

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2011**

Present: Cllrs Barnett, Watson, Dale, Fretwell, Hardwick, Payne, King, Peacock, Soudah, D Staton, P Staton

Also present PC Mark Stokoe, DC Cllr Wilson arrived at 7.30pm.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

59/2012 ALLEN KING – APPLICATION FOR CO-OPTION

Allen King was voted in as a co-opted councillor, with 1 abstention.

PC Stokoe rejoined the meeting

NON CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

60/2012 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr King signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

61/2012 APOLOGIES

All Councillors were present

62 /2012 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair sought the Members' permission to bring forward item 12.2

Alcohol Free Zones to Public Speaking.

63/2012 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Fretwell and Peacock declared a prejudicial interest in Item 7 Swanwick School & Sports College.

Cllr King declared a personal interest in Item 9 Proposed Memorial Park and Crematorium.

64/2012 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

64.2012.1 Public Speaking

Alcohol Free Zones - PC Stokoe informed the meeting that there are some alcohol free zones, but they lack the signage needed to make them enforceable. He would check with AVBC and get Dawn Lawrence to contact the Parish Council and he would also discuss signage with her.

High Street seems to be an area where youngsters congregate.

The question was asked if the All Weather Pitch could become an alcohol free zone, with it being on private land. PC Stokoe said that he believed it could, as alcohol free zones can only apply to outside area not inside buildings.

Sleetmoor Lane Speeding – motorbikes have been caught speeding down Sleetmoor Lane, PC Stokoe would contact colleagues about speed equipment.

Crays Hill seems to be a lot better lately, 6 children have received letters about their behaviour and patrols have been redirected there because of this behaviour. 4 children have received £30 tickets regarding brakes/reflectors etc. Parents have been supportive of this action. It is not illegal to not wear a helmet – many schoolchildren don't wear helmets. The police will print leaflets on road safety and take these into the schools.

Police issued 80 tickets a few weeks ago, for motorists using mobile phones, not wearing seat belts and so on.
Scooters don't come under legislation unless they are used on the carriageway.

Parking, Pentrich Road – most parking powers have been taken away from the police, however, warning notes have been left on some cars. The Civic Enforcement Officers' have also attended this area.

The Chair thanked PC Stokoe for his attendance, and he left the meeting.

Derbyshire County Councillor David Wilson

Spoke about Sleetmoor Lane and his requests for police to attend regarding speeding vehicles.

Cllr Wilson is putting £1300 into a kids/bicycles project – this is being run through the police force, and he doesn't want Swanwick children to be left out. The course teaches children cycle maintenance/road safety – children don't have to have a bike, if they complete the course they will be given one. The Police are administering this course and advertising it. The question was asked if the money could be used to fund helmets, which is very important.

Housing Options for Growth – Cllr Wilson informed the meeting that he would represent Swanwick's views at County Council.

Proposed Crematorium – Cllr Wilson would be attending the exhibition tomorrow and he asked to be advised of the Parish Council's decision when it is made.

The Chair thanked Cllr Wilson for his attendance and he left the meeting.

Members Observations:

Cllr Fretwell asked about future meetings being held at Swanwick School & Sports College.

Questions were also asked about the response to the Parish Council's letter to AVBC regarding Swanwick Hall Cricket Club, as yet a response has not been forthcoming. It was decided to contact Cllr Jack Brown to see if he could initiate some response.

64.2012.2 Police/Crime Prevention

Discussed in public speaking.

64.2012.3 Representations or Evidence from Members Declaring a Prejudicial Interest

None.

65/2012 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL HELD 15 SEPTEMBER 2011 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of Full Council held 15 September be received.

66/2012 MINUTES OF SUB COMMITTEES

66.2012.1 Minutes of Environment Committee held 15 September 2011

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of Environment Committee be received.

66.2012.2 Minutes of Community Events Committee held 13 October 2011

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of Community Events Committee be received.

66.2012.3 Minutes of Public Relations and Information Committee held 13 October 2011

That the Minutes of Public Relations and Information Committee be received.

67/2012 PLANNING MATTERS

67.2012.1 Planning Applications:

TRE/2011/0108 Poplar Tree (T1) remove one lower branch at 3 Prospect Gardens Swanwick – no objections

AVA/2011/0932 Proposed two storey side extension, front porch and single storey rear extension at 11 Broom Avenue Swanwick – no objections

AVA/2011/0715 Extension and change of use to retail to residential at 30-31 Pentrich Road Swanwick – no objections

DCC – letter regarding removal and replacement of highway trees near 2 Larkhill Close Swanwick. Cllr P Staton has visited site and confirms that the trees need removing as they are endangering the foundations of the building, but he would like to know what the intended replacements are to be. – No objections but request information regarding replacements.

Nexcommunications – proposed memorial park & crematorium, Derby Road, Swanwick – pre application community consultation at The Old School House 21 October 2011 from 3.30pm-7.30pm

The Clerk informed Council that 1027 letters have been sent to residents by Nexcommunications. A lot of residents thought the proposal was for Lily Street Farm, the Clerk showed Council a map of the site requested from Nexcommunications (it is the middle field between Sleetmoor Lane and Colliery Road).

Councillors should attend the exhibition if they can, but must not give an opinion or answer the questionnaire.

RESOLVED:

To consider the Council's position on the 'pre-application consultation' at the next meeting in November.

67.2012.2 Planning Decision Notices:

AVA/2011/0667 Agricultural Prior Notification – Proposed new building for fodder, machinery and cattle at Butterfield Farm High Street Swanwick – PERMITTED

AVA/2011/0396 Conversion of storage building to single dwelling at Matkin Butchers 56 Derby Road Swanwick –WITHDRAWN

AVA/2011/0737 To erect a rear conservatory – PD Rights removed on previous application condition 3 of AVA/2011/0179 at 8 Pentrich Road Swanwick – PERMITTED

Swanwick School & Sports College – All Weather Pitch – planning enforcement issues – the Clerk has again been in contact with DCC

regarding the height of the lights (planning permission states these are 10m) it is thought that they are 12m. The Clerk would continue to pursue this.

68/2012 CLERKS REPORT

68.2012.1 Swanwick School & Sports College – letter received from the new Headteacher regarding the All Weather Pitch and the completion, and also about the Management Committee.

68.2012.2 Clerks' Network 29 September 2011 – the clerk had attended this meeting at AVBC, discussions included Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations, provisions for bad weather ie. gritting, vulnerable people. There is a training session at DCC on Monday 24 October for DCC snow wardens', a request has been received via Cllr Soudah for a grit bin on Buckfast Close. The Clerk has been to see the resident who would be willing to organise some snow clearing in that area but is unable to attend training. The Clerk asked the meetings permission to attend this training.

68.2012.3 Executive Committee Meeting to be held 3 November 2011 – all to note

68.2012.4 Community Sports & Activity Committee Meeting to be held 3 November 2011 – all to note.

69/2012 CHAIRS REPORT

The Chair reported that there has been a few problems with the Memorial Garden on South Street lately. The neighbour is lifting up the fence panel and letting their dog(s) use the garden as exercise/toilet area. The Chair has contacted Futures Housing about this problem and they would look into it.

The Clerk had visited earlier this week and put the fence panel back down again.

The Chair asked that 'open and closing' times of the garden should be signed as well as 'no dogs'.

The Chair mentioned the Remembrance Service arrangements for 13 November.

RESOLVED:

To put up a sign prohibiting dogs and displaying the open/close times of the garden.

70/2012 MATTERS FOR DECISION

70.2012.1 Steampacket Inn, Derby Road Swanwick – sale of property

The structural survey had been carried out and circulated amongst the Councillors, the results of which they discussed. From the discussion came out: Is there a financial case for purchasing the pub, accommodation costs now are not very high. Are the Parish Council clear why they want to buy it?, is it to provide a car park at the centre of the village. There has got to be a desire and commitment towards buying it. 9 Councillors voted against purchasing, 2 Councillors abstained.

RESOLVED:

In light of the structural report being inconclusive, the Parish Council are withdrawing from making an offer on the property.

70.2012.2 Alcohol Free Zones

Discussed previously

70.2012.3 Request for help with payment of costs of printing Housing Options Leaflets, cost of printing £262.50.

RESOLVED:

To pay the total cost, as this is a parish wide issue.

70.2012.4 Amber Valley School Sports Partnership – request for Section 137 Funding of £500.00

RESOLVED:

That the Community Sports & Activity Committee receive the presentation at their meeting and bring recommendation back to Full Council.

71/2012 CIRCULARS & CORRESPONDENCE were received.

Circular 43/2011 The Bribery Act – Cllr Dale spoke to the Council about the Bribery Act and how it might affect the Councillors. The Parish Council have to be aware and receive training on this issue, amongst others. Cllr Dale quickly touched on the Employment Rules, soon to be distributed.

72/2012 ACCOUNTS

72.2012.1 To approve urgent payments made to the following:

Date	Cheque No	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
15.9.2011	002997	HM Revenue & customers	Qtr 2 Tax & NI	1237.63
4.10.2011	002998	Caretakers	Wages	424.05
4.10.2011	002999	S Leighton	Sep sal 781.60, postage 13.66, ink cartridges 50.96, stationery 15.20	861.42
4.10.2011	003000	Caretaker	Wages	630.61
6.10.2011	003001	Erskine Hurt	Structural report	570.00

RESOLVED:

That the urgent payments be approved.

72.2012.2. To approve payments to the following:

Date	Cheque No	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
25.10.2011	003002	L Barnett	Reimbursement for clay for wells	109.82
25.10.2011	003003	Broadbents Solicitors	Professional Fees – the Green Car Park	332.00
25.10.2011	003004	New Leaf landscapes	Grounds Maint Contract 4 th Payment	1049.87
25.10.2011	003005	M Barnett	Honorarium Memorial Garden	80.00
25.10.2011	003006	S'ick Church of England Girls School Trust	Room Rent for Old School House	195.00
25.10.2011	003007	AVBC	Election costs	3183.51

That the payments are approved.

72.2012.3 Income received since last meeting: Precept £57,250.00

73/2012 PRESS RELEASE

Facts about the Proposed Crematorium

Cllr Fretwell passed on Members' thanks to Cllr Hardwick for getting to grips with the web site.

Meeting Closed at 9.22pm

Signed.....

