

SWALCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 20TH JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM IN SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present

Neil Urquhart (NU), Chairperson
Ken Hodkinson (KH)
Lee McCallum (LMc)
Ryan Smith (RS)
Victoria Taylor (VT)
Christine Coles - Parish Clerk and four villagers

20/01. Apologies

None.

20/02. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests to declare.

20/03 . To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2019

The minutes will be signed off at the next meeting.

20/04 . Public Participation Session

An annual inspection of the new Woodland Play Area will take place on 21st January 2020. The committee are still carrying out regular checks.

20/05 . To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

The Chair has details of the 2015 village survey. There is nothing in this document which is relevant to the village hall discussion. Cllr Smith has the details of the company who provided the modular building to Swalcliffe Park School. Cathy Stoertz may be able to find out more financial information about the School's building in old minutes.

Cllr McCallum gave an update on the Digital Connectivity Group. The service has improved and is more reliable. A meeting is being arranged. An item has been put on the village website. Something will be put on Facebook and in the Link. A survey of the village will be carried out. Work will continue and this will be on the agenda at the Annual Parish Meeting.

20/06. To receive an update on the Village Hall

The Chair had circulated draft village hall requirements which were based on the discussion at the previous meeting. Steve Gandy has agreed to join the Parish Council in March and has expressed an interest in leading this project. The village hall committee consists of Kate Foley, Julie Carpenter, Tracy Lean and Victoria Taylor.

Steve had written a few points before the meeting and these were circulated and discussed. The following points were noted. There is a wish to keep the village hall but the school does not have facilities that could be used for meetings. The Chair has written a basic requirement already. One thing to consider is air source heat pumps and look at the carbon footprint of the hall. It may be feasible to get a new boiler in the interim with a new build in mind. The hall was used 55 times during 2019. Feedback from users is the hall is dark, dingy and cold. If the hall was upgraded, it may be used for family parties and farmers markets. The current floor area cannot cater for sports activities. There was a badminton court within the hall but that was before the kitchen and extension were built. Parking was discussed and is at capacity in front of the hall. All options will be explored for available land within the surrounding

area. It is important to ensure the hall is called a community hall when looking at grant funding. The question was asked if there is another site to put a village hall. This site could be used just for village parking with electric charging points. These points will be considered. More people will be needed to join a working party.

20/07. Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£120.00 to Swalcliffe Village Hall (hire of hall for meetings)

£25.20 to ABC Advertising Ltd (website)

£890.34 to Came & Company (insurance)

To consider a donation for the Link

It was agreed to give a donation of £90.00

Action: The Parish clerk to raise a cheque.

To set the precept for 2020/21

A detailed budget sheet had been circulated. There is expected to be a surplus at the end of this financial year of about £1300.00. It was agreed to set the precept for 2020/21 at £7586.00 (1% increase on previous year).

Action: The Parish Clerk to complete the paperwork and send to CDC.

20/08. To receive an update on Planning

There was nothing to report.

20/09. Councillors' Reports

Cllr Smith reported that the speed bump has been delivered to the school.

The dog bin by the wood is full.

Action: The Parish Clerk to report to CDC.

20/10. Date and time of next meeting

2nd March 2020 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.