

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

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

There were 16 members of the public present

93/2019 –APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies had been received and accepted from Councillor Stephen Concannon

No Declarations of Interest were registered.

94/2019 –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,

95/2019- MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

\*Neighbourhood Plan Report- The Open Day event for residents had been a success with 63 people attending, all interested in the proposed plan. 13 residents had also expressed interest in joining the Theme Groups. Roger McDermott, Chairman of the Advisory Group also commented on its success and thanked all involved in making this event successful. Questionnaires for residents to complete, will be distributed to all houses in the next week or so.

\*VAS Signs and Speeding issues Latest data sheets given out. It appears the high speeds in certain areas are reducing .A request was received if we could install a VAS sign in the northern side of Spring Lane as vehicles are speeding as fast up towards Thornborough Road as down to Main Street, Resolved Brian asks County Council about this as there is not a lamp post on that side of the road.

\*Notice Board - Roy had completed the board outside Robin Hood and was thanked for this excellent improvement. Next to do are St.Georges Hill and Main Street outside number 38. Roy to let us have costs.

\*Church roof repairs- despite another letter no reply has been received from the Leicester Diocese.

\*Fields behind the Village Hall – representatives from the developers, BauStreet Ltd. were welcomed to the meeting and gave everyone an update report on the latest situation at this location. They reported a local consortium had purchased the fields and the building on Limby Hall Lane from Mr Taylor’s representatives.They are to be kept as agricultural and equine use only (no houses), and they would welcome support from not only the Parish Council but all local residents. A resident present thanked them for this pleasant and reassuring news for what is sure to be an improvement.

\*LCC Matters- the Community Speed watch signs have now been taken down from around the village.

#### 95/2019 –POLICE MATTERS

No Police were present. The latest crime figures for July showed 2 crimes -1 in Mill Lane the other a vehicle stolen on Hough Hill.

#### 96/2019 –HOUSING MATTERS

Nothing to report

#### 97/2019 –CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION

\*NWLDC Parish Fair, 25<sup>th</sup> September at Moira Village Hall. Emma Trahearn, our new contact at District Council, gave out personal invitations to Members. 2 Councillors had signed up to attend, suggested others attend this worthwhile and interesting event

\*HS2 update received and sent to Members. The consultation deadline had been extended to 18<sup>th</sup> October for those affected and copies of the consultation document are in Coalville library.

\*LCC informed us of a temporary road closure on part of Hough Hill and Station Hill for railway crossing improvements on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Noted.

Everyone present were informed of the Open Gardens presentation evening on 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

#### 98/2019 –CLERKS'REPORT

\*Clerks retirement – After discussion it was resolved we advertise for a replacement in the local press, on the council website as well as through LRALC newsletter. Brian is to liaise with Helen on this.

\*We have been approached from a local resident over the allotment hedge adjoining her property overhanging the guttering. Our gardening contractor had suggested improvements but costly, so it was resolved that we ask him to only cut the hedge back away from the building nothing else.

#### 99/2019 –OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

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

These were regarding; boundary query at Walkers Wood; (Helen to discuss); Overgrown culvert outside Robin Hood pub; queries and complaint from W.I (Brian to liaise); overgrown hedge on Spring Lane. (Roger to follow up this problem) and planted troughs outside village hall.(To be discussed at future meetings)

## 100/2019 – PLANNING MATTERS

Application (Re-submission) 19/01683/FUL demolition of existing building construction of replacement with associated garaging at land at 65 St.Georges Hill. We had no objections to the previous application except that we did object to any plan to re-route the footpath. Resolved we give NWLDC the same comments.

Decisions – Applications 19/00755/LBC 58 Main Street; 19/00761/FUL 20 Spring Lane; 19/00959/FUL 62 Foan Hill and 19/01162/FUL 47 Station Hill had all been PERMITTED by NWLDC. IT was reported the controversial application 19/00929/FUL for 3 travellers pitches etc at Limby Hall Lane has been withdrawn.

Fisheries off Spring Lane – no formal application has yet been received. Comments around the village – lorries are still visiting the site, accessing up via the BOTAT behind the Robin Hood pub apparently. there are to be no caravans; but hot tubs and shop; no foundations for buildings etc. It is a matter just waiting for us to comment when we receive a copy of the formal application.

## 101/2019 – COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Helen Foster reported the local vicar Liz Angell is leaving the benefice in January.

Roger Cairns mentioned that part of the recreation ground on Jeffcoats, recently cleared by Cuckoo Gap ,Ltd. Lane had not been cut like the rest of the field. Resolved Brian discusses this with them.

Paul Holliday mentioned the notice board on St.Georges Hill as minuted in 95/2019 above.

## 102/2019 – VILLAGE HALL

Electrical improvements –resolved we hold this in abeyance as well as replacement blinds in the main hall Loop – Brian to follow this up with Derrick Hollis, as well as a Microphone !

## 103/2019 – FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for payment – Clerks salary & expenses £529.90; Caretakers salary £424; NWLDC £21; EON Gas £ 155 Electricity £112; Window Cleaner £36; Simon Smith £532.92 PKF Litteljohn (Auditors) £240; HMRC £289.80; Coalville Cleaning Ltd £112.20; Your Local Ltd (Neighbourhood Plan) £1,800.00; Roy Harban £157; Barbara Whitehouse and Caroline Mursell re Open Day event and printing of Questionnaires £293.71 After discussion, on a request from the Heritage Trust, it was moved and resolved we make a donation of £1,000 to them for 2 Gazebos for community use

Bank balances at 31<sup>st</sup> August –Current A/C £6,243.16; Business A/C £23,631.50

104/2019 –DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the Village Hall**

There being no further business ,the meeting was declared closed at 8;35pm

BRIAN DUNCOMBE - Clerk

13<sup>th</sup> September 2019