

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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**Minutes of Swayfield PC Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 7.00pm**

**1.0 Apologies for Absence** Cllr D Metcalfe, Cllr J Geeson

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 to be approved as the Minutes. Proposed Councillor Cusdin seconded Councillor Small.

**4.0 Councillors' reports:**

**4.1** Cllr Vernon discussed the election of Alicia Kearns. Ms. Kearns wishes to hold a discussion with the villages along the A1 to discuss the impact of A1 closures on our villages. Cllr Vernon suggested a representative from the village should attend the meeting and air the concerns of the parish. No date for the discussion was given.

Mallard Pass has been approved by the secretary of state. The County Council are really disappointed by this but the decision was out of their hands.

Please continue to report all highway problems such as potholes to 'fixmystreet'.

**4.2** Cllr Robins confirmed that West Gate in Grantham will be completed mid August.

There is still money available in the UK prosperity fund so if there are any projects that are suitable for this then you should contact Cllr Nick Robins or The development team at SKDC.

**4.3 Recreation ground.** Rospa are to inspect the play equipment in August.

Cllr Peat suggested a site visit with Mr Percival (grass maintenance) to protect the equipment from grass cutting and strimming.

**4.4 Phone Kiosk.**

**4.5 Highways** Fly tipping on Woolley's Lane is to be reported by Cllr Small.

Several repairs to the roads have successfully been reported through 'fix my street' and they have been repaired.

The A1 turn onto Woolley's Lane requires urgent attention. The central reservation grass has not been cut and is dangerously high. This has been reported several times by the Cllrs. Cllr Robins suggested that we now report it directly to highways.

**4.6 Beacon** Cllr Geeson thanked the Parish via letter, for allowing the beacon to be lit to commemorate the D Day Landings.

"With the great guidance and help once again from John Gregory, and with the able assistance of John Stanley, Tim Small, Andy Tunnicliffe and Simon Richley we managed to construct an excellent flame! Thanks also go to several donors of wooden pallets, including Tim Small who also provided us with great crowd safety barriers, and Kevin for doing the Poster advertising".

"There was a good attendance from the Village, and a successful lighting by young William Butler. We also raised £350+ for his chosen Charity, The Restoration of The Lancaster Bomber."

"Following the event the structure of the Beacon will need to be cleaned down and repainted. John Gregory is not able to do this but John Stanley has said he is willing. I would like to suggest we ask him to go ahead, and that he be paid for his time along with the cost of materials".

**4.7 High speed internet** Cllr Peat reported on the current Open Reach proposals for ultra speed internet. Open Reach will not upgrade if the number of households and businesses do not pledge their voucher, currently 46 properties and six businesses have pledged a total of £243,000. Open Reach have not yet scoped the cost of the project. The voucher funding is available now and the work will not go ahead without sufficient funding. Should we miss the deadline then we will have to wait until the Government offers another scheme. Cllr Peat reported that in most rollouts someone from the village had led the project, not necessarily the PC and liaised between Open Reach and villagers.

Regarding BT's roll out of Digital Landlines (VOIP) vulnerable parishioners (emergency contact users etc) could be identified and assisted. Ofcom have insisted that all residents with alarm systems through the current telephone system will have access to communications in the unlikely event of a power outage.

Identification of people potentially vulnerable are to be added to the next agenda.

By Autumn Open Reach will have a website where vulnerable households can be listed.

A member of the public asked when 5g would be available in the village. Cllr Peat responded and said All except Vodaphone of the four networks have 5G available in our broader area. Unfortunately, it's not yet available in rural areas. EE, part of the BT Group are slowly rolling out to rural areas and hope to have coverage by 2028. Three (3) 5G network only covers certain cities with no dates for rural coverage. O2 are also rolling out into rural areas but with no timelines given.

**4.8 Defibrillator.** Working and all in order.

## **5.0 Other Agenda Items**

**5.1 Footpath maintenance** Cllr Holden will contact the property owners and ask that they cut the foliage along the footpath beside the pub. Cllr Cusdin is to contact the Local Authority in relation to the footpaths around the village near and on farm land. Pingle Lane will be cut next time Mr Percival is in the village.

**5.2 Mapping Layers** from SKDC has been approved.

## **6.0 Financial Matters**

6.1 Financial report: position at bank – To be emailed to all Cllrs.

6.2 Cheques to be signed:

Clerks wages. A Reichelt £187.68

Giles Percival £415.00

LALC Renewal. Paid prior to meeting £155.10

Clear Insurance Management. Paid prior to meeting £429.62

## **7.0 Planning applications and approvals**

7.1 S24/0849 Boundary fence retention & proposed landscaping alterations. Consultation expired. The Cllrs have no further comment.

7.3 S24/0892 Erection of a single storey side and rear extension. NO OBJECTIONS

7.4 S24/1016 Proposed rear extension comprising of two and single storey elements with addition of an orangery. Consultation closes on 19<sup>th</sup> July. Historic England have said that their application needs more work.

7.5 S24/0891 Erection of single storey front extension. NO OBJECTIONS

7.6 S24/0719 Demolition of existing detached dwelling and garage and construction of replacement dwelling and detached garage with new additional drive access point. NO OBJECTIONS

7.7 S24/0625 Removal of Condition 5 of PP S22/1067. Consultation expired

**8.0 Correspondence**

**9.0 Items of urgency for discussion**

**10.0 Date of next meeting** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November