

SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5th APRIL 2011 AT 7.00PM IN SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Julie Carpenter (JC)

Mike Stanley (MS)

Jane Gallick (JG)

Dan Parish (DP)

Mick Foley (MF)

Patrick Bradshaw (PB)

Mike Taylor (MT)

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk (CC) and District Councillor George Reynolds

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests to declare.

3. Minutes of last meetings held on 3rd March 2011

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

4. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

Registration of Swalcliffe Common - Ongoing.

Cutting of churchyard - The PCC had confirmed they were happy with the new arrangement of Gerry Melvin cutting certain fixed areas of the churchyard. Peter Donovan to continue to clear rougher areas.

Parish Pit - There is no further news.

Tree by the Old Bakehouse - There is no more news other than Fountains are currently three years behind with their workload.

Speedwatch - Ongoing.

Coping of wall around the Green - To carry forward to next meeting.

Flooding in the garage at Backwater - The work has been done.

White gates to mark entrances to village - The Chair and Parish Clerk are meeting OCC Highways on 6th April to agree positions and size.

LED lights on pavement on Main Road - MF has arranged to meet Clearview Traffic Group to discuss LED solar powered lights w/c 11th April.

Royal Wedding Celebrations - The Parish Council have agreed to contribute towards food costs.

5. To discuss PAYE status for Parish Clerk

The Clerk advised she will call HMRC after 6th April to register herself for PAYE. They will issue her with a different employee number for each council that she works for.

6. To discuss holding a Village Clearing Day

MF felt this was a good idea and a date for a litter pick was suggested for 8th May. MT commented on the verge which is cut right back to the hedge by OCC Highways and he felt was a waste of money. Cllr Reynolds advised that this cut takes place every 3/5 years and is planned maintenance work.

7. To discuss the recent announcement made by MP George Osborne re neighbourhood planning powers which are to be trialled in 17 areas of the UK

The council have received no formal notification about this yet although an article was published in a daily newspaper recently.

8. Planning applications

One new application had been received from CDC:

- *11/00372/F, Retrospective - Change of use from agricultural to Sui-Generis for making of bee hives and associated carpentry at Lower Lea Farm, Swalcliffe Lea.*
The council to consider the neighbour's comments which have been noise concerns.

9. Financial Report

The following payments were approved at the meeting:

- £105 to Gerry Melvin (grass cutting)
- £133.07 to OALC (Subscription 2011)

10. Correspondence

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

- CDC, New informal planning guidance documents - Wind Turbine Development and Sub Division of Buildings for Residential use
- CDC, Concessionary Travel Scheme and Community Transport (Dial-a-Ride)

11. Councillors Reports

- PB spoke about cars speeding along Swalcliffe Lea and not giving way to oncoming traffic. PB to report number plates to the police and speak to OCC Highways about a Give Way Sign.
- MF discussed the clearance of overgrowth in front of the church on the terrace. MT agreed to bring a trailer along. MF to speak to the PCC to arrange a suitable date and time.

12. Date and time of next meeting

24th May 2011, Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed 7.30pm

