

SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 26TH JUNE 2012 AT 7.30PM IN SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Julie Carpenter (JC)

Jane Gallick (JG)

Mike Taylor (MT)

Mike Stanley (MS)

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk (CC),

1. Apologies

Cllr's Parish, Bradshaw and Foley

2. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

3. To consider the Code of Conduct adopted by Cherwell District Council and the following resolutions:

That:

1. The Code of Conduct adopted by Cherwell District Council be adopted as the code for members and co-opted members of Broughton Parish Council with effect from 1 July 2012, or such other date as may be specified in regulations, to replace the current code of conduct; and
2. The Clerk be requested to notify the Monitoring Officer of the Cherwell District Council of the passing of the above resolution.

Both resolutions were proposed by MS and seconded by the Chair.

4. Minutes of last meetings held on 15th May 2012

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.

Removal of Tree by the Old Bakehouse - The tree has been removed now.

White gates to mark entrance to the village - Peter Egawhary of OCC Highways has advised that due to a shortage of resources and backlog, this matter is not a priority for the contractors at present. He will continue to keep on at the contractor and expedite matters at the earliest opportunity.

Undergrowth in churchyard - The area has been sprayed and thanks was given to Tony. Gerry has also strimmed the area.

Childrens Play Area - The plans were passed to Cllr Parish. There is concern from other parishioners who live nearby that it could lead to thefts from gardens which has happened in the past. It was agreed to put this project on hold.

Plant for wellhead - MS to buy.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - The event went well and a note will be put in the Link. Thanks was given to all those involved.

Planning application 12/00387/F, Fairview Cottage, Main Road - This has been approved by CDC.

Parish Pit - Further correspondence has been received.

Action: The Parish Clerk to speak to Cllr Bradshaw about insurance.

Land behind Jesters - The Clerk had been unable to find any final paperwork relating to the sale of land. She will check the filing cabinet in the hall.

6. Planning applications

One new application had been received the day before the meeting.

12/00826/F, Conservatory to rear of property at The Old Dairy, Park Lane, Swalcliffe.

It was agreed the council would raise no objections.

7. Financial Report

The following payments were approved at the meeting:

£260.00 to T J G Fox (pig for Diamond Jubilee party)

£279.00 to Gerry Melvin (grass cutting)

£226.79 to ABC Advertising (Renewal of website name and hosting)

£20.00 to Swalcliffe Village Hall (hire of chairs for Diamond Jubilee party)

£243.66 to Stags Head Public House (Diamond Jubilee Celebrations)

£96.00 to Julie Carpenter (Diamond Jubilee Celebrations)

The Chair noted that the Parish Council had been successful in receiving a grant from Cherwell District Council of £200.00 to be put towards costs associated with the Diamond Jubilee party.

To approve and sign an amendment to Sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Return 2011/12

The Clerk had amended box 9 (fixed assets) to show the new speed signs that had been purchased during 2011/12. The amendment was agreed and signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

9. Correspondence

- Audit Commission, Consultation on appointment of external auditor for 2012/13 and future years. The proposal is to appoint BDO LLP to audit the annual return of Swalcliffe Parish Council for five years from 2012/13. Scales of fees have been adjusted for smaller bodies based on bands of income and expenditure whichever is the higher.

The fees will be proportionate to the public funds involved and the ability of the body to pay.

- Volunteer Connect, Help with transport in Cherwell Area

10. Councillors Reports

Parking at the Barn was discussed. MS advised that the school have been given permission from Oxford Buildings Trust to park there. It appears that the school may have not notified any neighbours of this arrangement which was the original agreement.

Action: The Parish Clerk to email Mr Hingorani and ask for exact clarification of their parking arrangements for the next few months.

MT asked if anyone was aware if the flashing speed signs had slowed traffic down since installation. Cllr Parish has circulated recent figures and there is evidence that cars are still speeding.

The Chair noted that Cllr Foley has a spare Jubilee mug.

The Chair asked if there has ever been a mirror on the Main Road opposite Green Lane. Councillors present felt that a mirror has never been there.

It was noted that Cllr Parish wishes to stand down from the Parish Council.

Action: The Chair to ask him to send a formal letter of resignation.

11. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 24th July, Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 8.15pm