

**Minutes of Swaffham Prior Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday, 11th February 2016 at 7.30pm Village Hall.**

Present: Mr John Covill – Chairman(JC), Mr P Hart-Vice-Chairman(PH), Mr David Almond(DA), Mr David Greenfield(DG), Mr Paul Latchford(PL) & Mr Steve Kent-Phillips(SKP), Mr Mark Lewinski(ML). There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

1871. In Attendance:

CCC – Cllr David Brown
ECDC – Cllr Allen Alderson
Paul Catling – Clerk

1872. Apologies for Absence:

Andrew Camps, Sandra Gynn.

1873. Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda + Requests for Dispensations: None.

1874. Public Participation: None

The meeting was suspended for 4 minutes to discuss the JLL presentation.

1875. Approve and Sign Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – 14th January 2016:

Paul Latchford suggested adding “similar” to the minute - *Min.ref.1868*.

The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record. *Proposed: Peter Hart, Seconded: Paul Latchford, Unanimously agreed.*

1876. Reports:

CCC Matters: Cllr David Brown reported to the meeting, including that he had progressed the Balfour Beatty licence to access the UK power network. That the Boundary Commission public findings where Swaffham Prior and Reach will join a larger CC district, will probably be passed. SKP asked if that would mean that DB would no longer be our councillor. DB was not sure. PL pointed out that Electrical Testing had said they would honour their quote but needed the UK Power licence, it seems there was some confusion and Balfour Beatty were CCC's Lighting “department” and the licence was in their hands. PL asked about the A14 queues and why traffic management was in place where no work was taking place. There was a discussion about temporary speed limits and the possibility of being fined and the £5K fine for not taking away traffic calming or temporary limits. DB said that he had asked and the reason was incomplete safety barriers. He had escalated the issue. PL suggested it should be a clear road. ML asked if the speed cameras were reporting 40 or 70 mph. DB said it was changed from 70 to 40. ML asked if the average cameras also used this speed. DG – yes. DB said that he did not see the problem with the barriers, hence escalating the issue. John Covill asked about the pot holes in Reach and having been reported, even on the Web site, there had been no action. DB said that he would chase it if the log number was provided. ML pointed out as a motor-cyclist these pot holes could be deadly.

ECDC Matters: Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting, including the new cinema in Ely, which could end up as a niche cinema. He also noted that pot holes on margins on small roads were more of a problem. PL pointed out that a mattress had been dumped in Station Road. AA said he had reported that and the Heath Road one. JC pointed out that the travellers up by Headlake Drove had put out black bins but they had not been taken away. AA noted this and said he had had the same in Weirs Drove and that they **had** been taken.

1877. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (for information only):
Min.ref.1860: SKP reported sending the European Mobilising Money scheme information to the school – thanks to DB. *Min.ref.1866:* RoSPA’s requirements would be passed on to BB. He also noted that he had arranged for a resident to remove the beach trimmings from the spoil heap and that the dumped car had been removed. DG agreed the car had been removed.
1878. Correspondence for Circulation/Consideration:
Additional Water for upper allotments: It was agreed not to pursue this due to the cost of maintenance. The Archived records receipt from CCC would be safely filed and a copy put on the Web site.
1879. Consideration of planning applications:
None
1880. Station Road – consider parking restrictions:
James Rigney’s response was discussed. PL suggested a lot of time had been spent with no conclusion and it seemed from the response there was no critical safety issue. SKP pointed out a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and the procedure to attain one, would still be required to even paint double yellow lines. There was some discussion regarding the question of the response suggesting it was or was not a critical safety issue. It was agreed that the response was not the recommendations expected from CCC and that an offer of a Traffic Regulation Order did not answer the questions. Due to budget constraints, CCC cannot fund new TROs and the PC and/or third parties need to fund the £1,500 required was discussed. The possibility of funding one with PC money and the possibility of some residents assisting with this was also discussed. It was suggested that the solution was the problem not the funding. It was agreed to get back to James Rigney and ask for recommendations.
1881. CIL Monies:
SKP explained the accounts and that the CIL money would be ring fenced in the postal account. SKP requested authority to transfer the CIL money. *Proposed: Paul Latchford, Seconded: Peter Hart. Unanimously agreed.*
PL suggested that the fen path may attract match funding, JC agreed and that by Slade Farm was cycle path as well. SKP reported that he had talked to Martin Mead and Highways may help fund and MM offered to get contact details the next time he was in touch. JC pointed out that “Park & Cycle” was recently getting news coverage. PH suggested that if the AVA and CIL money discussion was to be in the April Crier, the PC needed to discuss the options at the March meeting. The Clerk had received the tennis court files kindly provided by David Parr from when Reach set up their tennis courts. It was also agreed to have a draft agenda for the AVA/CIL and DA asked if we could publish / distribute a list of dates for the year.
1882. Street Lighting – Agree Contractor and action for Fairview Grove.
PL said he was waiting on David Brown, and that we should decide at the March meeting.
1883. Approval of grave stone additons.
There were two additions or changes to approve. *Proposed: Steve Kent-Phillips, Seconded: Paul Latchford. Unanimously agreed.*

1884.	<u>Accounts for payment included:</u>	
	a. Paul Catling – <i>Clerk's salary</i>	£ 144.00
	b. Inland Revenue – <i>Clerk's tax</i>	£ 36.00
	c. Transfer CIL to postal account	£ 8009.37
	d. ngfplay – cargo net – play area	£ 279.69
	e. ETS (cemetery tree works)	£ 654.00*

With the exception of ETS* (as the work was not yet completed)

Proposed: Steve Kent-Phillips, Seconded: Paul Latchford. Unanimously agreed.

Authorisation a transfer of £9000 *Proposed: Steve Kent-Phillips, Seconded: Peter Hart. Unanimously agreed.*

1885. Clerk's Report:

The Clerk reported a request from ECDC asking if Swaffham Prior were going to have a beacon for the Queen's birthday. It was said that Reach were having snow machines. Steve Kent-Phillips pointed out that we had proposed planting / replanting daffodils around the village. ML said there was a meeting on the 24th regarding the Queen's Birthday arrangements and possibly it was best to ask Janet Willmott. The Clerk also reported an email from ECDC regarding the Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) and that there was a seminar on March 3rd to explain what it was. AA explained that it was to help the District Council to make money and that the first project was to build houses in Barton Road. There were no offers to attend the seminar.

1886. Parish Councillors' Reports:

There were none.

Meeting closed at 20:52

1887. Open Question Time:

Business finished at 20:53

Appendix 1 – Correspondence Received:

As above. No other correspondence.

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