

SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 29TH NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7.30PM IN SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Julie Carpenter (JC)

Mick Foley (MF)

Dan Parish (DP)

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk (CC)

1. Apologies

Patrick Bradshaw, Jane Gallick

2. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of last meetings held on 18th October 2011

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.

Parish Pit - This is ongoing. The Parish Council are discussing and agreeing the terms of the lease.

Removal of Tree by the Old Bakehouse - The Parish Clerk has spoken to Fountains who are looking into the outstanding work to be done. It was agreed that DP should contact a local company to see if they can remove the tree.

Action: DP to contact Treotech for further advice.

Speedwatch - Several observations have taken place and drivers were observed speeding. Email contact has been made about the speed van coming to the village.

Action: The Parish Clerk to make contact with David Tole about the VAS.

Capping of wall around the Green - Mr McNally has been asked to do the work when he can..

White gates to mark entrance to the village - OCC have ordered the gates.

Action: The Parish Clerk to chase OCC for progress.

Undergrowth in churchyard - Ongoing.

Illegal Mirror by Manor - The mirror is still in place.

Action: The Chair to speak to the building contractors who did the work at the Manor to see if they can remove the mirror.

Childrens Play Area - The ideal area needs to be central to the village and away from the Main Road.

Action: The Chair to speak to Jeff Demmar.

Christmas Tree - This was purchased at a cost of £80.

5. Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

It was confirmed there is a beacon which will be lit on land belonging to the Sandford Baker family. This could be in the parish of Shutford and therefore the Parish Council may come to an arrangement with them to share the lighting.

6. Planning applications

11/01532/F, Proposed alterations and rear extension to free standing outbuilding to create ancillary residential accommodation at Gullivers Cottage, Main Road. Currently being considered by the council.

*11/01354/F, Porch and first floor extension at Fairview Cottage, Main Road
This application has been withdrawn by the applicant.*

7. Financial Report

The following payments were approved at the meeting:

£100.00 - to Kate Foley, Christmas party expenses (preliminary)

8. Correspondence

CDC, Precept 2012/13, The Parish Clerk to circulate figures before the next meeting.

9. Councillors Reports

The Clerk to report potholes in Green Lane by the village hall and between Sibford Elm crossroads and The Old Grange.

A discussion took place about the area in front of the garages which is in a bad state of repair. It may need more hard core. This is a facility for the village and the rent should cover the upkeep. To be discussed at the next meeting when renewal of the garage leases will be on the agenda.

The Christmas lights to be switched on at 4.30pm on Saturday 3rd December. A note has been put in the Guardian for the coming week.

10. To set meeting dates for 2012

The following dates have been set for 2012:-

21st February, 3rd April, 15th May, 26th June, 24th July, 4th September, 16th October, 27th November

11. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 10th January 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 9.00pm