

# SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5TH JULY 2011 AT 7.30PM IN SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL

### Councillors Present

Julie Carpenter (JC)

Mick Foley (MF)

Mike Taylor (MT)

Jane Gallick (JG)

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk (CC)

### 1. Apologies

Patrick Bradshaw, Dan Parish and Mike Stanley

### 3. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

### 4. Minutes of last meetings held on 24th May 2011

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

### 5. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

*Registration of Swalcliffe Common - Ongoing.*

*Parish Pit - Gerry has agreed to strim the Parish Pit and invoice the Parish Council separately. JC to take photos.*

*Tree by the Old Bakehouse - This has not been removed yet.*

#### *Speedwatch*

*Action: DP to invite Angela Alford of Thames Valley Police to the next council meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September.*

#### *Coping of wall around the Green*

*Action: The Chair to ask Paul Waller and Mr McNally for a quote.*

#### *White gates to mark entrance to the village*

*Action: The Clerk to chase OCC Highways for a response.*

*LED lights along Main Road - The lights need to be tested first before asking the village for their opinion.*

*Action: MF to purchase or loan a light.*

*Village Clearing Day* - This was postponed. George Reynolds has bags and gloves to hand over.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to send a letter to Ben Benson and Elizabeth Whittle about overgrown vegetation along the Main Road. JC to get weedkiller from MT. The Parish Clerk to ask George Reynolds if he has hand pickers.*

*Undergrowth in churchyard* - MF has sprayed the area.

*Redressing of Main Road* - OCC Highways have confirmed they are going to redress the road.

*Invitation to Mr Hingorani of Swalcliffe Park School to attend a meeting* - Mr Hingorani has agreed to attend the next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## **6. Planning applications**

One planning application had been received since the last meeting,

- 11/00939/F, Single storey rear extension and 11/00966/F, Erection of single storey poolhouse at the Mount, Green Lane

A certificate of lawfulness for a swimming pool at Swalcliffe House, Grange Lane dated 26<sup>th</sup> May had been received.

## **7. Financial Report**

The following payments were approved at the meeting:

- £2400.00 to Leadwise Windows Ltd \*
- £141.00 to Gerry Melvin (grass cutting)

\*it was agreed the Parish Council would pay Leadwise Windows Ltd directly from it's funds to enable the vat of £400.00 to be claimed back which can be used on another improvement in the hall. A transfer of £2000 had been made from the Village Hall Account.

## **8. Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received and was distributed to the councillor's:-

- ORCC Review
- Affordable Rural Housing Conference on 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Oxfordshire Carers Forum - Donation request
- CDC, Details of Self Build Housing Events in Banbury, on notice-board

## **9. Councillors Reports**

Next year is the Diamond Jubilee and it was agreed to add 'Diamond Jubilee Celebrations' to the agenda next time.

JG reported the missing road sign for Park Lane.

*Action: The Clerk to speak to CDC and ask for 'No access for HGVs' to be put on the sign.*

JG reported trees that are touching electricity poles at the end of Brick Row.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to report to Fountains.*

JG reported the Barn Sign which is looking old. A new brown sign would look more attractive.

*Action: JC to speak to OCC.*

MF referred to the small grass bank near the village hall which needs some attention. Soil is coming over the wall and the actual wall is covered in grass. He has asked for a quote to repair the dry stone wall.

**10. Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 6th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 8.15pm