

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2012**

Present: Cllrs Barnett, Watson, Hardwick, Payne, Peacock, Soudah,
D Staton, P Staton,
5 Members of the public
PC Chris Bannister

157/2012 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Dale, Fretwell

158/2012 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

159/2012 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

160/2012 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

i) A representative of Swanwick Residents Association gave an update of the situation with the Crematorium Application, he has spoken to AVBC who have requested funding for a 'need' survey. This will be outsourced because of the scope. AVBC have received 600 letters against the application and only 9 in support. SRA are being reformed, and they feel there is a need to employ a planning consultant, preliminary discussion has taken place with the consultant engaged by Thorntons. A 'brief' previously distributed to the Parish Council, would be the way forward, to argue against the application, and then a more detailed document on the need assessment.

The work could cost in the region of £6-7K. SRA do have funds (£600) and will use these towards the first piece of work.

Cllr Soudah felt that the central point rests on 'need' in EN5 and that the question of need should be assessed independently as AVBC's need assessment is being funded by Memoria.

SRA also felt that AVBC have concerns about the Local Plan currently being worked on, the whole principle of planning has changed to enabling rather than prescriptive.

ii) A gentleman referred to the National Planning Policy Framework, and he has been to see the MP, he also expressed his concerns that AVBC are not following government guidelines. Replies are not forthcoming to emails sent, he may request some information under Freedom of Information Act.

iii) Another gentleman read out a planning application which is also against Local Plan.

160.2012.1 Members Observations:

Cllr Watson has been sending emails with regards to South Street Recreation Area, and the response was read out. Cllr Watson would like to represent the Parish Council at a meeting with AVBC. Cllr Watson felt that local residents should be consulted; to give ownership. What would it take for the Parish Council to take over the piece of land; there is a question of ownership of the path.

Cllr Soudah – Chestnut Way – street nameplates missing

Cllr Barnett – Western Avenue /Palmer Drive – street nameplates missing

Cllr Watson – Sleetmoor Lane – Grit Bin to be resited to Lark Hill
Cllr P Staton – Charcoal Grill – very unsightly

160.2012.2 Police/Crime Prevention

There has been no increase in burglaries, there have been incidences of graffiti at Crays Hill.

There have been problems with motor scooters on Western Avenue/New Street, these are all legal, so the police are unable to do anything about it, but they do stop and check them regularly.

Cllr Peacock raised the matter of someone following young girls and intimidating them, she did report this to the police at the time.

Thanks were given to PC Bannister who then left the meeting.

161.2012.3 Representations or Evidence from Members Declaring a Prejudicial Interest

None

162/2012 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL HELD 15 MARCH 2012 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of Full Council held on 15 March 2012 be received.

163/2012 MINUTES OF SUB COMMITTEES

None

164/2012 PLANNING MATTERS

164.2012.1 Planning Applications:

AVA/2012/0272 Single storey extensions to front and rear at 37 Blisworth Way Swanwick - no objections

AVA/2012/0298 Replacement of existing entrance porch with 4mx3m (internal) kitchen extension at 21 Crays Hill Leabrooks – no objections

AVA/2012/0307 Attached garage at 5 Caernarfon Close Swanwick – no objections

AVA/2012/0318 Application for variation of condition 7 of previously approved AVA/2011/0083 at 63 Crays Hill Leabrook – no objections

AVA/2012/0042 Fell Oak Tree (T3) at 9 Buckingham Close Swanwick - no objections

AVA/2011/1199 Construction of new crematorium together with associated highway works, car park, garden of remembrance and provision of land for natural burial at Land to the East of Derby Road Swanwick. This is a departure from the Development Plan – update
This will probably go to June Planning Committee.

164.2012.2 Planning Decisions:

AVA/2012/0113 Extension to lounge area by re-positioning of external wall beneath ground floor roof canopy at 15 Stoneleigh Way Swanwick – PERMITTED

AVA/2012/0064 Extension to rear of property plus summer house in garden at 36 Hickton Road Swanwick – PERMITTED

AVA/2012/0131 Single storey extension to rear at 186 Derby Road Swanwick – PERMITTED

AVA/2012/0289 Demolition of caretakers house and construction of new sports hall, and the demolition of existing gymnasium building and reinstatement of landscaping at Swanwick Hall School – PERMITTED

TRE/2012/0017 Fell Norway Maple Tree at 52 Broadway Swanwick - PERMITTED

165/2012 Amber Valley Local Development Framework

Notes have now been received from the meeting, although it was felt that the notes did not really reflect the level of discussion of the issues, and we would probably not get recommendations until much later.

A list of other agents involved has been asked for under Freedom of Information.

166/2012 CLERKS REPORT

166.2012.1 Neighbourhood Plan

An advert has been placed in the press, website and newsletter. The Plan does not give scope to determine general land use, most saw it as a mechanism to stop development, it is not, but can influence the look and type.

166.2012.2 Let The Games Begin 20 May 2012

Games event being held in Swanwick between 10 and 12 noon, then moves onto Ripley Leisure Centre.

166.2012.3 Pentrich Road Bus Shelter – repair has been organised.

166.2012.4 Dates for Executive and Community Sports & Activity - 10 May 2012 prior to Annual Parish Meeting.

167.2012.5 Swanwick Well Dressing Celebration 12 May 2012

Six wells are being dressed this year, each well will mark a decade of the Queen's reign.

167/2012 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair has attended Alfreton Town Council's civic service, very well attended and pleasant afternoon.

An invitation has been received from Swanwick School & Sports College to attend ' an Olympic torch being brought by cyclists.

168/2012 MATTERS FOR DECISION

168.2012.1 Application for Funding a Planning Consultant

Following the earlier presentation for the above, the Parish Council discussed the case for a consultant, a document of the proposed brief having being previously circulated. There is a wish to pursue the question of need, the robustness of the current planning policy and its restrictions, need to look at burial authorities surrounding Swanwick, demographic demands and the capacity of existing services.

RESOLVED:

To commission an independent consultant, to encompass within the brief the above. That due to the timescales involved, to engage the consultant that Swanwick Residents Association have had preliminary discussion with.

The Parish Council and the Residents Association to work together and keep all informed of progress.

169/2012 CIRCULARS & CORRESPONDENCE were received.

ClIr Soudah asked that the Changes in Employment Law be noted.

170/2012 ACCOUNTS

170.2012.1 To approve urgent payments made to the following:

Date	Cheque No	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
11.04.2012	003066	Caretaker	Wages	423.85
11.04.2012	003067	Caretaker	Wages	418.65

RESOLVED:

That the urgent payments be approved.

170.2012.2 To approve payments to the following:

Date	Cheque No	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
19.4.2012	003068	DALC	Subscription	704.26
19.4.2012	003069	New Leaf landscapes	Plants/topsoil mem garden	300.00
19.4.2012	003070	S Leighton	Clerks sal 781.60, post 8.79, ext cable 36.98, printer ink 77.94, paper 4.50, advert 129.36	1039.17
19.4.2012	003071	New Leaf landscapes	Garden Contract Payment 1	1074.87

That the payments be approved.

170.2012.3 Income received since last meeting: nil

171/2012 PRESS RELEASE

Well Dressing Activities

172/2012 CONFIDENTIAL SESSSION

Meeting Closed at 9.00pm

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