

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SWANNINGTON PARSIH COUNCIL HELD
MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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

There were 4 members of the public present

118/2019 –Apologies and Declarations of Interest

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

119/2019 –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.

120/2019 –MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

*LCC Highways they had reported on the blocked gully and water leak on Spring Lane. An instruction had been issued for the gully to be cleaned and this hopefully will be in the next 90 days!!!

*Notice Boards – Roy Harban reported he had nearly completed these. Upgraded with a plastic covering, which can be taken off and replaced easily. The cost for the 3 boards was £100 so it was resolved Roy goes ahead with this work.

*Neighbourhood Plan – the 3 Theme groups are still meeting (1 last week, 1 next week)

*Hedge on Spring Lane drive – Roger is planning to meet with Graham Tovell next week

*VAS signs – latest data sheets given out, which showed some improvement on Spring Lane. A local resident had stated that they thought the traffic speeds had decreased on this road, but why was the 30mph speed limit not being kept?

*Bau Street Developers – Roger has spoken to them about the fields, and our interest in the site. Small parts e.g 30 metre, may be available for local householders and the Parish Council but the whole site is not available.

121/2019 –POLICE MATTERS

Although not present the latest crime figures show 6 reported crimes

1 x burglary on Mill Lane ;1 on Burtons Lane; 2 thefts of bicycles on or near Ashby Road; and 2 vehicle crimes on or near Hough Hill. Noted

Mention was then made over vehicles parking on grass verges on Main Street opposite Piano Row, churning up the grass. It was resolved we inform the Police and County Council.

122/2019 –HOUSING MATTERS

Nothing to report

123/2019 –CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION

Received from NWLDC –New Temporary Admin Support Officer, Rebecca Norton. Noted.

Also they have a new Legal in house Service section; which can provide legal services to local authorities Cost is £495 plus VAT per year, for up to 10 hours of legal assistance. Noted.

Also if any organisation is planning to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day then a grant of £250 is available with no matched funding required.

*Details received of an event at County Hall on 5th December at 4;30pm on “Celebrating Great Communities” Helen is planning to attend this.

124/2019 –CLERKS REPORT

Mention was made of the 3 interviews that had taken place for the replacement Clerk. This will be discussed in detail as a confidential item as the end of formal matters.

125/2019 –OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

The formal meeting was adjourned to receive questions and comments from members of the public. Matters raised were - Christmas lights around the Village Sign. Agreed “Yes”

Poppies around the village .Last year we displayed them, why not this year? Brian to contact Simon Smith to see if he has the Poppies. On this subject it was reported that a local resident had placed a wreath at Church on Remembrance Sunday, this should be up to the Parish, if anyone, is to arrange this. Agreed and this will be dealt with next year.

A hedge on Loughborough Road opposite the Church is overhanging the footpath and makes it difficult when trying to see to cross the road to the Church. Resolved Brian informs LCC

A village Neighbourhood Watch person had been approached by a parent asking if we could have a Zebra Crossing at the School. Brian to ask LCC the question. Village Newsletter planned for early next week, Barbara and Molly asked for items for inclusion. Also this is to be put on the website. Have NWLDC replied on the Gateway problem on Limby Hall Lane ? Answer is ‘NO’ so Brian is to report this again. Mention again on vehicles parking on grass verges (see POLICE matters)

126/2019 –PLANNING MATTERS

Application 19/02178/PNR change of use of joiners shop to a dwelling house .Members had no objections to this application. We had received copy of an e-mail a local resident had sent to NWLDC, asking what is happening at The Fisheries, Spring Lane. Their reply was that no formal planning application has been received but expected shortly ,so they cannot comment.

Nor can we. When one is received they will consult with local residents, the Parish Council. The Forestry Commission and the National Forest. Agreed this is the correct procedure

127/2019 –COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Helen reported we are still getting numerous hits on our website 1st to 31st October 1,074. Also she is to attend conference in Nottingham on Affordable Houses in Rural areas which should be of interest

Stephen mentioned the poppies not being put around the village. He volunteered to deal with this next year. Stephen was thanked for this offer.

Roy Harban mentioned should we not be putting a wreath on the Village Sign as well as at the Church. and on the Coalville Clock Tower ,as some other villages do. Points taken so we will look into this more closely for next year.

Paul mentioned they are to visit the local re-cycling centre on 25th November at 10am so he will forward details to other Members should they wish to come along.

128/2019 –VILLAGE HALL

As mentioned previously the outside lights are working but we are still having problems with the main hall lights. PowerPac had been contacted at least 3 times but the problem does not seem to have been solved. Resolved we ask them details of what they did ,then arrange a meeting to try and get to the root of the problem

In the main kitchen one of the water urn leaks if water is left in it. Notice to be out up asking for this to be emptied each time after use. Paint is peeling off the ceiling above the serving hatch. so this need sorting.

The front garden needs tidying so resolved Brian asks Simon Smith to do this. Also the driveway and parts of the car park are in need of some resurfacing. Roy Harban agreed to look at what needs to be done as well as replacing the kick boards on the bar door, rear exit doors etc.

129/2019 –FINANCE

The following accounts were submitted for payment – Clerks salary & expenses £464.70, Caretakers salary £424;EON Gas £188 ,Electricity £112; NWLDC £21; Cuckoo Gap Ltd £320.47;Viking Ltd £124.38;Coalville Cleaning Ltd £112.20;Window cleaner £36;Your Local (re Neighbourhood Plan)£1,800.00, Moved and resolved these accounts be paid.

Bank balances at 31st October – Current A/C £4,139.61; Business A/C £ 28,172.87

130/2019- DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th December at 7;30pm in the Village Hall.

131/2019 –CONFIDENTIAL ITEM.

It was agreed that the following item be treated as “Confidential” and involving only the Members who had been involved in interviews for the replacement Clerk. This meant that Councillor Vic Whitehouse left the meeting.

3 people had been interviewed from the 5 applicants. Members gave their opinions of each, and as to their strengths and weaknesses. It was then resolved that the unanimous decision was to offer the position to Fiona Palmer, present Clerk to Castle Donington Parish Council

Based on a 35 hour month ,salary to be £14.03 hour(£491)month £5,892 year plus mileage expenses . It was also agreed that if for any reason she did not accept we would re-advertise.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8:30pm

BRIAN DUNCOMBE – Clerk

15th November 2019