

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 16 March 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)

M Leister

P Kilminster

V Brown

310/2017 APOLOGIES

No apologies received

Absent Cllr Dale, Cllr Briggs

311/2017 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

312/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

313/2017 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

313.1/2016 Public Speaking

Cllr David Wilson reported that additional information about planning application AVA/2014/0804 can be obtained from the Planning Officer (RG). The application is subject to consideration by National Planning Casework Unit (NPCU). Cllr Wilson reminded the meeting that only County Councillor elections were due in May 2017. No seats in AVBC were due for election. He had nothing further to report to the Parish Council. Cllr Wilson left the meeting at 7.40pm

Mr J Briggs had four items

1 He updated the meeting on the timetable for public consultation on the Amber Valley Local Plan 2016. Consultation commences on 17 March and documents are available for examination at various locations.

2 Expressed concerned about the repeated failure of AVBC to plan for the numbers of people seeking to attend the Council Meeting; again there was overwhelming public interest in the meeting held on 1st March. Mr Briggs was excluded from the public gallery but was allowed to remain in the 'vault' to hear proceedings. **At 8.30pm the numbers in the public gallery reduced allowing others to enter. However the sound transmitted to the 'vault was turned off. Mr Briggs has registered a formal complaint with Amber Valley.**

3 **Noted the planning application to develop 'Woodland' on Derby Road was dismissed on appeal.**

4 Finally, Mr Briggs asked whether the parish council were aware of a pole being erected near the bus shelter at bottom of Crays Hill (Swanwick bound); rumour has it that the shelter was being removed.

Ms M Leister raised concerns about the road traffic accident that took place the previous Thursday on Derby Road at 6.30am. The pedestrian (refuse operative) is reported to have sustained severe injuries to leg, hip, pelvis and elbow. This raised concerns about the safety on Derby Road created by inconsiderate parking and speeding vehicles. It meant that emergency vehicles could not get through the traffic to attend the injured person. Ms Leister asked that the Parish Council report the accident to the relevant authorities.

Mrs V Brown & Mrs P Kilminster commented on parking on Derby Road where vehicles park so close to road signs in the pavement that people with push chairs are forced into the road into oncoming traffic to get by.

313.2/2017 Members' Observations:

Cllr King reported that vehicles were being parked on the zig zag lines near the pedestrian lights in Derby Road Swanwick, creating blind spots for drivers.

Cllr Payne reported an incident of a taxi with 'Bolsover' taxi plate parking on the pavement on The Green obstructing access and causing a pedestrian to step into the road.

Cllr Barnett reported the vandalism to the bush shelter outside Swanwick Hall School on Derby Road (Ripley bound).

Cllr Davies reported that a constituent (SH) has commented on the increase in dog fouling on the pavements.

313.3/2017 Police & Crime Prevention

No Police representative was present. An email was received on 14 March from PCSO Plant providing information on the accident in Derby Road. Witness statements indicate that the vehicle was not travelling at speed and that the pedestrian stepped out into the road without looking or paying attention whilst doing his job.

313.4/2017 Representations or Evidence from Members Declaring a Prejudicial Interest

None

314/2017 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL HELD 16th February 2017 RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of Full Council held on 16th February 2017 be received as correct account of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

315/2017 PLANNING MATTERS

315.1/2017 Planning Applications

No comments received & no Planning Applications considered

315.2/2017 Planning Decision Notices

No comments received & no Planning decision notices considered.

316/2017 CLERK'S REPORT

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

316.1/2017 Newsletter Village Matters Feb 2017

Several favourable comments have been received about the new style newsletter.

316.2/2017 Land Registry Issues

316.2.1/2017 Shirley Road Allotments

Clerk confirmed that he made a statutory declaration on 14th March 2017 in respect of the path from the allotments to the path from The Delves.

316.2.2/2017 Nether Close Allotments

Clerk confirmed that all issues have now been resolved and PC is waiting Land Registry to confirm registration. Four of the tenants have signed new tenancy agreements and paid the new rental (including arrears).

316.2.3/2017 Brewster Memorial Gardens

The Parish Council's solicitor has been instructed to pursue the failure by Land Registry to note the memorandum in the conveyance documents.

316.3/2017 Pentrich Revolution Way Boards

It was noted that the PSWRG was awarded £66k for the Heritage Fund.

The quotation from an alternative supplier has been received. The total cost of the design, supply and fit plus planning application fees will be (£200 + £450 + £192.5 = £842.50)

RESOLVED:

To authorise the clerk to accept the lower quotation and apply for the requisite planning consents.

316.4/2017 Annual Parish Meeting 20th April 2017

Resolved:

To accept the proposed date for the Annual Parish meeting and authorise the Clerk to send out invitations.

316.5/2017 Annual Parish Council Meeting Thursday 18th May 2017

Resolved:

To accept the proposed date for the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

316.6/2017 Parish Councillor Attendance

The attention of Councillors was drawn to the provisions of S85 Local Government Act 1972.

317/2017 Chair's Report

No report this month.

318/2017 Councillors' Updates

Cllr Brenda Payne updated the meeting on Well Dressing 2017 to be held on 13th May 2017. All the stalls have been allocated and the entertainment has been booked and includes a steel band, fire engine, circus workshop, restored army vehicles and a Police Safer Neighbourhood

stall. The well dressing boards will be returned to the participating organisations on 23 March 2017. Unfortunately Swanwick Hall School will not be participating in presenting a well dressing this year.

Cllr George Soudah updated the meeting on the meeting of the Village Hall Working Party held the same evening prior to the PC Meeting. Site meeting held with DCC Highways and a statement outlining usage, numbers and access arrangements has been submitted for comment by DCC Highways Planning Development. The meeting discussed details of the draft questionnaire which will be attached to the next newsletter in April/May.

Cllr Paul Davies reported on website traffic statistics and on the need to develop greater use of social media.

319/2017 Correspondence & Circulars (copies are available on the website)

All circulars and correspondence were received & FOI reply noted.

320/2017 ACCOUNTS

320.1/2017 RESOLVED: To approve urgent payments made to the following:

Date	Cheque	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
09.02.17	3654	Newleaf Ltd	Site clearance	3030.00
10.02.17	DD	UKDMO - PWLB	Loan No 504972	5077.50
14.02.17	3655	Atlantic Electric & Gas	Gas Utility Feb 2017	43.26
14.02.17	3656	R Castledine	Materials	38.85
			Locks	4.48
			Materials	2.38
20.02.17	3657	DALC	Subscription 2017-18	740.13
28.02.17	3658	R Castledine	Wages Mth11	1244.50
28.02.17	3659	HMRC	Tax & NI Mth 11	303.08
03.03.17	DD	Haven Power Ltd	Electricity Utility Mar 17	17.00
			Total	10501.18

320.2/2017 RESOLVED: To approve payments to the following:

To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
		0
	TOTAL	0

320.3/2017 Income Received Noted

Date	Remittance			Amount £
09.02.17	601359	AVBC	Refund of Non Domestic Rates 2016-17	2,856.57
24.02.17	601360	Tamber	Newsletter Sponsorship (February 2017)	150.00
23.02.17	BACS	SJ Litchfield	Nether Close Allotment 2b rental 2012-2020	37.50
23.02.17	BACS	C Froggatt (ABDS)	Newsletter Sponsorship (February 2017)	75.00
27.02.17	BACS	L Gillott	Nether Close Allotment 2a rental 2012-2020	37.50
			Total	3156.57

321/2017 Bank Reconciliation

322/2017 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'.

The public were excluded at 20.45pm

The gardening contract for 2017-18 was considered as a late item and due to the commercial sensitivity of the proposal was considered under this agenda item.

Resolved:

To award the gardening contract for 2017-18 to Newleaf Landscape & Garden Services Ltd.

323/2017 WEBSITE INFORMATION ARISING FROM MEETING

None

324/2017 Items for the next agenda

None

325/2017 Date of Next Meeting: 20th April 2017 @ approx. 8.15pm (after the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting) at the Meeting Room at the rear of the Baptist Church, Derby Road

Meeting Closed at 20.57

Signed: *G Soudah*

Date: *20/04/2017*