

SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **OF 1ST JULY 2019 AT 7.30PM** **IN SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL**

Councillors Present

Neil Urquhart (NU), Chairperson
Ken Hodkinson (KH)
Ryan Smith (RS)
Victoria Taylor (VT)
Christine Coles - Parish Clerk

19/52. Apologies

Cllr Benson (work), Cllr McCallum (work), and Cllr Woolston (work)

19/53. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Taylor and Cllr Smith declared an interest in the planning application at SPE.

19/54. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2019

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

19/55. Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public present.

19/56. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Woodland Play Park Lease – The lease has been signed by two Parish Councillors. The application is still with the Land Registry who have a six month backlog.

Village Map - The Chair has arranged to meet the CDC Mapping Officer on 6th August to progress the village map.

Park Wood – The Chair has arranged to meet a forestry consultant from Countryside Learning and John Badger on 12th August to agree a plan to clear the centre of the wood in order to create space for new planting.

19/57. To receive an update on plans for the village hall

There was little to report. The Chair is to write a specification for the improvement work to the village hall.

Action: Cllr Taylor to ask the VHC to forward the end of year accounts to the Parish Clerk.

19/58. Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

- £9.50 to Parish Clerk (extra payment for Discharge of Planning Condition 3 for new Woodland Area)
- £600.00 to Andrew Bathe (grass cutting)
- £325.24 to Parish Clerk (hours)
- £22.02 to Parish Clerk (expenses)

19/59. To receive an update on Planning

Three new applications had been received since the last meeting.

- 19/00835/F , Removal/Variation of condition 8 (Opening Hours) of 19/00171/F - We would request that the wording of Condition 8 is amended to include a 24-hour exemption to the opening hours for ongoing welfare and emergency care cases at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian. No objections with

observations. There are still concerns about additional traffic through the village.

- 19/00130/TCA, Tree work at Swalcliffe Cottage, Main Road, Swalcliffe. No comments or observations.
- 19/00654/F, Variation of Condition 2 at Church House, Main Road, Swalcliffe. No comments or observations.

19/60. The following correspondence was received and circulated:

- CFO AGM, 19th July
- CDC, Cherwell Industrial Strategy – Parish Survey

One item of correspondence was highlighted:

CDC, Cherwell Industrial Strategy – Parish Survey. Councillors discussed the email from CDC received on 17th June 2019. The exercise is to get involved in the future economy of Cherwell. The plan will be a long term 10 year document which will provide an enabling business environment for the district. They have asked each parish to suggest 5 businesses to join in and responses have to be given by 1st July.

Action: The Chair agreed to draft a suitable response about challenges, opportunities and assets in the area which can be sent to CDC.

19/61. Councillors' Reports

Councillors discussed traffic speeding up the school drive and the public using the new footpath in front of the woodland area. The barrier is not in use and cars are not slowing down on the approach to the road. A practical solution could be for the school to put something in place on their side of the school grounds such as a speed bump.

Action: Cllr Smith to liaise with the school.

Cllr Smith noted the defibrillator is receiving regular checks.

Cllr Taylor advised that she would be collecting the Speedwatch equipment to use this week. She has a busy week and asked for some help. Councillors agreed to help.

19/62. Date and Time of next meeting

Monday 9th September 2019 at 7pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.