

SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3RD APRIL 2012 AT 7.00PM IN SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Julie Carpenter (JC)

Mike Taylor (MT)

Mike Stanley (MS)

Mick Foley (MF)

Dan Parish (DP)

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk (CC), and one member of the public

1. Apologies

Cllr's Bradshaw and Gallick

2. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of last meetings held on 21st February 2012

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

Registration of Swalcliffe Common - Ongoing.

Removal of Tree by the Old Bakehouse by Fountains - There is no further progress.

Speedwatch - The new speed units are working. The batteries were changed after thirteen days and one unit had recorded 9800 vehicles driving past. Non uniformed police have said that traffic appears to be going slower since the speed units were put up. It was noted that cars who park on the Main Road for long periods of time should be parked the way the traffic flows. The Parish Clerk confirmed that Cllr George Reynolds had given a donation from his stewardship fund for £1500.00 and not £1000.00 as previously agreed. The units have been added to the insurance policy.

Capping of wall around the Green - The work has been done although part of it has been damaged again due to a vehicle hitting it.

White gates to mark entrance to the village - Carry forward to next meeting.

Undergrowth in churchyard - Carry forward to the next meeting

Children's Play Area - Carry forward to the next meeting.

Common clearing - The work has been done.

Open Day at Swalcliffe Park School - Thanks was given to Doug Seymour for the invitation to the open day. MS was able to walk around.

Plant for well head - MS spoke to Gerry Melvin who has suggested that MS buys a non-poisonous plant.

5. Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

CDC are offering a grant and applications have to be submitted to them. There are restrictions on what it can be used for. A discussion took place about giving the children a mug.

Action: Cllr Stanley to get a price for 50 mugs and circulate to all. The Clerk also has prices to compare.

6. Planning applications

Two new applications had been received since the last meeting:-

- 12/00194/F, Demolish existing outbuilding and associated shed and greenhouse, construct new 3 bedroom cottage at Lime Tree House, Main Road.
- 12/00207/F and 12/00208/LB, Refurbishment and internal reordering of the first and second floors of main boarding house and two new rooflights and an extended dormer to rear of Swalcliffe Park School, Green Lane.

7. Financial Report

The following payments were approved at the meeting:

- £133.07 to OALC (Subscription 2012/13)
- £25.00 to Broker Network Ltd (addition of two Speed Indicator Devices to policy)
- £157.00 to Gerry Melvin (grass cutting in churchyard and village)
- £14.68 to Doug Seymour (4 padlocks for security of speed indicator devices)

8. Correspondence

- ORCC, Details of membership scheme
- Email from Guy Harris of the PCC thanking Gerry Melvin for the work on the churchyard. This was passed to Gerry.

9. Councillors Reports

A discussion took place about the current bid to upgrade Broadband throughout the area covered by the Swalcliffe Exchange. This is a new bid with funding coming from Oxfordshire County Council or The Dept of Rural Affairs. It requires people to register as the success of the bid depends on number of people supporting it. The Chair has sent emails to official co-ordinators to get more information on this but has not had a response.

Action: Contact details for Paul Hobson who is co-ordinating this, to be passed to Cllr Parish.

10. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 15th May at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 7.30pm