

SWALLOWCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Swallowcliffe on **Thursday 22nd July 2021** at 7:00pm

Present: Cllr. Stephen Banas (Chairman)
Cllr. Gerald Blundell
Cllr. Nigel Cooke
Cllr. Patrick Willis

In Attendance: Cllr Nabil Najjar (Wiltshire Councillor)
Simon Pritchard (Parish Clerk)



Members of the Public in Attendance: Seven

- a) **The Village Hall Committee Representative** - Cllr Blundell
- Cllr Blundell, who is also the Chairman of the Village Hall committee, reported that the 2020-21 accounts were closed, with a £374.67 loss due to Covid.
 - There has been a good take up of the 50/50 fund, this is a local lottery used to raise money for the Village Hall.
 - There is a BBQ this Saturday at the old church yard
 - Hope to hold a Quiz and Curry night later in the year in the Hall.
- b) **SW Wiltshire Council Area Board** - Cllr Banas
- The Chairman introduced Cllr Nabil Najjar who is the Parish's new Wiltshire Councillor for the Fovant and Chalke Valley Division and he has also been appointed Vice-chair of the Area Board.
 - A lot of the last meeting had been taken up by the planned works on the A303 and Stonehenge tunnel.
 - The revised footpaths grant scheme the maximum amount that one parish can claim is two gates, up to £750 - the Parish Council was hoping to claim for more.
 - Cllr Blundell will represent the Council at a forthcoming Eco-Friendly Villages workshop organised by the Area Board
- c) **Footpaths / Rights of Way** - Cllr Willis & Mr Clarke
- A bridleway in the area of the manor is blocked and needs a team of people to cut back the vegetation
 - The owners' of the Manor have cleared the two footpaths up behind the house.
 - A member of the public reported that the stiles at the top of the down are in a terrible condition
 - A member of the public reported that the footpath above Middledean is overgrown and then seems to go nowhere
 - A member of the public reported that a few of the local footpaths are overgrown. Many of the residents present indicated that they would be willing to help clear the local footpaths.
 - Cllr Banas agreed to post a rights of way map so those attending can mark up the locations needing attention.
- d) **Highway Matters** - Cllr Banas

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- Wiltshire Council will not be cutting the verges during the summer, with just one cut in September to be given.
 - Higgins Lane had a team of highway engineers working on it to scrape the debris off the road and restore it to a passable highway. It is hoped this will prevent fly tipping from reoccurring.
 - Barber's Lane / Loder's Lane keeps being used by HGVs, causing damage. There is signage saying 'light vehicles only' but this is only visible from one way and the satnavs could be directing lorries this way. It was suggested that it may be possible to take this route off the mapping system. The Chairman reported that he is aware that Wiltshire Council amongst others is pushing the Government to force HGVs to use a purpose built HGV satnav system. He has also written to the Highways Engineer to look into improved signage.
- e) **South-West Wiltshire Community Safety Group** - Cllr Cooke
- This is no longer a stand-alone group, and the Meetings now take place just before the CATG meetings on Wednesday afternoons. As Cllr Cooke is not available at this time, the Chairman agreed to cover this committee in the short term.
 - The focus for the police will be on supporting Community Speed Watch groups. The village doesn't have one so will miss out on support. It was agreed that the Chairman would send out information to see if there was any interest in forming a group.
- f) **Local Planning & Development** - Cllr Blundell
- Members of the Parish Council have been working with 5 other local parishes to raise concerns regarding the Tisbury Station Works development. It includes a proposal to block off one of the arches under the railway bridge in Tisbury and introduce traffic lights. The neighbourhood plan says there should be 60 houses in this area which this exceeds as well as including a 70 bed nursing home. Local parishes and Tisbury Parish Council have objections against the development in its present form. Cllr Najjar reported that any application will definitely go to the Planning Board.
- g) **Flood Warden / Civil Contingencies** - Mr Fitzpatrick / Vacant
- Ditches are overgrown this can impede the water flow. Extreme flash flooding is the biggest danger.
 - The Parish is in need of an emergency planning coordinator.
- h) **Litter Management** - Ms Boothman
- Sent in a report: Has done a few solo litter picks, will plan a community Village pick for October /November.
- i) **Wiltshire Councillor's Report** - Cllr Najjar
- Thank you for voting in May, the ward had a 65% turnout.
 - He wishes to pay tribute to his predecessor, Jose Green, who had served the area as a Councillor for 25 years, he hasn't found anyone who has a bad word to say about her.
 - Since the May elections Wiltshire Council has a new leader, Cllr Richard Clewer and Cllr Najjar has been appointed the Portfolio Holder for Arts, Heritage and Tourism
- j) **Parish Council Chairman's Report**
- Pleased to see reserves increase to £8070 as a result in last year's underspend. However, some of it will be needed for projects planned, but not completed, last year (Village gates, Phone box).
- k) **Comments from Residents on any matters not covered above.**
- **Parking at the Royal Oak:**
People are parking all over the place for the pub, all down the road and over the green triangle. Can the council help alleviate the problem by contacting the manager? The use of the pub has intensified, but the parking provision has been reduced.

- **Dog mess problem in centre of Village:**

Dog mess is not being picked up. Residents near the pub seem to be particularly suffering. It has even been found in front gardens. Two dogs belonging to a resident have been out loose in the Village a few times recently. It was noted that there is not a dog bin. Would like to see some signs put up to remind people of their responsibility. The pub should be asked as to what facility they provide their guests.

- **Light pollution at Royal Oak:**

New outside lights are left on until past 11pm even if there is no one in the garden. The whole of the Parish is a dark skies area and AONB. Not known if the lights required planning permission. Should there be a petition? Manager didn't mention installing outside lighting at the Annual Parish Meeting. Can the lights be put on a movement sensor?

The Chairman reported that the Parish council can help facilitate conversation with the pub's management about the issues raised.

Item no:	
19	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> None.
20	<u>Declarations of Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations:</u> None.
21	<u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of Thursday 13 th May 2021 had been presented for adoption. It was proposed by Cllr Blundell to adopt the minutes, seconded by the Chairman and resolved unanimously
22	<u>Planning & Tree Applications:</u> PL/2021/05966 - Remove existing oil fired external boiler and install new source heat pump HIRONDELLE, SWALLOWCLIFFE, SALISBURY, SP3 5NX, 10 Jul 2021 It was noted that the noise should be the same as a fridge. The Council resolved that it had No Objection
23	<u>Tisbury Station Works Development:</u> A draft letter had already been circulated amongst the Members. It was agreed to send the letter.
24	<u>PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE:</u> A. <u>Payments to Authorise:</u> 1. Fossil Design Ltd - 2 years website hosting - £144.00

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	<p>2. Beckington PC - Software subscription - £30.00 3. Beckington PC - Stationery items - £17.50 4. S. Pritchard - Working from home annual allowance - £52.00</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chairman to make the payments listed, seconded by Cllr Blundell and resolved unanimously.</p> <p><u>B. Bank Reconciliation, Payments and Spend Against Budget to Date:</u> This was received and noted.</p> <p><u>C. Donation Requests:</u> To resolve on requests for donations received by the Council. 1. Wiltshire Search & Rescue - www.wilsar.org.uk 2. Wiltshire Citizens Advice - www.citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chairman to donate £100 to each of the two charities, seconded by Cllr Blundell and resolved unanimously.</p> <p><u>D. Village Gateways Costs:</u> The Chairman reported that the cost of the village gates along Common Lane had been more than the expected £715. The cost was now £858.00. It was proposed by Cllr Blundell to accept the £858.00 costs, seconded by the Chairman and resolved unanimously.</p>
25	<p><u>Plans for Improvements to the (former) Phone Box:</u> It was noted that the next step was for Mr Brockway to straighten the box as he has offered to do. After that Cllr Willis offered to install some improved bookshelves adapted from cheap commercially available shelving. This would require some additional plywood. The Chairman proposed setting a budget of £200, seconded by Cllr Willis and resolved unanimously.</p>
26	<p><u>Best Hamlet Award:</u> It was agreed that the publicity received when the award was made and the news story on the parish website and newsletter was sufficient.</p>
27	<p><u>Defibrillator / CPR Training:</u> The Chairman reported that he had been unable to find any organisation that offered community based Defib / CPR training. Plenty for commercial businesses with prices around £750. The advice received is that it's mostly about having the confidence to have a go and that anyone who has received the training can pass that on. The Chairman reported that his wife would be willing to run a session as she receives annual training from her employer. It was agreed to put out a message on WhatsApp to see if there were also some other trained people in the Village who would also be willing to help.</p>

Meeting Closed at 20:48