

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY  
20 JANUARY 2011**

**Present:** Cllrs P Staton, Fretwell, Payne, Soudah, D Staton, Thornton, Thorp, Walters  
6 members of the public

**89/2011 APOLOGIES**

Cllrs Barnett & McFall

**90/2011 INTRODUCTION OF CHRIS THORP and DENISE WATERS**

Chris Thorp and Denise Waters were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair; as the new co-opted Councillors.

**91/2011 SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE**

Cllrs Thorp and Waters signed their declaration of acceptance of position of co-opted Councillors.

**92/2011 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Chair sought the meetings permission to Bring Item 10.5 Swanwick School & Sports College forward to item 6.

The Chair sought to take an item brought to the meeting by Councillor Soudah under Confidential session.

**93/2011 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Fretwell declared a Prejudicial interest in item 6 he would speak about the item and he would leave the meeting.

Cllr Soudah declared a Personal interest in item 6 and he would remain in the meeting.

Cllr Payne declared a Personal interest in item 6 and she would remain in the meeting.

**94/2011 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**94.2011.1 Public Speaking**

**Swanwick School & Sports College (DCC – Planning Permission CD6/0409/1 The Delves School Hayes Lane)**

Councillor Soudah gave an overview of the situation for the benefit of Councillors and Members of the Public. It was the DCC Planners that stopped work on the pitch. Since then Cllrs McFall and Soudah have met with the Head of School and Governors to try and resolve the problems, and relocate the pitch. This was reported to Full Council in November, and since that time there has been very little movement on the application. A copy of the Council's reply to the 4 submissions was put in the newsletter, and we have received further information on 2 of the submissions, but not the other two.

Yesterday, some members of the Parish Council met on an informal basis with DCC Planning Enforcement; DCC Architect. The Head of School was unable to attend as was the Architects Agent. The Cllrs put a lot of probing questions and made it very clear that part of the development still fell outside of the red line, so did not fill planning conditions.

DCC informed that the DCC Planning Committee is to meet on 31 January 2011 to consider this matter, there might be a site meeting also. The Parish Council asked the Officers what their recommendation would be to the Committee, there were unable to answer this.

After the meeting the Officers were going to school to see the Head. A phone call from DCC was received on Thursday morning and then further information emailed to the Parish Council. There now seems to be a willingness to move forward by rotating the site of the pitch, it might be possible to get this inside the red line. A Section 73 Application may allow the pitch to be rotated. However this would require a commitment from Parish Council and residents that there would not be any objections. We were asked to guarantee this, but at this stage could not do so, we did however undertake to get general acceptance from residents.

What is the risk as far as Parish Council and residents are concerned, if we press for it to be turned down then DCC could well go ahead with the pitch where it is sited now. If we don't accept then stalemate. The concerns of DCC seem to be if a new application is brought then this could raise a different set of objections, and there is no guarantee that a new application involved the rotation of the pitch.

Cllr Fretwell spoke about the application and had met with some residents on 17.1.11 with Nigel Mills MP, DCCllr David Wilson and the Head. He had also visited the Ripley Mill Hill facility with Cllr P Staton, which was very impressive. He then showed the meeting a plan and illustrated how the changes could solve a lot of the planning issues. This is a better option than what is on the table at the moment. All need to be sure where the pitch will be,

The members of the public left the meeting along with Cllr Fretwell.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To send a letter welcoming the proposal to explore the rotation/relocation of the pitch and would be interested to see the detailed proposals contained within the red line planning consent, and residents have indicated general support to accept as a compromise solution; subject to seeing these detailed proposals for the alterations.

Cllr Fretwell rejoined the meeting.

#### **94.2011.2 Police/Crime Prevention**

Nothing to report.

#### **94.2011. 3 Representations or Evidence from Members Declaring a Prejudicial Interest**

Cllr Fretwell informed the meeting that the residents should not miss the opportunity to move the pitch; this would solve a lot of problems, and could possibly put the pitch inside the red line. The letter from DCC after discussion with the Head of School is very welcome.

#### **95/2011 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL 16 DECEMBER 2010**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of Full Council 16 December 2010 be received.

## **96/2011 MINUTES OF SUB COMMITTEES**

### **96.2011.1 Minutes of Planning Committee**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of Planning Committee 16 December 2010 be received, with the amendment to the minutes as follows:

*'This arose because an application for dropped kerbs had been given permission the **'day after'** (changed to the **'day before'**) a parish council meeting (4 weeks after the application was made), this had been queried by Cllr Soudah'*

### **96.2011.2 Minutes of Finance Committee**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of Finance Committee 13 January 2011 be received.

## **97/2011 CLERKS REPORT**

Clerks Progress Report was circulated.

## **98/2011 MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### **98.2011.1 THE GREEN CAR PARK**

The clerk has requested clarification from AVBC on a few issues, as per the report 8.1 of December 2010. A meeting has been arranged for 25 January 2011 to discuss with AVBC.

### **98.2011.2 OPEN GARDENS – PARISH COUNCIL AIDED YES/NO**

A discussion was held regarding open gardens, some Councillors would prefer this to stay within the Parish Council for insurance purposes, an initial meeting had been held, 15 invites had been sent, 3 people attended of which not all wanted to open their gardens. It might be a good idea to put Open Gardens on every other year?

#### **RESOLVED:**

Open Gardens will not take place this year.

### **98.2011.3 GRANT APPLICATION AMBER VALLEY ACCESS**

#### **RESOLVED:**

The clerk to ask them to submit an application at the appropriate time.

### **98.2011.4 2011/12 BUDGET AND PRECEPT**

The budget was agreed as per Finance and the Precept for 2011/12 would be £114,500.00.

## **99/2011 CIRCULARS were received.**

Particularly of interest was 59/2010 the Localism Bill, the Chair of Full Council encouraged the Chair of Planning to look at in relation to planning issues.

## **100/2011 ACCOUNTS**

### **were ratified as follows:**

2.12.10	2899	S A Leighton	nov sal 753.72, misc 28.68, stamps 32,58, ink cartridge 13.97	828.95
2.12.10	2900	St Andrews Church	Valuation evening grant	164.67
2.12.10	2901	S'ick Baptist Church	Valuation evening grant	164.67
2.12.10	2902	S'ick Methodist Church	Valuation evening grant	164.67

2.12.10	2903	New Leaf	Winter planting	1150.00
2.12.10	2904	Standard Industries	Stress testing	440.63
2.12.10	2905	New Leaf	Contract gardener	1025.00

**101/2011 PRESS RELEASE**

Precept

**102/2011 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

Under Standing Order 22, Cllr Soudah posed questions to the Chair and the Clerk regarding the All Weather Pitch.

**RESOLVED:**

The Chair, Vice Chair and the Clerk answered the questions posed by Cllr Soudah.

Meeting Closed at 8.55 pm      Signed.....