

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SWANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2019, AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

105/2019 –APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies had been received and accepted from Councillor Stephen Concannon

No Declarations of Interest were registered.

106/2019 –APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

107/2019 –MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

*Neighbourhood Plan update – 90 questionnaires had been returned from residents which apparently was a suitable return. The 3 Theme Groups set up are now down to 2 –Housing and Environment. From the 13 people who expressed an interest in joining these groups only 2 got involved!! The next meeting is in 2 weeks time.

*VAS Signs – Paul gave out the latest data result sheets. Slightly better but still too many speeding vehicles . Paul reported the Police had been active checking speeds on Spring Lane recently and 6 people had action taken against them. The police had also acknowledged the “dip” on Spring Lane and the layout, especially since the LCC plan to make the speed limit 40mph.

Roger had spoken to Graham Tovell about cutting the hedge on Spring Lane but the rest of the hedge on this driveway needs cutting also. Roger is to talk to Graham.

*Notice Boards – Roy had done 2 , others to follow as his quote had been accepted. It was agreed he upgrades the material to Marine Ply.

*Church Roof repairs- Reply received from Vicar giving reasons for using Stace Ltd. After discussion it was moved and resolved we make a donation under Section 137 of £1,000.

108/2019 –POLICE REPORT

Although not present the latest Police Report showed 2 crimes in the parish .1 on Main Street, burglary and car keys stolen then car stolen from driveway. The other was tools, sat-nav and radio stolen from a van on Hough Hill.

109/2019 – HOUSING MATTERS

There was nothing to report on housing

110/2019 – CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION

*Notice received from LCC of a Temporary Traffic Regulation order on the A512 Ashby Road/Rempstone Road Coleorton on 29th November just overnight. Noted.

Astley Computers had sent in details of using them for Cloud back-up at £120 year. Resolved we do not take up this offer, as we have more local help available.

*Request for a donation received from Marie-Curie group. Resolved No as we have always agreed we make donations to local groups and services.

Brian had obtained details of the procedure to adopt on the death of a Senior National Figure. Noted, but we need to contact the Church to see if they would be arranging anything

*Letter of introduction received from Brookside Construction at Oadby on resurfacing, repairing potholes etc. Resolved this be kept on file

*Free tree scheme details received from NWLDC. We need to get the bank tidied first. Also details of grants available from NWLDC for any VE celebrations. Noted.

*NWLDC are also looking for a parish representative on their Audit & Governance Committee. No volunteers came forward!!

Also invitation received from NWLDC to attend their new Leisure Visionary Event on 4th November at Hermitage Leisure Centre. Noted.

111/2019 – CLERKS REPORT

*Brian mentioned he had attended a Clerks Parish Liaison event at NWLDC on 2nd October. As mentioned above Death of a Senior National Figure and the procedure to be adopted was mentioned. Also “BREXIT” was discussed and Chief executive Beverley Smith outlined what was already in place, especially around the airport which would play a major part whatever the outcome.

*Parish Fair – this was considered a success, but agenda items are needed for a future event and would it be more useful for Parish representatives to have badges supplied. We felt YES

*Clerk Vacancy- following the adverts 5 applications had been received. Resolved we look at these and have further discussions at the end of the formal meeting.

112/2019 – OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

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

Reported a mobile home is being lived in on junction of Moor Lane/Limby Hall Lane, called “The Gateway” .NWLDC to be informed

Stile on Footpath N19/20 had at last been repaired.

Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council from the Open Gardens Committee for their support and their presence at the Presentation Night.

113/2019 –PLANNING MATTERS

Decisions – Applications 19/01376/FUL extensions and change of use of existing cattery at The Rowlands; 19/01471/FUL erection of extension & alterations at Windmill Cottage; 19/00613/FUL -conversion of existing barn into a dwelling at Elm Farm had all been PERMITTED by NWLDC.

No formal application has as yet been received for “The Fisheries” site. At this point Roger gave out a paper outlining what he feels we should do as and when an application is submitted. “BE PREPARED” is the theme, as this application may be the most significant in its potential impact on the village and he feels the Parish Council should take the lead in objecting to this to show the strength of feeling in Swannington. His suggestion is to leaflet the village outlining what he feels residents should do and how and where to object, particularly our District Councillor who is a member of the NWLDC Planning Committee.

114/2019 –COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Roy Harban mentioned the hedge on Spring Lane driveway (see Matter Arising) but also the hedges on Foan Hill badly need cutting back Brian to ask LCC again. He mentioned that he would carry out work on the notice boards now we had agreed better material. Also the water on the road from Foan Hill to Spring Lane was getting worse but Brian has already reported this twice to LCC Highways. In addition the grass on Spring Lane near The Fisheries up to Thornborough Road is overlapping the footpath. Resolved Brian also informs LCC of this.

Helen mentioned the Parish Fair she and Paul attended at Moira. I.T help is available to Parishes from NWLDC. Noted. She attended a CPRE meeting at Kibworth recently and is going to an Affordable Housing meeting in November.

Paul also reported on the Parish Fair, especially the I.T help available to Parishes from NWLDC Contact is a Sam Outama. NWLDC also offered visits to their Waste Service tip on Ashby Road with a number of dates available. Noted as we might be interested.

Roger Cairns reported he had spoken recently to Bau Street Ltd the developers at number 79 about the fields at the rear of the Village Hall, (Map passed to Members) Should we be looking into purchasing these or part of them, as we understand the builder is to buy part? He felt the benefit to the Village would be significant on a non-commercial basis. Funding would be available from a number of sources, but the feeling we should be looking into purchasing the lot, not just a part. Roger is to go back to Bau Street to arrange a meeting. In the meantime Members are to look again at the options and comment at our next meeting

115/2019 –VILLAGE HALL

Improvements – Blinds on driveway side are in a poor state so should we be looking to replace these? Discuss at next meeting as what other alternatives there is. Also reported the

outside lights on the driveway side and the rear car park are not working. (Since the meeting Roy has looked at these and they do work!!). The hearing loop also needs sorting. Brian to ask PowerPac Ltd. Apparently there is a quantity of cleaning materials in a cupboard under the sink in the ladies toilet which ought to be moved. Brian to ask the Caretaker to do this.

116/2019 –FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for payment –Clerks salary and expenses £659.87 (This included £187 for the advert in the Coalville Times);Caretakers salary £424. NWLDC £21; Eon Gas £86;Electricity £155;Wyggeston Hospital rent £72.50;Water Plus Ltd£216.88. S.J.Smith £357.84; NWLDC. Container Hire £215.80. Roy Harban (Notice Boards) £74 Barbara Whitehouse re Neighbourhood Plan £8, and St Georges Church PCC £1,000 (see Matters Arising) It was resolved all these accounts be paid.

We had also received a request from the retired Peoples Fellowship for a donation towards their Christmas event. After discussion it was resolved we make a donation of £200.

Bank balances at 30th September – Current A/C £4,145.86;Business A/C £30,167.99

The second Precept payment has been sent from NWLDC.

117/2019 –DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th November at 7pm in the Village Hall

CLERKS VACANCY

It was resolved we discuss this as a confidential item excluding the public. Brian reported we had received 5 applications as mentioned in 111/2019 above. However one lived near Derby the other in Braunstone. It was felt that in view of what was involved in the position, e.g. banking,living outside the local area was not practical, so it was resolved Brian informs these 2 applicants we would not be taking their applications further. The 3 other applicants are local so it was resolved we invite them for interview on Friday 25th November if convenient to them. Brian to forward a copy of the job description to them before this date. All Councillors are to be involved in any interviews as well as the Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.05pm

BRIAN DUNCOMBE – Clerk

18th October 2019