

SWAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Cllrs: Mr D Metcalfe (Chairman) Mr K Holden (Vice Chairman)
Mrs J Geeson, Mr R Green, Mrs W Peat, Mr A Cusdin, Clerk: Mrs A Reichelt.
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Minutes of Swayfield PC Meeting^{12th} July 2023 7.00pm

1.0 Apologies for Absence Cllr Green

2.0 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the 2011 Local Government Act. – *personal or prejudicial interest in any items for discussion.* 5.5 St. Nicholas Church - Grant application towards church tower repairs – Alan Cusdin

3.0 Draft Notes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 to be approved as the Minutes. Proposed Councillor Holden seconded Councillor Geeson. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

4.0 Councillors' reports:

4.1 County and District Councillors' Reports – Nothing to report

4.2 Recreation ground. Nothing to report

4.3 Phone Kiosk. Nothing to report

4.4 Highways. Road Closure 28th July - Corby Road after the bridge for repairs.

Cllrs continue to encourage all residents to contact 'fix my street' with reference to any Highway issues.

4.5 Defibrillator. Working and all in order

5.0 Other Agenda Items:

5.1 Delegation of responsibilities -

Highways – Cllr R Green

Phone Kiosk – Cllr J Geeson

Defibrillator – Cllr K Holden

Community Events – Cllr A Cusdin

Recreation Ground – Cllr W Peat

5.2 Budget Setting – Through discussion of our annual budget our Precept will need to be increased to cover all existing expenditure.

5.3 Clerk and Councillor training – Renewed annual subscription to LALC. Training is offered to both Councillors and Clerks.

5.4 Village Sign – This is now being restored by Barkers. The post and sign should be erected within the next few weeks.

5.5 St Nicholas Church – St Nicholas Church – Grant application towards Church tower repairs – After discussion The Grant application towards the Church tower repairs was declined.

5.6 Mobile phone – It was agreed to replace the handset and continue with a 'pay as you go' SIM card. The number will remain although is currently not working. Councillor Peat offered a newer mobile phone to the council

5.7 Swayfield Naturehood – It was agreed that expenses accrued by Amanda Jenkins, Co-ordinator will be refunded after the Chair had consulted with Simon FC on methods of repayment before the Grant is received by the PC.

6.0 Financial Matters

6.1 Financial report: position at bank - New signatories are now in place. They are Cllrs Metcalfe, Holden and Geeson.

Expenditure approved Proposed Councillor Holden seconded Councillor Geeson. Approved unanimously by the councillors

6.2 Cheques to be signed:

Clerks wages. A Reichelt £187.68
Village Hall Rent. £180.00

7.0 Planning applications and approvals

S23/0431 Mr Coleman Proposed front porch extension – Approved
S23/1146 Mr Benn Raise crown of two ash trees to 5m – Pending Consideration
S23/0515 Mr Deo Extension to dwelling (resubmission) - Pending Consideration

9.0 Correspondence -

Mrs Wharton – Verge Cutting

Research has been undertaken by Cllr Metcalffe with reference to who is responsible for verges within the village. Maps are available and will, if possible, be made available on our web site.

10.0 Items of urgency for discussion

The clerk to contact Giles Percival re – cutting a metre wide strip on Pingle Lane

11.0 Date of next meeting - Wednesday 6th September