

**Minutes of Swaffham Prior Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday, 9th March 2017 at 7.30pm Village Hall.**

Present:

Mr John Covill - Chairman, Mr Peter Hart, Mr Paul Latchford, Mr Steve Kent-Phillips, Mr Mark Lewinski, Mrs Sandra Gynn, Mr Michael Malster, Mr Andrew Camps
There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

2098. In Attendance:

ECDC – Cllr Allen Alderson
Paul Catling – Clerk

2099. Apologies for Absence:

David Greenfield, CCC - Cllr David Brown

2100. Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda + Requests for Dispensations: None.

2101. Public Participation: None.

2102. Approve and Sign Minutes of Parish Council Meeting – 9th February 2017:

The minutes were agreed to be signed as a correct record *Proposed: Peter Hart, Seconded: Steve Kent-Phillips. Unanimously agreed.*

2103. Reports:

CCC Matters: Cllr David Brown's report was read to the meeting by The Clerk.

ECDC Matters: Cllr Allen Alderson reported to the meeting. Steve Kent-Phillips commented that the Little Chapel in the Fen was a Building of Interest not ACV, as it is only used once a year. He asked what this meant. Allen Alderson offered to find out. JC noted that Mike McHaffy had a problem with contractors clearing the fly tipping in the fen and was no longer on post at the council.

2104. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes (for information only):

Min.ref.2091 Steve Kent-Phillips commented that the play area gate catch was not missing. The Clerk reported that Borley Brothers had replace the pin recently and made it secure. It was also noted that the swimming pool windows were ordered as frosted.

2105. Correspondence for Circulation/Consideration:

The Waterbeach planning application was for 6500 houses. Allen Alderson suggested that this may even be 9500. The problems that this would add to the existing A10 problems were discussed. This development would be under Cambridge and Peterborough where there seems to be significant funds available. Paul Latchford asked is the pollution impact had been considered.

The trees in the village hall driveway were discussed. It was agreed that ETS had done as requested and that the next time they needed attention to reduce their height, also that it was now too late to do further work. It was agreed to allow the resident to pay for additional work when relevant if this was earlier than the next natural opportunity.

Proposed: Paul Latchford, Seconded: Steve Kent-Phillips. Agreed with one abstain.

The Reach application for restricting use of a by-way was discussed. JC noted that 4x4 users had been damaging the by-way's surface. Gates had been suggested but ruled out on cost. Some by-ways are restricted by National Trust. Also, it was noted that the Environment Agency had been trying to stop similar use on river banks.

2106. Consideration of planning applications: There were no objections to the 3 (2 properties) planning applications.

2107. CIL & Open Space Money Projects:

Steve Kent-Phillips reported the status of all projects. The play area was now complete. The St Cyriac's path needed better weather to complete the top skin, so this was likely to be completed in 2 weeks.

Street Lights: Paul Latchford reported that the problem with the remaining 2 lights were now complete and would forward the invoice for the remaining 2 to The Clerk. The old concrete stand had also been removed.

The daffodils had been a great success. Paul Latchford suggested more diversity when we do more planting, such as snowdrops and bluebells.

The Village Hall doors repairs had been quoted for at £1958 it was agreed to go ahead and provide a deposit of £1000 to Jon Taw. *Proposed: Steve Kent-Phillips, Seconded: Sandra Gynn. Unanimously Agreed.* The window sills were not as bad as expected and only required painting. Elston Decorators would be providing a quote. Andy Martin Builders would be doing the porch when the doors are complete. It was noted that the back doors could be further projects as they may need some attention. It was agreed to get Jon Taw to investigate. Paul Latchford suggested that for further projects the village should be consulted, John Covill suggested the Pound & Keep (Gaol) was in need of attention.

The swimming pool changing hut was to start Monday April 10, with electrical work on the 13th. It was agreed to put a call for further projects in The Crier. Steve Kent-Phillips would get the keys for Jon Taw to investigate the Pound.

2108. Allotments – review tenant agreement:

It was agreed to leave this item for the next meeting.

2109. Traffic Survey / Speed Watch:

Steve Kent-Phillips reported that £3000 was being spend on the Speed Indicating Device (SID) and 30 & 40 mph please signs. Martin Mead was sponsoring the surveys and Rogers Road were getting their signs free. Volunteers were required to deliver the signs. Mark Lewinski asked if parishioners could request the data. Steve Kent-Phillips suggested that other parishes may want to rent the SID, one of which is Lode. A further donation of £60 Road Watch had already been agreed.

2110. Accounts for payment included:

a.	Paul Catling – Clerk's salary	£ 236.00
b.	Inland Revenue – Clerk's tax	£ 59.00
c.	Road Watch donation	£ 60.00
d.	CCC - Street Lighting	£ 330.01
	Total	<u>£ 665.01</u>

Payment of the above invoices with the addition of £20 and £1000 deposit to Jon Taw were agreed. *Proposed: Steve Kent-Phillips, Seconded: Mike Malster. Unanimously agreed.* Authorisation of a transfer of £1500 *Proposed: Steve Kent-Phillips, Seconded: Peter Hart. Unanimously agreed.*

The additional £60 to Speed Watch was also agreed. *Proposed: Steve Kent-Phillips, Seconded: Peter Hart. Unanimously agreed.*

2111. Clerk's Report:

Nothing additional.

2112. Parish Councillors' Reports:

Sandra Gynn pointed out that the dog fouling was getting worse. John Covill reported that the dumping was being handled and the daffodils were very nice.

Meeting closed at 20:52

2113. Open Question Time:

Alastair Everitt agreed that The Pound does need attention. The notice board in the bus stop is too small and in need of attention. The Station Road bollards was discussed, JC noted that an email to High-Ways head man was in hand with David Brown. There was a discussion about what would strip bark from trees, rabbits and muntjac deer seem to get the blame. Peter Rand reminded the meeting that the Village Feast was on May 20th and the village sign should soon be back up. The hedgehog, waste paper sheds also got mentioned – they are still in use.

Business finished at 21:05

Appendix 1 – Correspondence Received:

As above. No other correspondence.

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