

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY 16 February 2017**

**Present:** Cllrs Adams, Barnett, Davies, King, Payne & Soudah

**Members of the Public**

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

Rob Castledine

John Briggs

AVBC Cllr David Wilson (Part meeting)

Les Herbert

Paul Dawe

**296/2017 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Briggs

Absent Cllr Dale

**297/2017 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

**298/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**299/2017 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**299.1/2016 Public Speaking**

**Cllr David Wilson** had nothing to report to the Parish Council. The Chair asked Cllr Wilson to enquire about the reason for the refusal by the Planning Board at the meeting on 14 November 2016 of planning application AVA/2014/0804. The reason for the refusal appears in the minutes as

*RESOLVED That the application be refused due to insufficient information available on this date*

Cllr Wilson was asked to seek clarification specifically to identify the 'information that was not available on this date'.

Cllr Wilson left the meeting at 7.27pm

**Mr J Briggs** had four items

- 1 He updated the meeting on the programme/ timetable for the Amber Valley Local Plan 2016 and the public consultation.
- 2 Expressed concerned about the absence of representation from the Police.
- 3 Reported a further instance of a narrow wheelchair user once again travelling on the road during dusk without any lighting. This is an accident waiting to happen. The wheelchair user was not identifiable.
- 4 Finally, Mr Briggs asked whether the floral tubs on the roundabout at The Green/ Minster Way are going to be replaced. Since the removal of the wooden half barrels that had fallen apart, there was an increase of parking on the pavement.

**299.2/2017 Members' Observations:**

No Member observations

**299.3/2017 Police & Crime Prevention**

No Police representative was present. The statement issued by Inspector Pat Howitt, Amber Valley Section, Northern Division, was read to the meeting.

**299.4/2017 Representations or Evidence from Members Declaring a Prejudicial Interest**

None

**300/2017 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL HELD 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Cllr B Payne** asked for Minute 282/2017 to be corrected – Alfreton to read Ripley.

**RESOLVED:**

That the amended Minutes of Full Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be received as correct account of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

**Correction:** the last minute number on page 4 278/2016 to read 295/2017

**300/2017 PLANNING MATTERS**

**300.1/2017 Planning Applications**

No Planning Applications considered

**300.2/2017 Planning Decision Notices**

No Planning decision notices.

**300/2017 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report was presented by the Chair/ Clerk.

**300.1/2017 Newsletter Village Matters Feb 2017**

Members' attention was drawn to the new format of the newsletter. Thanks were offered to both Rob Castledine and Cllr Soudah for delivering the newsletters throughout the village.

**300.2/2017 Proposed closure of Alfreton Branch of Yorkshire Bank**

This branch is closing at the end of June, and over the counter transactions have been re-directed to the local Post Offices.

**RESOLVED:**

To retain the Parish Council account at the Derby branch of Yorkshire Bank and to conduct over the counter business through one of the local Post Offices with a review in 12 months.

**300.3/2017 DALC Subscription 2017-18**

There was little take-up of the training on offer by Members in the last year.

**RESOLVED:**

To authorise the Clerk to pay DALC the Subscription 1 rate of £740.13 for 2017-18.

### **300.4/2017 Non Domestic Rates 2016-17**

The rateable value of the remaining property at 76-80 Derby Road has been re-assessed and the 2010 Valuation List amended accordingly. A refund has been issued by Amber Valley Borough Council

### **300.5/2017 Land Registry Issues**

#### **300.5.1 Shirley Road Allotments**

Members were updated about Land Registry comments on the application to first register the allotments. There are minor overlaps with properties already registered.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To authorise the Clerk to agree the boundary with the current owners of the affected properties and to instruct solicitors to complete the registration process with Land Registry accordingly.

#### **300.5.2/2017 Nether Close Allotments**

In view of the costs incurred in registering the land and the administrative costs of managing these allotments, it is proposed to increase the rental per plot over the next three years and that tenancy agreements are issued for a period of three years 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To increase the rental of each of the plots of the Nether Close Allotments as follows:

<b>2017-18</b>	£10-00	<b>2018-19</b>	£15-00	<b>2019-20</b>	£20-00
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#### **300.5.3/2017 Brewster Memorial Gardens**

Following a reply from Amber Valley BC, the Parish Council's solicitor has been instructed to pursue the registration with Land Registry.

### **300.6/2017 Electricity Supplier**

#### **RESOLVED:**

To authorise the Clerk to enter into a 12/24 month contract for the supply of electricity with Haven Power Ltd

### **300.7/2017 Pentrich Revolution Way Boards**

The Clerk corrected the figures presented to Members to adjust the level of VAT chargeable to 20%. The quotation from an alternative supplier is still awaited.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To authorise the clerk to commit expenditure, subject to a maximum of £1200 on the supply and fit of a suitable way board to commemorate the Bicentennial anniversary the Pentrich Revolution.

### **301/2017 Chair's Report**

No report this month.

### **302/2017 Councillors' Updates**

**Cllr Brenda Payne** updated the meeting on planned Community events Well Dressing 2017 is on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Some resolution on a theme for the dressings was agreed. All arrangements are in hand.

**Cllr George Soudah** updated the meeting on the meeting of the Village Hall Working Party held the same evening prior to the PC Meeting. The

meeting discussed matched funding and the need for documentation to support any applications. The draft outline planning application and the planning application are ready subject to comments from Derbyshire Highways Planning Development. The proposal is to submit the outline planning application during March 2017. The need for exhibitions and customer surveys was briefly addressed.

**Cllr Paul Davies** reported on the steady increase of traffic on social media. Will use extracts from newsletter to feed social media pages.  
**Cllr Bruce Adams** suggested that when the replacement clerk is recruited, the duties should include maintenance of social media pages.  
**Cllrs Adams and Davies** to review the Parish Council website and report with proposals to the next meeting in March

**303/2017 Correspondence & Circulars (copies are available on the website)**

All circulars and correspondence were received.

**304/2017 ACCOUNTS**

**304.1/2017 RESOLVED: To approve urgent payments made to the following:**

Date	Cheque	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
10.01.17	3645	Bower & Broughton Ltd	Boiler repair	320.00
10.01.17	3646	Iansprint Ltd	Photocopy Mtg Papers	15.87
10.01.17	3647	LITE Ltd	Christmas Lights	1950.00
10.01.17	3647	LITE Ltd	Christmas Lights	468.00
26.01.17	3648	AVBC	Non-Domestic Rates	934.00
26.01.17	3649	LITE Ltd	Christmas Lights	16416.00
26.01.17	3650	Haven Power Ltd	Electricity Utility Dec 17	17.37
Cancelled	3651			0.00
31.01.17	3652	R Castledine	Wages Mth 10	1244.70
31.01.17	3653	HMRC	Tax & NI Mth 10	108.48
			<b>Total</b>	21474.42

**304.2/2017 RESOLVED: To approve payments to the following:**

To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
		0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	0

**304.3/2017 Income Received**

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

**305/2017 Bank Reconciliation**

**306/2017 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) 13 by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted'.

None

**307/2017 WEBSITE INFORMATION ARISING FROM MEETING**

None

**308/2017 Items for the next agenda**

**Cllrs Adams and Davies** to report with proposals for the revision to the website to the next meeting in March

**309/2017 Date of Next Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 @ 7.15pm at the Meeting Room at the rear of the Baptist Church, Derby Road**

Meeting Closed at 20.35

Signed: *G Soudah*

Date: *16 March 2017*