

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY 28 JULY 2011**

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

Also present PC Mark Stokoe and 7 Members of the Public

**33/2012 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Peacock

**34/2012 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

**35/2012 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Fretwell, Payne and Soudah all declared an interest in item 7, the Planning Application for Swanwick Hall School. Cllrs Fretwell and Payne would remain in the meeting. Cllr Soudah would leave the meeting.

**36/2012 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**36.2012.1 Public Speaking**

1. A lady is concerned about the following:

1.1 Parking on High Street, the yellow lines being abused, there are problems with buses using the street, she feels that this should be made one way.

The Clerk responded that this had been looked at by DCC a number of years ago, and there had been opposition to it by residents of High Street.

1.2 Condition of the play area at the rear of the Primary School. The Parish Council responded that the refurbishment of the play area is one of the objectives of the Parish Council.

1.3 Red Arrow bus not being allowed to stop when it chooses to come through Swanwick. The Parish Council responded that since de-regulation the choice of coming through Swanwick and picking up passengers is at the driver's discretion. It was agreed to put this matter on the next agenda.

1.4 Railings outside of the Steampacket – they are unsightly and need replacing or removing. What happened to the baskets that were on them. The Parish Council would write to DCC regarding the condition and the possible removal of them and the Parish Council are looking to reintroduce baskets as last year.

1.5 Derby Road South – she asked about the provision of some planters in that area. The Parish Council responded that there is a difficulty with planters in that area due to the need for it to be clear for drivers to be able to see properly.

1.6 Newsletter delivery – the lady said that she had lived in the village for a number of years and had never received a newsletter. The clerk responded that she had delivered to that area in the past.

1.7 Garden On The Green – there are the railings that are unsightly and should be removed. The Parish Council responded that it was an objective to get the railings removed, but there are concerns about possible theft and vandalism of plants.

2. Another lady was concerned that the recent Housing Options Consultation carried out by Amber Valley Borough Council was not publicised enough. Many people within the village were unaware that it was taking place and what future proposals were and how it might affect them. She asked if the Parish Council would be responding in writing to AVBC. The Parish Council responded by putting 25 August 2011 forward for An Open Meeting to be publicised around the village.

3. A gentleman asked about the rumour that the Steampacket Pub would be turned into a conference centre and offices, the pub is doing well although parking is not good. The Parish Council responded that at the present time a decision has not been made with regards to whether the property would be bought.

4. Steampacket Pub – The landlord of the Steampacket handed a petition against the Closure of the Steampacket Pub and also an anonymous letter against the closure, to the Parish Council.

### **36.2012.2 Police/Crime Prevention**

PC Stokoe confirmed to the meeting that the priorities are currently 'cyclists' who are receiving warnings and letters given to parents. Motorcyclists who are causing a nuisance are also being targeted – one has recently been crushed and the owner will go to court.

PC Stokoe was also made aware of another nuisance motorcyclist on High Street.

A question was asked about the powers of the police with parking, since this has been taken over by a private company. PC Stokoe informed the meeting that the police can only act when an obstruction is being caused at that time. The police has spoken to the owner of a large white van on Pentrich Road with regards to vehicle parking.

The Chair thanked PC Stokoe for attending the meeting.

### **36.2012.3 Representations or Evidence from Members Declaring a Prejudicial Interest**

Cllr Watson – Alcohol free zones within the village – particularly the All Weather Pitch and the centre of the village.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To put this on the next agenda

Cllr Payne – concerns about the condition of the footways on Butterfield Crescent and Broadway

Cllr Watson – concerns about the condition of the footway on Arlington Drive

Cllr P Staton – Playing Fields at Ripley – worried about the loss of amenities with the building of a new supermarket and also what the impact will be on Sainsbury's. Cllr Watson responded that at The Ripley Gateway there is already planning permission for light industrial use.

Cllr Soudah informed the meeting that there is an advert by Amber Valley Borough Council for the sale of land at Nottingham Road Ripley.

### **37/2012 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL HELD 16 JUNE 2011**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of Full Council held 16 June be received.

## **38/2012 MINUTES OF SUB COMMITTEES**

### **38.2012.1 Minutes of Environment Committee**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of Environment Committee held 16 June 2011 be received.

### **38.2012.2 Minutes of Public Relations & Communications Committee**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of Public Relations and Communications Committee held 16 & 23 June 2011 be received.

Cllr Soudah commented that he had not given apologies for the above committees held on 16 June, the clerk reported that the email he had sent had said meetings plural.

### **38.2012.3 Minutes of Community Event Committee**

That the Minutes of Community Event Committee held 23 June 2011 be received.

### **38.2012.4 Minutes of Community Sports & Activity Committee**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of Community Sports & Activity Committee held 23 June be received.

### **38.2012.5 Minutes of Executive Committee**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of Executive Committee held 7 July 2011 be received.

## **39/2012 PLANNING MATTERS**

### **39.2012.1 Planning Applications:**

**AVA/2011/0532** Proposing to install a 2.145mw CHP within our factory site, this will sit within a new compound within the corner of an existing car park Thornton's PLC Thornton Park Wimsey Way Somercotes Alfreton – no objections

**AVA/2011/0432** New Residential Unit on three floors, replacement main conference hall and enclosure of existing covered walkways (this is a departure from the Adopted Development Plan) at Hayes Conference Centre Hayes Lane Swanwick - no objections but concerns about the loss of trees and would like these replacing

**AVA/2011/0396** Conversion of storage building to single dwelling at Matkin Bros (Butchers) 56 Derby Road Swanwick Alfreton – no objections

#### **Cllr Soudah left the meeting**

**CD6/0611/32** Proposed installation of a wall mounted canopy at Swanwick Hall School Derby Road Swanwick – no objections

### **39.2012.2 Decision Notices Received:**

**AVA/2011/0406** proposed two storey extension to provide one bedroom with ensuite at 74 Hickton Road Swanwick – PERMITTED

**Amber Valley Borough Council** – Options for Housing Growth- Public Consultation (Swanwick 15 July 2011) – the comments have to be submitted by 30 September, the Chair confirmed that a public meeting would be held on 25 August 2011.

**Swanwick School & Sports College** – commencement of work on All Weather Pitch

#### **40/2012 CLERKS REPORT**

**40.2012.1** The clerk informed the meeting that she had been doing an inventory of items of street furniture missing or damaged.

The Clerk also present the Chair with a Certificate for Attending the 'Chair Person Training' at Hulland Ward on 16 July 2011.

#### **41/2012 CHAIRS REPORT**

'On Saturday 16 July I attended a Chairpersons Course at Hulland Ward Community Centre, it seemed a bit daunting at first but once we were all settled it was very interesting and certainly an eye-opener. It was also a chance to meet other Chairs/Councillors who were also new to being Chair Persons'.

Now as we begin our first main meeting we are all looking forward to another eventful year and I hope that myself and our Councillors and the Clerk will do our utmost to fulfil some or all of our projects to make Swanwick an even better place to live'.

#### **42/2012 MATTERS FOR DECISION**

**42.2012.1 Budget for Approval** – Cllr Fretwell spoke about this and the amendments made to the previous budget because of the new Council and Committees.

A query was made on the £10000 Community Centre Revenue (showing as spent) this has not been spent but moved to Reserves.

All Terms of Reference would be on the next Agenda for Approval.

#### **42.2012.2 Grant Applications:**

Applications have been received from the following organisations.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To award grants as follows:

Organisation	Amount awarded £
Swanwick Baptist Church	150.00
Swanwick Pre School	150.00
ADASC	150.00

Councillors queried why these had not been presented with the other grants at the June meeting. The clerk informed the meeting that they had not been submitted until after the due date.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To write to all and inform them that there is a deadline which needs to be kept, if late requests next year, then a grant may not be forthcoming.

#### **43.2012.3 Steampacket Inn, Derby Road Swanwick – sale of property**

There was a discussion which included the following comments:

Originally the Council had plans for a small sports hall, Valley CIDs space, Police Office, Welfare Facilities and Parish Council rooms. The Sale creates the possible opportunity to purchase a prime piece of land. Whether the Parish Council should take this opportunity has not yet been decided. Plans had been drawn up for a new building the extra plot of land required was not forthcoming from DCC due to the Building Schools

for the Future initiative. The pub site has been looked at by some Supermarkets.

It is in the middle of the village right opposite the church.

It is cheaper to stay where we are than move, there is no financial case to move forward, there is a pot of money, and all parties feel that it should be spent to the gain of the community. Need to find out what the community wants. What is the role of the Parish Council – is it to preserve the street scene, to find accommodation for other groups, need to ask others what facilities they need, it is not the Council's role to set themselves up in competition for accommodation.

Some residents are quite positive and the car park would be useful, the Parish Council could then be more visible, the Parish Council could have open surgeries.

The Steampacket needs to be looked at strategically with the future of the village.

A petition 'Against the Closure of the Steampacket Pub' was handed to the Chair, along with an anonymous letter about the future of the pub, the letter was read out.

**RESOLVED:**

That the report be received with Recommendation 2.1.

The prices from three structural engineers be obtained before going ahead with a survey, the clerk and three councillors to approve.

To discuss in more detail in the future.

**43.2012.4 Swanwick Hall Cricket Club** – letter request for an interest free loan of £10,000.

This was discussed, the Council was informed that the cricket club has a licence with AVBC and not a lease and has tenancy until December 2012.

The Cricket Club have asked for a longer term lease but this has not been forthcoming, if it was then the Club would be able to plan better in the long term, for improvements and finances.

**THE CHAIR SOUGHT THE MEETING'S PERMISSION TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO CONCLUDE BUSINESS.**

**RESOLVED:**

To write to AVBC to ask them to clarify the lease arrangements with the Cricket Club and press them for a 25 year lease.

**44/2012 CIRCULARS were received.**

**Circular 34/2011 Power Of Well Being Training**

Cllrs Dale, Barnett, Fretwell, D Staton, Watson, Payne expressed a wish to attend on 22 August 2011, Cllr Soudah expressed a wish to attend on 7 September 2011.

**RESOLVED:**

That the above Councillors attend the training.

## 45/2012 ACCOUNTS

45.2012.1 To approve urgent payments made to the following:

Date	Cheque No	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
16.6.11	002961	Douglas Design	Village Signs	4320.00
28.6.11	002963	DRCC	Playground Safety Course	60.00
7.7.11	002964	New Leaf Landscapes	Hanging baskets 3295.00, supply and spread of compost 350.00, planting Garden on the Green 625.00, Supply of summer bedding plants 2400.00.	6670.00
7.7.11	002965	HM Rev & Customs	Paye & NI Quarter 1	1155.83
14.7.11	002966	Caretaker	Wages for June	424.05
14.7.11	002967	Caretaker	Wages for June	674.10

### RESOLVED:

That the urgent payments be approved.

45.2012.2. To approve payments to the following:

Date	Cheque	To whom Payable	Reason	Amount
28.7.2011	002968	New Leaf Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance contract – 3 <sup>rd</sup> payment	1049.87
28.7.2011	002969	Ripley Morris Men	Well Dressing entertainment	150.00
28.7.2011	002970	S A Leighton	Salary for June 781.60, postage 26.26, ink cartridges 30.37, key cut 3.50	841.73
28.7.2011	002971	S'ick Old Peoples Centre	Grant aid	150.00
28.7.2011	002972	Friends of S'ick Primary	Grant aid	150.00
28.7.2011	002973	S'ick Methodist Church	Grant aid	150.00
28.7.2011	002974	S'ick Cricket Club	Grant aid	150.00
28.7.2011	002975	S'ick Pentrich Rd F.C.	Grant aid	150.00
28.7.2011	002976	St Andrew's Church	Grant aid	150.00
28.7.2011	002977	Swanwick Baptist Church	Room rent	105.00
28.7.2011	002978	Douglas Design	Relettering and refixing of signs	1944.00
28.7.2011	002979	M Barnett	Honorarium memorial garden	80.00
28.7.2011	002980	Cancelled	Error in the sum	
28.7.2011	002981	Toye Kenning & Spencer	Name Bar for Chain of Office	52.00
28.7.2011	002982	S'ick Church of England School Girls Trust	Room Rent for Old School House	195.00

### RESOLVED:

That the payments are approved.

**45.2012.3 Income received since last meeting: Nil**

**45.2012.4 Audit Commission – Conclusion of Audit 2010/11**

The Audit had been concluded and no comments had been received.

### 32/2012 PRESS RELEASE

Options for Housing Growth – public meeting date

Meeting Closed at 9.45pm Signed.....

