

SWANNINGTON with ALDERFORD & LITTLE WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at
St Margaret's Church Swannington on Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 7:30pm.

Present

Mr Tim Praill – Chairman

Mr Steve Griggs
Mrs Helen Mutimer
Mr Malcolm Rust

Mr Ed Jones
Mr Trevor Nelson
Mr Steve Williams

In Attendance

Mrs Patricia Kirby – Clerk to the Council & Responsible Financial Officer
Mr Greg Peck – Norfolk County Councillor – Reepham Division

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present

17/42 Apologies for Absence

All members present

17/43 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and other interests

None declared.

17/44 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2017

The minutes, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

17/45 Information arising from the minutes

- Bus Shelter. Repairs of replacing tiles to be undertaken in the next two weeks.
Indicative cost £60 **Action SG**
- Village Sign. Matters ongoing. **Action SG/SW**
- Removal of telephone box. NCC have advised of an email from BT stating this will be removed in December. **Action TP**
- Reepham Road/Upgate junction drainage issues. Patching has taken place but appears drainage has not been addressed as road still floods. To be pursued.
Action TP
- 'Highways' owned hedge. Owner to coppice. **Action HM**

17/46 Public Participation

No attendees

17/47 Report from Police to include Parish Crime Figures

Police not in attendance. Report noted.

17/48 Reports from County & District Councillors

Mr Peck advised

NCC are exploring options for the Western Link road to join the NDR with the A47. There are currently 13 alternative routes to reduce to 3 or 4 by next March. These routes will then go to public consultation.

Better Broadband Norfolk voucher scheme is ending in December.

In the absence of Mr Woodbridge he advised on behalf of BDC

BDC Grow your Community is ending. To be replaced by Community at Heart.

A collaborative working feasibility is being undertaken for collaboration at officer level between BDC & SNDC.

17/49 Finance Matters

8.1 – Verification of invoices. Signatories confirmed the check and verification.

8.2 – Bank Reconciliation. The Chairman confirmed the reconciliation to 13 October 2017.

8.3 – Schedule of Receipts & Payments as listed on the agenda

RESOLVED to accept income of £0.00 received and expenditure of £1856.56

17/50 Reports from Clerk Chairman & Members

The Clerk briefed members on administration work undertaken.

An enquiry had been received from a parishioner to view historical records. These would be passed to the Chairman who had offered his house as a reading room.

Notification from BDC for the precept return to be received by the end of December. A response would be sent as appropriate.

The Chairman had nothing to report.

Commons. Written report received from Mr Williams. An expression of interest had been received in respect of Management Plans and it is likely a proposal will be received.

Highways. The Chairman advised junction Hall Road and Spring Lane Alderford had been patched following pumping of blocked drains however road still floods. An overhanging hedge in Clay Lane and pot holes in Church Lane would be reported to NCC.

Reflector posts had been installed in Hall Lane Alderford.

Play Area. Mrs Mutimer advised that fencing had been delayed and was now scheduled for end December or beginning of January.

Footpaths. Mr Griggs advised the strimming was not as good as expected and should be better for next year.

Planning. Mr Rust advised that land at Broad Lane was still for sale.

17/51 Planning Applications

20171736 – Hyfield House, Broad Lane, Swannington. Variation of condit 3 of planning permission 20121250 to allow annexe to be used for holiday accommodation.

RESOLVED no objections

C/5/2017/5007 - Morton on the Hill: SPC Atlas Works, Norwich Road, Lenwade.

Change of use from B8: Warehousing to a Sui Generis use for waste processing and the production of refuse derived fuel (RDF) with an annual throughput of 150,000 tonnes; Installation of office, 2 x weighbridges and photovoltaic panels, and highway improvement scheme consisting of the major upgrade and realignment of the northwestern estate access with the A1067. SPC Atlas Works

The Chairman explained the original application had been refused and was now the subject of an appeal. The application now received is a new application and includes 2 reports which were referenced in the refusal. He further reminded of the parish council objections to the original application.

RESOLVED to object on the basis of the original objection as no material difference between this application and the original application.

17/52 Correspondence

11.1 – Consultation updating disqualification criteria for Councillors. Noted

11.2 – Consultation Automatic Precept Referendums. No response submitted.

11.3 – Expenses Policy. The cost for local colour copying is £0.55p.

RESOLVED to adopt as presented.

17/53 Exclusion of Press & Public

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the press and public for the duration of agenda item 12.1 in order to discuss matters where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the personal nature of the business to be transacted and to deal after the item that confirms the details of the next meeting.

17/54 Exchange of Information

Fly tipping on grass at Reephams Road/Upgate junction had been reported.

17/55 Next meeting

The next meeting would be held in St Margaret's Church, Swannington, on Wednesday 17 January 2018 at 7.30pm

The Chairman gave thanks for attendance and closed the meeting to the press and public at 8.24pm

Confidential item

The Clerk left the meeting room.

17/56 12.1 – The probationary period of employment of the Clerk to the Council had passed.
RESOLVED to confirm appointment on a substantive basis.

The Clerk rejoined the meeting

Meeting closed 8.37pm