

SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7TH DECEMBER 2010 AT 7.30PM IN SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Julie Carpenter (JC)

Mick Foley (MF)

Mike Stanley (MS)

Dan Parish (DP),

Mike Taylor (MT)

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk (CC)

1. Apologies

Jane Gallick and Patrick Bradshaw

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests to declare.

3. Minutes of last meetings held on 19th October 2010

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.

Children At Play Sign for Bakers Lane - Ongoing.

Upkeep of church garden planted by Betty Panks - There are conifers that need cutting.

MS tried to contact Treetech but was unhappy that they took over a week to come back to him.

Action: MS to make contact with an alternative person.

Parish Pit - No further news.

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

Action: MS to apply for a notice with Cherwell.

Mirror on wall by Swalcliffe Manor - The white marks on the road were connected to drainage work in the village.

Flooding in the garage at Backwater

Action: CC to chase OCC Highways as they had previously suggested putting a grid in place to take the water which runs down Bakers Lane.

Swalcliffe Park School - A new head teacher has been appointed for September 2011. An invite to be sent inviting the new Head to the AGM in April.

Speedwatch Initiative - A meeting was held and twelve volunteers were in attendance. The first active speedwatch session has been held.

Action: DP to ask the team to write an update.

Parking outside Sparrow Hall - Nothing more has been said about the previous parking problem.

Childrens party - It was agreed a float of £100 would be passed to Kate Foley.

Coping of Wall Around the Green - JC to contact Mr McNally once the winter has passed.

Action: The Clerk to check the excess level on the insurance policy.

Potholes - The potholes mentioned at the last meeting had been reported to OCC Highways.

Action: CC to report the pothole opposite 4 The Green and the poor road surface by the Green.

LED lights on pavement on Main Road - CC thought she had emailed the website details to MF. Action: CC to check the email was sent out.

5. To receive an update and consider costs on outstanding highway issues, details circulated

The sharks teeth at each entrance to the village have been painted on the road. The centre line has also been removed.

DP emailed Oxfordshire County Council to ask if they would be able to make a financial contribution towards the installation of a kerb along the Main Road. OCC advised they will keep the scheme on the list and review in the Spring. OCC advised that last winter due to the shortage of salt stocks their 'salted network' was reduced by 50% which meant that this route which would otherwise have been treated, wasn't, and therefore this could have contributed to the issues. It is also their intention to surface dress or re-texture this stretch of road next year which will introduce surface texture into the carriageway and improve the skid resistance properties.

The Parish Clerk has received prices for the supply only of white gates. OCC had advised in a previous email of 20th October that they would be able to absorb the installation costs.

Action: CC to clarify the exact size of the gates and email the councillors with a total price. CC to ask OCC to confirm they will absorb the installation costs.

Louise Wilson of OCC Highways had emailed recent survey results taken in the village.

Action: JC to analyse results and circulate to all. CC to send results to Angela Alford of Thames Valley Police.

6. To review garage rental and access payments for 2011

The area in front of the garages may need more work as it is currently muddy and the ground has sunk. There are weeds to be sprayed.

It was agreed that rent for a single garage would increase to £120 for 2011 and rent for a double garage would increase to £170. It was agreed to leave access charges as they are.

Action: MT to look to see if more stone is needed at a later date. CC to send letters to villagers who lease garages and those paying access charges.

7. Planning applications

No new applications had been received by the council.

8. Financial Report

The following payments were approved at the meeting:

- £189.00 to Parish Clerk (hours)
- £100 to K Foley (float for Christmas party for children)

9. Correspondence

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

- OCC, Introduction to OCC Stewardship
- CDC, Consultation - Draft Planning Guidance on Wind Turbine Development
- Came & Company, Parish Newsletter
- ORCC, 90th Annual Report
- OCC, Consultation on concessionary fares scheme
- Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Action Group, To consider contributing towards purchase of SDR unit. It was agreed that this would be left for the moment as regular surveys have been carried out recently and the village has use of the temporary VAS.

10. Councillors Reports

The councillors to think about ideas in the New Year to celebrate the Royal Wedding in April 2011 if appropriate.

11. Date and time of next meeting

18th January 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9pm