

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2015**

Present: Cllrs Soudah, King, Barnett, Briggs, Dale, Fretwell, Payne, D Staton, P Staton

AVBCCllrs David Wilson & Stephen Hayes
145 Members of the Public
2 PCSOs'

123/2015 APOLOGIES

Councillors Adams & Hardwick

124/2015 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

125/2015 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Fretwell declared a prejudicial interest in planning application AVA/2014/1104 – as he rents office space from the applicant.

Members Observations: None

126/2015

126.2015.1 Police/Crime Prevention

There have been very few anti social behaviour orders (less than 5). There have been more thefts from unlocked cars and the public are asked to ensure that they remove valuables and lock their cars.

There was a question about the fencing at Swanwick Hall School and if there was a need for it. The police explained that the school has a duty to keep their pupils safe.

A drive had recently been obstructed by a lorry driver who claimed he had gone over his drivers hours, he did move. The householder should report these incidences to the police.

There were two personal attacks on New Years Eve – these are currently being investigated.

The subject of the crematorium traffic, some are carrying out dangerous manoeuvres, these should be reported to DCC and the Police at the time, with as much detail as possible.

The Police were thanked and they left the meeting.

126.2015.2 Representations or Evidence from Members Declaring a Prejudicial Interest

None

127/2015 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL HELD 15 JANUARY AND 29 JANUARY 2015

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of Full Council held on 15 January and 29 January 2015 be received.

128/2015 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

128.2015.1 Progress Report

Cllr Soudah has met with Planning Aid today and there should be a draft ready by the end of February, beginning of March, which the consultant is currently working on. Consultation should commence in March. The draft plan will be on our website/on the newsletter and on AVBC's website also.

129/2015 CLERK'S REPORT

129.2015.1 Clerks spring seminar 26 March 2015

The clerk expressed a wish to attend this.

RESOLVED:

To allow the clerk to attend this course.

129.2015.2 Social Centre High Street

There have been concerns expressed over the condition of the building. The Clerk has reported this to AVBC Enforcement Officer who has in turn passed this over to Building Control, who has contacted the clerk regarding the Social Centre contact details. These have been passed on.

129/2015.3 AVBC Whole Council Elections – see attached draft letter. This has been sent to Derbyshire Association of Local Council's for their comments, these have not been forthcoming.

RESOLVED:

To send the letter to AVBC.

130/2015 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's Report was received; there have been a number of complaint regarding the Amber Valley Memorial Park and traffic issues, seating, car parking. Problems should be reported direct to Memoria or the Police respectively.

The Village Hall Working Party is looking for volunteers to help with project management, grants, finances. The Parish Council have been trying to negotiate with AVBC to get a community building on their land, but have had an approach from landowners to buy a piece of land.

Whole Council elections – AVBC proposed a parish election this year and then next year as well to bring them in line with AVBC (if whole council elections are agreed upon). Swanwick Parish Council have suggested this would be too expensive.

131/2015 VILLAGE HALL PROJECT (update)

The Parish Council have accumulated reserves for a community facility or village hall, and the initial consultation meetings for the neighbourhood plan raised this also. Last year SPC were told of Andrews Builders closing, and the site would be ideal for a community facility. The Parish Council have been approached by the directors to purchase the land at a cost of £500K. Negotiations are taking place and we have acquired the land subject to contract. Details are currently being discussed. The clerk and the Chairman would complete the necessary paperwork to borrow £500,000 from the Public Works Loan Board, to meet the purchase price.

Cllr Dale expressed a desire to sit on the working group.

RESOLVED:

To apply for outline planning permission, and to authorise the Clerk to approach at least three architects for design proposals for the development to include a Village Hall with ancillary units and car parking.

132/2015 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

132.2015. 1 Public Speaking

The public speaking mainly dealt with the proposed development of Lily Street Farm as follows:

There are problems with AVBC Core Strategy – there has been a change of emphasis at AVBC, what made Lily Street unsuitable, has been overturned to now make it suitable to be included, which concerns many residents.

There is a decline in farmland birds, we are fortunate to have declining species of birds in our village. Is there any survey or evidence to substantiate this – if so this should be stated in the comments.

The site was prime agricultural land in the past but over the last 20 years the condition has deteriorated.

A concern is the infrastructure – it is unsuitable for housing, developers have put the school at the entrance to the site.

As the application is outline for the road layout, will there be a conflict for facilities, there is a recognisable centre at the moment, will this development make Swanwick a suburb of Swanwick. The facilities are only promises at this stage.

The airstrip at Swanwick means that planes could come very low directly over the buildings.

If the proposed Owen Taylor houses is submitted, the foothold will spread, is it the domino effect.

1600 houses (Swanwick, Outseats Farm and Wingfield Road) will mean a lot of vehicles in a small area on already extremely busy roads.

The farm has many wild birds and bats – these will all be affected.

Prior to the last election, the sites for housing in AVBC were in different areas.

AVBC Core Strategy has been suspended while they find their five years supply. Derby Road and Lily Street were out of the Strategy in 2012, the developer put half of the site forward for a business park but this was rejected by AVBC, now it is half housing, half business. Officers at AVBC said that sites should not go forward but was overruled by the deputy leader of the Council. AVBC are letting communities down, they are opportunistic and speculative.

The Parish Council should reconfirm the mandate from 2011 on housing, and should object in the strongest possible terms.

Councillor Roberts Briggs had previously circulated draft objections, Cllr King thanked him for his hard work on the draft.

There is a need to reference other documents, and the Parish Council would add to the letter any other points raised above.

Emails and comments have been received by the Parish Council, and the parish council has consistently objected to development of this site.

The Secretary of State could be approached to call in the application.

AVBC hope to take the application to the planning board on 23 April, if approved, there is a three week period for the Secretary of State to overturn the decision.

Borough Councillors were asked if they could get the Scrutiny Committee to have it referred.

There was a question about the traffic attending the crematorium, complaints should be referred to the Police and DCC, or Memoria.

A number of members of the public left the meeting.

133/2015 PLANNING MATTERS

133.2015.1 Planning Applications:

AVA/2014/1154 Outline application for the erection of a maximum of 55,000 sqm of employment floorspace comprising B1 (20,000 sqm max), B2 (15,000 sqm max) and B8 (20,000 sqm max) uses, a hotel (C1) (80 bedrooms max), public house / restaurant (A4/A3) (1,250 sqm max), a creche (D1) (600 sqm max), a local retail store (A1) (500 sqm max). a community / medical plot (0.1 HA max), a maximum of 600 dwellings (C3), a primary school (D1) (1.0 HA max), public open space, playing fields (with changing rooms), highway and drainage infrastructure, and the demolition of a dwelling and outbuildings, including points of access onto Derby Road constructed in accordance with drawing numbers ITM9036-GA-002 Rev F and ITM9036-GA-005 Rev D (Not reserved). This application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement. (This is a departure from the Local Development Plan) at Lily Street Farm, Swanwick.

RESOLVED:

To object in the strongest possible terms, taking comments from the public. To request that the Secretary of State Call In the application.

Planning application for Owen Taylor site at bottom of Sleetmoor Lane, Swanwick. As yet the application has not been validated.

AVA/2014/1104 Extension and conversion of stables and construction works to create a managers dwelling and use of stable yard as garden at Butterley Grange Derby Road Ripley (This represents a departure from the adopted development plan). – Object as green belt, and a departure from the adopted development plan).

The Chairman extended standing orders to conclude the business on the agenda.

AVA/2014/1138 Demolition of existing property and redevelopment of site for the erection of one detached dwelling and garaging at 237 Sleetmoor Lane Swanwick – no objections

AVA/2014/1142 Conversion of two storey outbuilding into residential property at 28 The Green Swanwick – no objections

AVA/2015/0019 Proposed single storey and rear extension at 15 Brackendale Road Swanwick – no objections

AVA/2014/1136 Proposed conversion of existing garage into office accommodation at 200 Derby Road Swanwick – no objections

AVA/2015/0075 Erect 2 storey side extension with new screen walls, provide access for off street parking at 7 Horton Close Swanwick – no objections.

133.2015.2 Planning Decisions:

Planning Decision Notices:

CD6/1014/89 Erection of 2400mm high steel weldmesh boundary fence, automated sliding vehicular access gate, erection 1Nr 600mm high CCTV camera pole and rebuilding site boundary brick walls at Swanwick Hall School Derby Road Swanwick - permission granted subject to conditions

AVA/2014/0947 Erection of new storeroom to the rear of the building and reconfigure the existing metal staircase at Booth's Convenience Store, 70 Derby Road, Swanwick - PERMITTED

133.2015.3 THE LOCAL PLAN (Core Strategy)

Part 1 of the Amber Valey Borough Council Local Plan – still in suspension.

133.2015.4 AVA/2013/0891 Outline application with all matters reserved for the redevelopment of part of Asher Land Business Park to provide up to 80 residential dwelling incorporating open space, access and landscaping (Plots 47-54 are proposed with the Green Belt, this aspects represents a Departure from the Adopted Development Plan - still part of the proposals for the Core Strategy.

133.2015.5 AVA/2011/1199 – Land East of Derby Road – Crematorium and Burial Ground site –

Reported earlier in the meeting.

134/2015 CIRCULARS & CORRESPONDENCE were received.

135/2015 ACCOUNTS

135.2015.1 To approve urgent payments made to the following:

Date	Cheque No	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
5.2.2015	003422	Caretaker	Wages	1226.82
5.2.2015	003423	S A Leighton	Sal 903.15, stamps 3.72, ink & stationery 72.00, nhp refreshments 7.70, mileage 6.90,	993.47
			TOTAL	2220.29

That the urgent payments be approved.

135.2015.2 To approve payments to the following:

Date	Cheque No	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
19.2.2015	003424	New leaf landscapes	Supply bedding, repair bench, clear brambles, cut hedge	300.00
19.2.2015	003425	Planning with People	Neighbourhood plan work	800.00
19.2.2015	003426	HMRvenue & Customs	Tax & NI Qtr1, 2, 3	3237.25
19.2.2015	003427	Leisure lites	Removal of Christmas lights, new decoration & equipment	3336.00
19.2.2015	004328	Iansprint	Copying	26.53
			TOTAL	7699.78

135.2015.3 Income received since last meeting: Nil

135.2015.4 Bank Reconciliation & Budget Update– Was received

136/2015 WEBSITE INFORMATION ARISING FROM MEETING

The police advice on leaving cars unlocked with valuables in.

Meeting Closed at 9.38pm

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