

SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 16th APRIL 2013 AT 7.00PM IN SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Julie Carpenter (JC)
Jane Gallick (JG)
Mick Foley (MF)
Mike Taylor (MT)
Christine Coles, Parish Clerk (CC)

1. Apologies

Cllr Bradshaw

2. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of last meeting held on 5th March 2013

The minutes were approved and signed off.

4. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

Registration of Swalcliffe Fuel Allotment - Carry forward to the next meeting.

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

Plant for wellhead - Carry forward to the next meeting.

Parish Pit - The Clerk has sent a letter to Graham & Rosen Solicitors asking for an update. Cllr Carpenter noted that on checking Land Registry records, the land has been registered as a freehold property.

Work to land behind village hall - Cllr Taylor has completed the work and put down extra grit to fill the hole. Mr and Mrs Stanton have agreed to pay £50.00 towards the costs. They asked for it to be noted that they think there is an underlying problem here which should have been resolved when the wall was built at the back of the village hall.

Missing 'Park Lane' sign - The new sign is in place.

New Bus Shelter - Cllr Foley did note that red telephone boxes are for sale.

Bench outside the church - The bench has not been taken away yet. Cllr Foley to speak to Mark.

Trimming of trees on the Green - JC to speak to John Badger.

Flooding in Park Lane - There is no further news from OCC.

Condition of Main Road which is sunken in some parts - There is no further news.

Neighbourhood Plan - This item to stay on the agenda.

Repair of track at Bacon Farm - The Clerk replied to Mr and Mrs Rifat that they council had no objections. Potholes along the road have been filled in.

Standing orders - To be agreed at the next meeting in May.

Vacancy on council - There have been no enquiries.

5. Planning applications

There were no planning applications to consider.

6. Financial Report

There were no payments to make.

7. To consider the report of the Parish Remuneration Panel on the Review of Parish Members Allowances (details circulated) received from CDC

It was agreed not to adopt a Members Allowance Scheme. The Parish Clerk to prepare notices for the board.

A short discussion took place about paying an allowance to Cllr Carpenter for the extra work that she does as Chairperson for the council. Cllr Carpenter noted that she was happy to leave things as they are as the payment would be added to the precept. To be considered at a later date if the council decide to do a neighbourhood plan and more work is needed in the preparation of it.

8. Correspondence

- CDC, Criteria and Implementation of Register of Local Heritage Assets. The Clerk has this letter on email and it was agreed to forward to everyone by email.
- Email from Doug Seymour about new signage for Swalcliffe Park School
- Age UK Oxfordshire, Home Support Service

9. Councillors Reports

Cllr Foley asked if the Parish Council would be doing anything to compensate the Melvins after their recent cottage fire. It was agreed to carry this forward for discussion at the next meeting.

Cllr Foley had asked if the lights could be switched on at the church but it was felt not to be too important now as the clocks have changed and it gets dark later on. To be considered when the clocks go back in October.

10. Date and time of next meeting

21st May 2013 - Parish Council meeting at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed 7.30pm