

**Minutes of the Swaffham Prior Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 12th September 2019
at 730pm at the Swaffham Prior Village Hall.**

Present:

Mr John Covill (Chair) (JC), Mr Andrew Camps (AC), Mr Alan Durrant (AD), Mrs Sandra Gynn (SG), Mr Peter Hart (PH), Mr Steve Kent-Phillips (SKP) and Mr Paul Latchford (PL).

There were two members of the public in attendance.

2332. In attendance:

Cllr John Trapp – ECDC
Mrs Jude Griffiths – clerk

2333. Apologies for absence:

Mr David Greenfield – on holiday.
Cllr Charlotte Cane – attending a different meeting.

2334. Members declaration of interest for items on the agenda and requests for dispensations:

None.

The Chair requested that the ECDC report be brought forward to allow Cllr Trapp to leave in order to attend a second meeting. *Unanimously agreed.*

2335. Reports:

a) CCC representative:

No report received.

b) ECDC – Cllr John Trapp reported to the meeting. A copy of the report had been circulated before the meeting – SKP asked that it be précised for the meeting.

JT reported concerns regarding a possible change in Council policy for the percentage of affordable housing required, from 40% to 30% - as shown by the reduced number of affordable housing on an approved development at Dullingham. Additionally, environmental policies were being developed for the council.

PL asked if ECDC had a set of standards for surveys? JT said no.

JC asked if JT had any comment on the Traveller encampment on the Denny, Swaffham Bulbeck. JT reported he'd spoken to them, would be talking to them again tomorrow and the aim was to move them on by the weekend – at present there was no bad behaviour and the rubbish was being bagged up. Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council were looking into ways to prevent the Denny being used as a campsite again.

JT left the meeting.

2336. Public participation for items on the agenda:

Michael Limb noted *min ref. 2330* Sir Michael Marshall, not Sir Malcolm Marshall.

2337. Approve and sign minutes of Parish Council meeting Thursday 8th August 2019:

Minor correction from Sir Malcolm to Sir Michael, then approved. *Proposed SKP, seconded PH; passed unanimously.*

2338. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Min. ref. 2330 AC noted that the marker bricks were not in the wrong position; SG clarified that they need to be clearer, not moved.

2339. Correspondence for consideration/circulation:

Letter from Lucy Frazer re landbanking – noted.

2340. Consideration of planning applications received:

19/01174/LBC 25 High Street, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge CB25 0LD

Removal of brick column between proposed sitting and living room and creation of one structural opening between the two rooms.

No comments or objections.

At 1950 AD excused himself from the meeting.

2341. Accounts for payment:

Proposed SKP, seconded PH, passed unanimously.

No transfer required.

SKP noted that next month Paul Catling finishes as Deputy Clerk.

2342. Social media policy:

PH noted that there was no need for the explanation of consequences or legal points in the policy; it should just state what the Parish Council can and can't do regarding Social Media.

PH to email his concerns to PL and PL to discuss them with DG. To be put on the agenda for October.

2343. Clerk's report:

Letters regarding cutting back of hedges bordering Cooper's Lane – these had been sent and one response received.

Unity Bank have opened a new Parish Council account.

The letter to the Marshall family had been sent.

2344. Parish Councillors' reports:

SG reported a massive increase in dog-fouling of the pavements in the village over the past week – PL suggested monitoring the situation for the next month and if there is no improvement, a letter should be sent to the Crier, or possibly some notices put up at 'hotspots'.

SG noted that the cemetery bin was overflowing – SKP to email Janet Wilmott to request it be emptied as part of the next Proud of Prior litter pick.

SG noted that parents had been complaining regarding parking on the pavement, particularly beside the playground, but that the situation had recently improved by itself.

SKP reported an enquiry from David Rayner on behalf of Scope, whether a textile collection bank could be placed in the Village Hall car park. It would take up one car space and be emptied weekly or more often if necessary. SG asked if its presence was advertised. SKP said not. PL asked how easy it would be to have it removed if necessary. SKP to check.

AD to discuss with Village Hall committee. To be added to October agenda.

JC noted that the PC had been approved for a Unity Trust bank account.

PL noted that the lightening conductor on the church tower had been inspected by a steeplejack.

AC noted that the sign for the school on Station Road has been knocked down – SKP to report.

The meeting ended at 2014.

2345. Open question time:

Michael Limb asked if the proposed textile bank can be moved temporarily if necessary – SKP to check.

Business concluded at 2015.

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