

Minutes of the Swaffham Prior Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 10th March 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Swaffham Prior Village Hall committee room.

Present: Mr John Covill (Chair) (JC), Mr Alan Durrant (AD), Mr. S. Kent-Phillips (SKP), Mr. Andrew Camps (AC), Mr Peter Hart (PH) and Mr Paul Latchford (PL).

In attendance:

Mrs Jude Griffiths (Clerk)

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

159/21-22 Apologies for absence

Cllr Sandra Gynn

Cllr David Greenfield

Both absences were accepted by the PC.

160/21-22 Members' declaration of interest for items on the agenda and requests for dispensations

None

161/21-22 Public participation for items on the agenda

None

162/21-22 Reports

a) CCC representative – none present.

b) ECDC representative – none present. No questions rose from the emailed report circulated.

163/21-22 Approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 10th February 2022

SKP proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting; seconded AD, passed (1 abstention).

164/21-22 Matters arising from previous minutes (for information only)

Min Ref.149/21-22 a) The Clerk noted that to register to become an interested party for the Sunnica Energy Farm, the PC would have to outline the principle submissions it intended to make regarding the application; this was to be 'to be kept informed of developments at this stage'.

165/21-22 Correspondence for consideration/circulation.

a) Email from ECDC regarding bin day changes – for information

Noted

b) Email saying that the Jubilee party will be taken on by the Village Hall committee plus others – for information.

Noted – AD clarified that due to lack of interest, there were currently no plans for a Jubilee celebration.

c) Email regarding closure of part of High Street and diversion from 20th to 22nd April inclusive – for information.

Noted

166/21-22 Consideration of planning applications received.

Approved:

a) **22/00023/LBC Proposed works to the listed building including repairs and replacement of the timber frame (soleplate) and replacement of the front door to south east elevation.**

Goodwin Manor, 1 Station Road, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0LG.

Noted.

167/21-22 Accounts for payment including:

a) Clerk's salary and taxes	£520.00
b) CAPALC renewal with DPO membership	£401.52
c) Microsoft 360 renewal	£79.99
d) Bill of repair to memorial	£120.00
e) Balfour Beatty maintenance contract	£276.00
Total	£1397.51

Direct Debit – Information Commission - £35.

SKP proposed that the accounts be paid in full; seconded AD, passed unanimously.

168/21-22 To hear Mr George Hurrell and discuss his proposal regarding development of Laundry Lane.

The Chair invited Mr Hurrell to address the meeting.

Mr Hurrell introduced himself and outlined his connections to Swaffham Prior. He explained that he and the owner of the horse field wished to avoid mistakes made in the last planning application which had been withdrawn as they felt the developers had put together an unsuitable application which was unlikely to be passed. As a consequence of this, Mr Hurrell expressed the wish to spend time consulting with the PC and parishioners, to produce scheme that provided housing the village wanted at a time it was wanted.

The Chair invited questions.

As a result of questioning by Councillors, it was established that:

- Mr Hurrell was representing both himself and the owner of the horse paddock.
 - Mr Hurrell owned the access way only.
 - The proposed development was open to ideas, such as self-build plots and more Community Land Trust houses
- Action: Clerk to put Mr Hurrell in touch with the directors of the CLT.
- The original intention to have access to the development from the High Street was felt to be problematic and access from the B1102 would be preferable, particularly if this involved a roundabout which could help address the issue of speed through the village.
 - Mr Hurrell had spoken to Tim Doe of the Scouts and if part of the Scout Field was lost, was prepared to offer land elsewhere to replace it.
 - Laundry Lane was not proposed as access as it is a bridleway and there was no wish to compromise the footpath.
 - The lack of sewerage and water supplies were issues to be addressed by the developers.
 - The rules regarding the setting of the Grade 1 listed church would have to be taken into account.

Mr Hurrell concluded that as a next step, he wanted to hear from the PC and the village what they would want as a development, that there was no rush as the intention was to take time to get it right and that he will look into access from the B1102.

a) 169/21-22 Clerk's Report

The Clerk noted that she intends to start CiLCA in September 2022 and requested permission to attend an Archiving and Retention course – this was agreed.

- b) The Clerk asked that AD attend a Cemetery Management and Compliance course so that there was knowledgeable back-up available for the cemetery should the Clerk be indisposed.
- c) The Clerk noted that the letter regarding co-operation between Parish Councils for the speed limit reduction on the B1102 had been produced by Jon Cook, circulated via email to the PC for approval and was ready to be signed and sent.
- d) The Clerk noted two incidents of fallen or unstable trees over footpaths. Andy Martin is to remove the trees blocking the footpath to the horse field and the Clerk to write to the owner of

the tree leaning over the footpath between Cage Hill and Fairview Grove to make them aware.

Action: Clerk to write as described above.

170/21-22 Parish Councillors' Reports

SKP noted that the Burwell litter pickers had cleared the verges along the B1102 from Burwell to Swaffham Bulbeck.

Action: Clerk to write to the Burwell litter picking group to express the PC's appreciation.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

171/21-22 Open Question Time

A member of the public expressed concern that the road on Fairview Grove may not be reinstated suitably after it has been dug up for the Heating Scheme – the steel mesh within the concrete road is being cut which will affect the integrity of the road.

Business concluded at 8.35pm.

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