

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2013**

Present: Cllrs Watson, Barnett, Briggs, Dale, Fretwell, Hardwick, King, Payne, Soudah,
P Staton,
5 Members of the public, PCSO Richard Plant

126 /2013 APOLOGIES

None needed

127/2013 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

128/2013 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

129/2013 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

129.2013. 1 Public Speaking

Mr Briggs of Derby Road spoke about AVBC's Core Strategy and he has asked under Freedom of Information for a copy of the core strategy which is currently being prepared.

Ripley's Neighbourhood Plan registration is now on Amber Valley's website as an emerging plan, there is not a single neighbourhood plan in the country yet; there is no other neighbourhood forum. If the Parish Council are not driving the plan, there needs to be a forum of 21 people to put together a plan, this number does not apply if Parish Council driven.

He felt that the Parish Council should reassess the assistance from Planning for People. He urged the Parish Council to register their emerging plan.

Mrs Hall asked about the progress with the High Street traffic situation. This would be placed on the agenda next month.

Mr Hall spoke about the excellent Christmas lights in 2012, and asked that we look further at the approaches to the village.

Members Observations:

Cllr P Staton commented on the new gymnasium at Swanwick Hall School, he felt that the Planning committee should be reinstated.

Cllr Briggs spoke about the parking at the end of Broadway on both sides and some cars are now obstructing the footway.

Cllr Soudah asked if photographic evidence of obstruction would be enough to gain a fine.

Cllr Payne asked the Clerk about cleaning out the Well area, the Clerk said that this was in hand.

Cllr Dale spoke about the fantastic facility with the new gymnasium at Swanwick Hall School, this had been approved by the Secretary of State.

Cllr Barnett spoke about the speeding on Pentrich Road, and exiting New Street, there are problems with visibility and wondered if a 'mirror' would be a good initiative.

Cllr Fretwell accepted both points about the gymnasium, but felt that the original application was on the 'old' footprint, but this is now not the case.

The Parish Council should be more vigilant in future with planning applications.

129.2013.2 Police/Crime Prevention

PCSO Plant said that currently there is very little anti social behaviour in Swanwick, there have been a few sneak in burglaries, and door to door sales – these must have ‘pedlars’ licences, and the public should be vigilant and request sight of a licence.

Cllr King spoke about speeding motorbikes on the yellow brick road, they are using DCC footpaths as well. Speeding is also occurring on Sleetmoor Lane, and he would request that the police mount a speed check on there.

Enquiries should be made about the ‘volunteer’ speed camera operations, and also about a VAS (Vehicle Activate Sign).

The Council thanked PCSO Plant for his attendance.

129.2013.3 Representations or Evidence from Members Declaring a Prejudicial Interest

None

130/2013 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL HELD 17 JANUARY 2013

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of Full Council held on 17 January 2013 be received.

131/2013 MINUTES OF SUB COMMITTEES

131.2013.1 Minutes of the Community Events Committee held 7 February 2013

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Community Events Committee held 7 February 2013 be received.

132/2013 PLANNING MATTERS

132.2013.1 Planning Applications:

AVA/2012/1163 Kitchen Extension at Swanwick Methodist Church, Derby Road, Swanwick – no objections

CD6/O113/138 Provision of new single storey 5 bay modular accommodation block giving a building footprint of 157sqm. Associate attached external canopy area to allow enclose secure covered area giving a footprint of 23sqm, at Swanwick School & Sports College, Hayes Lane Swanwick for DCC. - discussion took place regarding the access/egress and the increase in volume in traffic, what is the number of car park spaces per size of school or ratio of pupils.

The clerk would request further information from DCC about this application and defer the Parish Council’s comments until the next meeting.

132.2013.2 Planning Decisions:

AVA/2012/1115 Non material amendment to AVA/2012/0462 for removal of 2 chimneys at 42 Hickton Road Swanwick – PERMITTED

AVA/2012/1136 Extension/alterations to dwelling to form room above existing garage at 16 Lark Hill Swanwick – PERMITTED

AVA/2012/1108 Single storey facing brick ground floor extension with hipped tiled roof at 76 Hickton Road Swanwick – PERMITTED

AVA/2013/0046 Non material amendment for the repositioning of the garage for previously approved application AVA/2012/0461 AT 42 Hickton Road, Swanwick - PERMITTED

AVA/2013/0023 Non material amendment for previously approved application AVA/2011/0117, to remove garage doors and replace with a set of French doors and to provide further off road parking for additional vehicle at 75 Ashton Close Swanwick - PERMITTED

AVA/2012/1147 Installation of electric feeder pillar at Swanwick Hall School The Green Swanwick – PERMITTED

AVA/2012/1048 Renewal of Planning Permission Ref: AVA/2009/1005 Conversion of outbuildings into 3 no dwellings at Hill Top Mink Far Hayes Lane Swanwick –PERMITTED.

132.2013.3 Planning Application AVA/2009/0529 Problems with hedge abutting the allotments and St Andrews Court (off Ashton Close) – complaint from the allotment holders about residents pruning trees by gaining access to the allotment site. The clerk has request a visit from planning enforcement and also asked for information regarding the properties from the allotment holders.

132.2013.4 Working Party Update on **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. Following refusal the Applicant has appealed to the Planning Inspectorate (APP/M1005/A/12/2188880/NWF).

The Working Party has met a couple of times, and Cllr Soudah and John Briggs (SRA) have met with the Managers of the neighbouring crematorium, with the view to them producing a report to answer the issue of the waiting times etc. When completed the report would be forwarded to the Parish Council.

Cllrs Soudah, Watson and the Clerk along with a representative of SRA had attended a meeting at AVBC to exchange views.

There is a need for the Parish Council and Residents Association to represent themselves at the Inquiry and not to join with AVBC. AVBC will find it difficult to expand their case with any new reasoning as they are bound by the Minute of the Planning Committee. The Parish Council has a better opportunity to expand on this. Thorntons would be representing themselves.

Residents who have commented must be made aware that they can comment again, need to keep residents up to date with developments; key dates, a flyer should be put together and delivered, it might be a good idea to have a public meeting, so that all are aware of the process.

133/2013 Amber Valley Local Development Framework

Nothing to report.

134/2013 CLERKS REPORT

134.2013.1 Snow Warden – Gritting Gritting continues, the Parish Council have used 1 tonne of grit and have taken delivery of another tonne.

134.2013.2 The Green Car Park – dumping of trade waste - a local trader has been identified regarding dumping of trade waste in the recycling area, the Clerk had written to him and he had said he would make better arrangements for the disposal of his waste in future.

134.2013.3 South Street Play Area – the scheme has been agreed, quotations are currently being sought by AVBC for the work, and the work should commence in late spring/early summer.

134.2013.4 Letter from Councillor David Wilson regarding War Memorials – a response from Cllr Wilson had been received which stated the procedure regarding war memorials and the roll of honour. The Clerk would liaise with the Church and Mr Naden.

134.2013.5 AVBC Fuel Poverty funding for replacement boilers – this is an initiative for people with low savings and/or on benefit.

134.2013.6 Mr Parkin – email re: history club – write to Mr Parkin and ask him to put on a display at the Well Dressing, and contact Swanwick Hall School also, details of the group could be put in the next newsletter.

135/2013 CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair's Report was accepted, and Cllr Watson spoke about the neighbourhood plan, and a meeting to be held on 14 March 2013; this would hopefully establish the group (forum of 21 needed), to take the plan forward. The group must be a cross section of the community and not biased towards any one group. There is a need to register on the web site. Cllr Soudah said that the forum of 21 is only needed if it is a community led group, and this does not apply to Parish Council led plans.

136/2013 MATTERS FOR DECISION

136.2013.1 CREMATORIUM PLANNING APPEAL – APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION

The Parish Council has to have their statement of case sent to the Planning Inspectorate by 25 March 2013, Rule 6 status has been applied for.

There was a discussion about the appointment of a legal representative, some names have been put forward to the Parish Council, and one planning solicitor is being met with on 1 March to discuss the Council's needs. Cllr Soudah would put a brief together on behalf of the Parish Council. The legal representative needs to be engaged as soon as possible, a decision needs to be made due to time constraints, the Parish Council's Financial Regulations allow for this.

RESOLVED:

That the Chair, Cllr Soudah and the Clerk in agreement with, and approval of representatives of Swanwick Residents Association engage legal representation subject to their fees.

137/2013 CIRCULARS & CORRESPONDENCE were received.

138/2013 ACCOUNTS

138.2013.1 To approve urgent payments made to the following:

Date	Cheque No	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
17.1.2013	003173	AVBC	Election	4572.08
23.1.2013	003174	New Leaf landscapes	Winter bedding, bark mulch, labour, bulbs & planting	1105.00
5.2.2013	003175	Caretaker	Wages	424.85
5.2.2013	003176	S Leighton	Jan salary 796.04, gift 30.45, welfare 3.05, ink 28.00, stationery 2.50, mileage 5.52	865.56
5.2.2013	003177	Caretaker	Wages	805.73

RESOLVED:

That the urgent payments be approved.

138.2013.2 Income received since last meeting VAT reclaimed £8515.86

139/2013 PRESS RELEASE

Planning Inquiry and Neighbourhood Plan meeting.

140/2013 CONFIDENTIAL SESSSION

The Clerk left the meeting

140.2013.1 Employees' Rates of Pay 2013/14

RESOLVED:

The Rates of Pay for 2013/14 put forward by Councillor Dale were agreed.

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

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