

SWAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Cllrs: Mr D Metcalfe (Chairman) Mr K Holden (Vice Chairman)
Mrs J Geeson, Mrs W Peat, Mr A Cusdin, Mr T Small, Clerk: Mrs A Reichelt.
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Draft Minutes of Swayfield PC Meeting 20th March 2024 7.00pm

1.0 Apologies for Absence

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 3rd January 2024 to be approved as the Minutes. Proposed Councillor Geeson seconded Councillor Cusdin. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

4.0 Councillors' reports:

4.1 County and District Councillors Reports. Cllr Nick Robins announced to the Cllrs that a bid for the removal of litter from the A1 of £60,000 was successful. A date has not been announced for when the work will commence. It has been reported by SKDC that the new purple lidded bins have been received very well, however non recyclable items are still being put in the silver bins. If you are not sure if the item is recyclable then please place it in the black bin. There is a helpful leaflet that is available on the SKDC website.

The highways budget for Lincolnshire is to be enlarged considerably. This is to help with the repair and maintenance of roads throughout the County. Please continue to report all highway problems such as potholes to 'fixmystreet'.

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. A budget of £30 was proposed by Cllr Geeson and seconded by Cllr Cusdin for the purchase of the box. Cllr Holden will research and purchase the suggestion box.

4.4 Highways. Several potholes have been recently submitted to 'fix my street' by Cllr Cusdin. It has been noted by the Cllrs that the footpath between High Street and Corby road has been obstructed by the hedge being pushed on to the path where the cottage is being restored and extended. The contractors are to be informally contacted by Cllr Metcalfe to rectify this problem and sweep some of soil and rubble off the path.

4.5 Defibrillator. Working and all in order, however, new pads have been installed by Cllr Holden.

4.6 Cllr Green resignation. A letter from the Parish Council is to be sent to Mr Green thanking him for all his hard work. There is a vacancy for a new Parish Councillor.

5.0 Other Agenda Items:

5.1 Review of standing orders – These have been updated and approved by Cllr Holden and seconded by Cllr Peat.

5.2 Review of Policy Documents – These are to be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting. The Cllrs will receive the documents prior to the meeting.

5.3 Electric Vehicle Charger Locations – The Cllrs unanimously agreed that although the village would benefit from having a charger, there was no suitable location for it to be installed. The obvious place would have been the Village Hall, but this would reduce the already limited parking. All other locations within the village are owned privately.

5.4 Consultee Access – Swayfield P.C has successfully updated our communications with SKDC via their new planning website. We have our own login and can access and comment immediately.

- 5.5 D Day Celebrations – The beacon is to be lit at 21.15pm on June 6th to commemorate the event. Cllr Metcalfe proposed that Cllr Geeson and Cllr Small are to recruit volunteers within the parish for the help with the loading and lighting of the beacon. Cllr Holden reminded the Cllrs that the beacon will require repainting after the firing.
- 5.6 A letter was circulated to the Cllrs from Market Cross Patient Participation Group. The PPG have asked if the PC has a directory of interests which could be shared amongst the local parishes. They would like to know of all groups, classes, workshops that could help the wider community. They will require a little information about each group, the lead contacts name and where it takes place. Cllr Geeson took responsibility for setting up a Directory to be forwarded to the PPG at Market Cross on behalf of the PC. An event is to be arranged where people can meet other support groups, receive advice on services available to them such as carers allowance and grants that are available.
- 5.7 Grass Cutting – Giles Percival to continue cutting the grass in the recreation ground and maintain Pingle Lane as proposed by Cllr Holden and seconded by Cllr Geeson.

6.0 Financial Matters

- 6.1 Financial report: position at bank – Cllr Small was satisfied with the financial report, this was seconded by Cllr Peat.
- 6.2 Wildlife Grant Payment – Swayfield Parish Council have received the money for the wildlife grant.
- 6.3 Cheques to be signed:
Clerks wages. A Reichelt £258.06
The Community Heartbeat Trust £106.74

7.0 Planning applications and approvals

- 7.1 Works to Trees Application S23/2290 – approved
- 7.2 S24/0091 Mr Deo – Amended. **Objections**
Although a reduction in the roof height is planned, the Cllrs still felt the east facing windows would create issues of privacy for the neighbouring property. It was also noted that “side facing roof windows should be obscure glazed; and openings to be 1.7m or more above the floor”.
- 7.3 S23/1520 Notice of planning application appeal

8.0 Correspondence

9.0 Items of urgency for discussion

- 10.0 Date of next meeting** Wednesday 22nd May (Annual General Meeting)
Wednesday 17th July
Wednesday 18th September
Wednesday 20th November