scrap permitted development rules. Read more about how the LGA wants councils to have a vital say on new developments - <https://www.local.gov.uk/lga-over-13500-affordable-homes-lost-through-office-conversions>

## **8. COUNCILLOR ESSENTIALS TRAINING DATES ANNOUNCED**

The following dates are earmarked for Councillor Essentials Training. I would like to hold them across the county so if you think your council could host a session, please get in touch. To kick off the new year, the first session, on 26<sup>th</sup> February will be held in Cromford at our office. Costings : up to 3 free of charge places for enhanced members and £50 per delegate for standard membership.

Dates: 26<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 24<sup>th</sup> November.

## **9. IT'S SPRING AT LAST! DALC'S SEMINAR LINE-UP ANNOUNCED**

With a new venue ([www.alfretonhall.com](http://www.alfretonhall.com)) ready to host us on March 12<sup>th</sup>, we've now finalised our speaker line-up for the day. Topics range from how Whaley Bridge Town Council coped with the recent dam collapse, to how communities can help tackle loneliness with events like The Big Lunch. We'll also have expert speakers on subjects such as how to engage young voters, new Age UK initiatives to help the elderly, and tips and advice on NALC's award scheme. In addition, we'll have a wide range of exhibitors, and – of course – an excellent lunch! Delegate places for the full day (0930-1545) cost £55 – we hope to see you there!

**Wendy Amis**

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