

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, Mr T Small, Clerk: Mrs A Reichelt.
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Draft Minutes of Swayfield PC Meeting 3rd January 2024 7.00pm

1.0 Apologies for Absence Cllr Green Cllr Peat

2.0 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the 2011 Local Government Act. – *personal or prejudicial interest in any items for discussion.* None

3.0 Draft Notes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st November 2023 to be approved as the Minutes. Proposed Councillor Holden seconded Councillor Geeson. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

4.0 Councillors' reports:

All parishioners should now have received their new paper/card recycling bin. It has been advised by SKDC that parishioners begin using the new bin and separating their card and paper from other recyclable material. From Monday February 5th, the Council will no longer empty any recycling bins with incorrect items in them.

4.1 County and District Councillors Reports.

4.2 Recreation ground. All minor repairs to the play equipment will be resolved once the weather improves. The equipment is safe to use.

Swayfield Naturehood - All claim forms have been received by SKDC.

4.3 Phone Kiosk. The painting of the kiosk will be postponed until after the door has been fixed. The kiosk is safe to use. Cllr Metcalfe discussed the possibility of adding a Swayfield Parish Council suggestion box within the phone kiosk. This would give parishioners an opportunity to communicate with the Cllrs should they not have access to email.

4.4 Highways. Several repairs have been recently submitted to 'fix my street'. Cllr Cusdin has followed up these reports and is disappointed to report that some of the reports have been deemed 'repaired' when they clearly have not been addressed. Cllr Cusdin to investigate who can be contacted at L.C.C to clarify repairs closure process and why repairs have not been completed.

The street light on Castle Bytham Road has been reported for repair.

Swayfield Parish Council have received the £317 for last years grass cutting from SKDC.

4.5 Defibrillator. Working and all in order, however, new pads have been ordered as they are reaching their expiration date.

5.0 Other Agenda Items:

5.1 Tim Small welcomed to Swayfield Parish Council.

5.2 Festival of Wheels – The cycle route will be passing through the village on Sunday 14th July. There will only be one pass through the village.

5.3 Lincolnshire Devolution Survey – All parishioners can take part in the consultations, these include attending an event, a survey on paper, over the phone or online at www.letstalk.lincolnshire.gov.uk/devolution. Cllrs may also get involved should they wish.

5.4 It was raised by Cllr Metcalfe that we may need to look to the future at other village facilities. Cllr Geeson expressed concern about the renewal of the lease on the Bowling green and it was agreed that this may need the support of the Parish Council in discussion with the leaseholders and nominating the bowling green as an Asset of Community Value should also be considered.

6.0 Financial Matters

6.1 Financial report: position at bank

6.2 Cheques to be signed:

Clerks wages. A Reichelt £211.14

Amanda Jenkins £12

6.3 Discussion took place about the setting of the precept for 2024-25. Papers were presented showing the budgets for the previous 5 years and projected budget 2024-25. The Council also looked at parishes of similar size and their precept request for last year. Swayfield's precept is one of the lowest in the district. It was agreed to set next year's precept at £3500 which will bring the Council back the level of spending from 4 years ago with a slight increase due to inflationary pressures. Although this may appear to be a big increase it is only relative to the significantly reduced precept of 2021. This was proposed by Cllr Cusdin and seconded by Cllr Holden and carries unanimously.

7.0 Planning applications and approvals

8.0 Correspondence

9.0 Items of urgency for discussion

10.0 Date of next meeting - Wednesday 20th March