

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SWANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT ;- Councillors Mr Paul Holliday (Chairman); Stephen Concannon; Roger Cairns; Roy Harban ;Helen Foster; Vic Whitehouse and Mr Brian Duncombe (Clerk)

There were 4 members of the public present

The Chairman formally welcomed Fiona Palmer who is to take over as Clerk to the Parish Council from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, following Brian's retirement.

**132/2019 –APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies had been received from the Police. No Declarations of Interest were registered

**133/2019 –APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved and resolved the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

**134/2019 –MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

\*Neighbourhood Plan –still ongoing with Housing theme meetings held on a regular basis. However Simon Burnley is unable to continue with this group.

\*VAS signs – latest data sheets given out which showed some slight speeding improvements

. \*Spring Lane water leak - despite a number of complaints to LCC Highways they say that a job order has been raised to excavate and investigate further which entails a road closure which is due to start on 27<sup>th</sup> January. Members agreed this is not suitable so Brian to contact LCC Highways again.

\*Notice Boards. Roy has now completed the renovation of al boards which everyone agreed were so improved and Roy was thanked for this;

\*Hedge on Spring Lane – Roger is to meet with Graham Tovell this week to discuss this.

**135/2019 –POLICE REPORT**

Latest crime figures show 10 reported crimes in the parish, a record number !!

1 x vehicle crime on New Road; 2 in The Sidings (which Vic and Barbara knew nothing about ) Theft by employee; blackmail and making off without payment?; 1on Main Street Violence & Sexual offences;1 on Spring Lane- criminal damage and arson;1off Loughborough Road Violence & sexual offences; 2 on Forrester Close 1x criminal damage and arson;1 violence &sexual offences; 1 on Hough Hill Anti-social behaviour and 1 public order offence on or near the Tontas?

## 136/2019 –HOUSING

Nothing to report

## 137/2019 – CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION

\*Report received from LCC Highways saying the planned improvements on Ashby Road/Rempstone Road for 29<sup>th</sup> November will not take place. No new date has yet been agreed. Noted.

\*Operation London Bridge – we have been allocated a Book of Condolence with procedures attached. Noted for future use.

School Crossing – Our request for this is to be investigated and should be replied to within 4/6 weeks, but ours is only one of hundreds of similar requests.

\*Thankyou letter received from Midland Counties Rabbit Club for use of the hall and storage of equipment enclosing a cheque for £50, Brian has sent a letter of thanks to them.

\*NWLDC Local Plan Partial Review. As they are extending the time scale from February 2020. They are seeking views on the latest documentation, If any Member would like to comment they are to contact Brian for further details.

## 138/2019 – CLERK'S REPORT

Brian welcomed Fiona to the meeting and wished her every success in her new role, stating working with present Councillors would be interesting and productive, but possibly different from what she does at present. He also wished to express his sincere thanks to Councillors for their support over the years and in making his work enjoyable. They always had the interest of Swannington at heart which was not always appreciated by residents.

## 139/2019 –OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

The formal meeting was adjourned to receive questions and comments from members of the public.

## 140/2019 –PLANNING

Application 19/01954/OUT erection of 2 dwellings at Church Lane, Whitwick9Part in Swannington parish). As the site is outside Limits for Development Members had objections to this. Brian to inform NWLDC.

\*A reply had been received from NWLDC over the complaint at unauthorised work on the corner of Limby Hall Lane and 94 Moor Lane, Coleorton. Despite the delay in the work starting, the developer had supplied documentary evidence providing proof that this development did commence within the dates specified on the planning permission and decision notice!!

\*Spring Lane Fisheries- no more news on this or any formal application submitted.

## 141/2019 –COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Roger Cairns wished to place on record his personal thanks to Brian for his work as Clerk over the last 31 years.

Roy Harban reminded us the hedge on Spring Lane at the corner of the road behind his property needs cutting and also the hedge on the southern side of Spring Lane need cutting back as it overhangs the footpath. He informed the meeting the work carried out on the doors etc. all now sealed and coated but they will need servicing again in the Spring. The disabled access doors to the car park need replacing, (not with UPVC doors) so it was resolved we obtain quotes. Also we need to obtain quotes for resurfacing car park areas. Brian to ask Cuckoo Gap, Roy to contact Wallace & Co.

Helen Foster reported we have had 1,432 hits on the website in November. She had attended 2 meetings recently, one at County Hall and one at Police H.Q. They commented as to how good our Speedwatch scheme was. She then asked about e-mail addresses for each Councillor but from 2 Commune it is £35 each. Suggested we ask Coleorton Parish Council about their scheme. With Paul she had visited the Coalville Waste site for a tour which was worthwhile and informative.

The Chairman commented on the recent Parish Newsletter and asked that we are consulted first on any Parish Council matter to make sure we are reporting correct information. On road safety a member from County Council would come to a meeting to discuss procedures etc. Members felt this would be worthwhile next year.

## 142/2019 –VILLAGE HALL

Improvements -Lighting and Blinds. Resolved we arrange a meeting with Powerpac Ltd over the lighting as the middle section lights in the main hall are switched off so as we do not have more tripouts, Brian to obtain quotes for replacing or refurbishing the side window blinds. It was agreed we have a separate meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm to discuss this and other matters relating to the hall which we may want to be included in next years budget

## 143/2019 –FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for payment –Clerks salary & expenses £466; Caretakers salary £424;NWLDC £21;EON Gas £ 86 and Electricity£112;Simon Smith £168;Coalvill Cleaning Ltd.£112.20.Ladywell Accountancy Services £48;Wyggeston Hospital Rent £72.50;Roy Harban £992.00; It was moved and resolved these accounts be paid

Bank balances at 30<sup>th</sup> November –Current A/C £1,216.73;Business A/C £28,177.15

New Accounts package - Fiona had details of this which should be an improvement of what we have at present. It was resolved she sends the details to the Chairman for further discussion so that we can include this in the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> January.

144/2019 –DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

The Chairman then paid his thanks to Brian for his work over the past 31 years and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. The meeting was then declared closed at 8;30pm

BRIAN DUNCOMBE –Clerk

13<sup>th</sup> December 2019