

# SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20TH APRIL 2010 AT 7.00PM IN SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL

### Councillors Present

Julie Carpenter (JC)

Mike Stanley (MS)

Mick Foley (MF)

Mike Taylor (MT)

Dan Parish (DP),

Christine Coles, Parish Clerk (CC) and one villager

### 1. Apologies

Jane Gallick and Patrick Bradshaw

### 2. Declarations of Interest

No interests were declared.

### 3. Minutes of last meetings held on 2nd March 2010

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.*

*Children At Play Sign for Bakers Lane - Ongoing.*

*Upkeep of church garden planted by Betty Panks - Ongoing.*

*Parish Pit - PB sent amended documents to Graham & Rosen which were changed by them afterwards. These have now been forwarded to Loddors for checking. The general state of the area will need to be looked at soon.*

*Wall outside Backwater - MS has received a quote from Mr McNally for £150.00 to repair the wall.*

*Action: MT agreed to get another quote to compare.*

*Tree by the Old Bakehouse - This has not been removed yet. Fountains had left a telephone message for the Clerk to advise they will carry out the tree work in May.*

*Action: The Clerk to try and speak to them again.*

*Village website - The Clerk has received a request from a villager asking to put their business on the website.*

*Action: The council to discuss the charges for local businesses using the website at their next meeting.*

*Cutting back of forsythia bush overhanging the footpath between the Square and Bakers Lane - This has been cut back.*

*Highways - A site meeting was held after the last council meeting with Ian Clarke and Simon Marsden of OCC Highways. Ian Clarke would not commit to carrying out any work on the Main Road in the near future as OCC have limited funds and he agreed to ask Louise Harrison to have another look at the road layout to see if anything else could be done. The Parish Council may consider paying for the work if appropriate work is recommended. The Clerk had emailed Louise Harrison for her response but she has been on leave. The Clerk has formally written to BT to ask if the phone box can be removed.  
Action: The Clerk to chase OCC Highways and BT again and MT to speak to Ian Clarke.*

*Potholes - More potholes along the Main Road, Bakers Lane and Park Lane were reported.  
Action: The Clerk to report to OCC Highways.*

## **6. Planning applications**

No applications had been received since the last meeting.

Decision notices had been received on the following applications:-

- ✓ 10/00016/TCA, fell 1 Eucalyptus tree at 3 Madmarston View, Green Lane. This has been approved by CDC.
- ✓ 10/00318/AGN, Proposed grain store with a lean to on side for parking equipment at Stourwell. Agricultural "Prior Approval" Determination has been given by CDC.

### **6 Brick Row**

The building work at 6 Brick Row was discussed as the occupants are building a shed in the back garden which is over 2.4metres high and they have not applied for planning permission. Cherwell planning investigator Linda Burke has spoken to the occupants who were not aware they needed planning permission. They have until 29<sup>th</sup> April to apply for retrospective planning permission or reduce the height of the shed.

## **7. Financial Report**

The following payments were approved at the meeting:

- ✓ £130.30 to OALC (Subscription 2010/11)
- ✓ £293.75 to Loders Solicitors (legal advice on Parish Pit)

## **8. Correspondence**

- ✓ Energy Saving Trust, To Join Green Communities
- ✓ CDC, Parish Council Fund Raising Opportunity
- ✓ ORCC, Membership details - asking if the Parish Council would like to become a member
- ✓ CDC, Planning process for Town/Parish Councils
- ✓ OCC, Home 2 School Newsletter
- ✓ CDC, Details of Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June
- ✓ Letter from Carole Moir of Madmarston View about dog poo being found at the bottom of Green Lane. The Chair to put details in the Link and the Clerk to bring the DEFRA 'Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005' book (a Parish Council guide to environmental enforcement) to the next meeting.

*The Clerk highlighted one item of correspondence:*

CDC, Parish Council fund raising opportunity. The new mixed food and garden waste collections have been rolled out over the last six months and have been well received by residents. CDC have seen the demand for compostable liners increase. CDC are offering a box of liners, which consists of 30 rolls, each roll consisting of 40 liners for £70.50 inc VAT, and each roll costing £2.35 inc VAT. CDC would insist that each roll is sold for £3 inc VAT allowing the Parish Council to raise £19.50 for each box sold. The council agreed not to pursue this.

**9. Councillors Reports**

There was nothing to report.

**10. Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday 18th May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting Closed 7.30pm