

SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 4th JULY 2017 AT 7.30PM IN SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Lizzie Melvin (LM), Chairperson
Ben Benson (BB)
Ryan Smith (RS)
Neil Urquhart (NU)

Christine Coles - Parish Clerk and three villagers

17/1. Apologies

Cllr Stanley (holiday) and Cllr Taylor (work commitment)

17/2. Declarations of Interest

The Chair declared an interest in the payment to Gerry Melvin.

17/3. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 23rd May 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

17/4. Public participation session

There were no matters raised by the public during this session.

17/5. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

There were no matters to discuss.

17/6. To receive an update on the registration of the Swalcliffe Woodland Community Play Area lease

Bretherton's Solicitors have registered the lease with HM Land Registry but it could take several months as they have a huge backlog of work.

The two planning applications for the community play area are progressing. The pathway application has passed through CDC planning and is now on the portal system. The other application requires more information which has to be submitted by 11th July. The school have submitted their own planning application to install a remotely controlled rising barrier and 1.2m high metal fencing and gate. Discussions are ongoing between the school and CDC as the fencing has to meet certain specifications but it has not been approved by CDC.

17/7. To receive an update on broadband in the village hall

The village hall now has wi-fi courtesy of Sugarnet as part of their initiative to supply broadband, free of charge, to community spaces in the village i.e. church and village hall. A small aerial has been sited on the roof to the right of the main gable end which receives the signal from the mast on the church tower. The router is in the stage area. The codes will be changed periodically. A huge vote of thanks was given.

Action: The Parish Clerk to send thank you letters to the PCC, Connectivity Group and Village Hall Committee.

17/8. To discuss the repair to the plaque on the Green

The plaque at the bottom of the Green is damaged.

Action: Cllr Smith agreed to repair it.

17/9. To receive an update on the defibrillator installation and to discuss the terms of the wayleave agreement

A site meeting was held with the Parish Clerk, electrician, June Couch and Nick Carter of Swallows, Main Road to look at where the defibrillator would be placed.

An installation price of £354.88 has been quoted including VAT. This price was accepted. The unit will be placed near to the side gate of Manor Cottage. Councillors noted that the unit needs to be placed at a reasonable height and be noticeable. Another site meeting will need to be arranged. It was agreed a wayleave agreement to cover the electric supply from Swallows will be drawn up by a local solicitor.

17/10. Planning

- 17/0183/LB, Install a remotely controlled rising barrier and 1.2m high metal fencing and gate at Swalcliffe Park School. No objections.
- 17/00975/F, Two storey side extension at Woodbine Cottage, Bakers Lane. Withdrawn.
- 17/00987/AGN, Extension of Silage Clamp at Stourwell Barn. Withdrawn.

17/11. Finance Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£133.50 to Bretherton Solicitors (Registration of Swalcliffe Woodland Community Play Area Lease)

£15.50 to SLCC (Clerks membership)

£275.00 to Gerry Melvin (grass cutting)

17/12. Councillors Reports

Cllr Urquhart noted that a separate meeting has been held with the garage owners to discuss the new lease and future rental payments. A solution will be identified and agreed and another separate meeting arranged.

17/13. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 19th September 2017 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm