

SWALLOWCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held in the Village Hall, Swallowcliffe
on **Thursday 14th October 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: Five

Cllr Najjar had to leave the meeting early to get to another parish council meeting, so his report was brought forward.

j) Wiltshire Councillor's Report - Cllr Najjar

- Fovant have received funding for a S.I.D. This will free up the jointly owned S.I.D for use by just Swallowcliffe and Ansty.
- Has spoken to the new PCC re road safety and speed and there is funding for new signage from the WC Area Broad.
- Has been working with the Cranbourne Chase AONB to galvanise compliance to the Dark Skies initiative. Also trying to improve connectivity to broadband.
- Members of WC have voted down the recommended 5% allowance increase, instead they have chosen to take 1.5% the same as the staff.
- Confirmed that the police will accept evidence from S.I.D.s databases as proof of a speeding problem.
- Tisbury Station Works: Application is larger than expected. Will make sure that it goes to the planning board.
There was confusion as to if the formal application had been made to WC or not, Cllr Blundell had an email to say that it hadn't, Cllr Najjar had been informed that it had.

a) The Village Hall Committee Representative - Cllr Blundell

- Fundraising BBQ attended by 60 people, raised £600. Reserves now stand at £11,000
- Hall is now fully open for business. Next event is a Quiz & curry night on 23/10/21

b) SW Wiltshire Council Area Board - Cllr Banas

- The new Police & Crime Commissioner is focusing on speeding.
- The Area Board has changed its policy on funding for gates. You can now apply for up to £1,500 match funding.
- The CATG funding for the HGV signs on Barbers Lane has been approved.

c) Area Board Climate Change - Cllr Blundell

- WC is launching a climate change strategy; it is looking for support form Town / Parish Councils. Possible initiatives could include solar panels, green tips in the local newsletter, rubbish collecting. Cllr Blundell will investigate opportunities.

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d) Footpaths / Rights of Way - Cllr Willis & Mr Clarke

- There are a few rotten stiles, and a farmer has reported a hole cut in to a fence to allow dog access. The plan is to install a gate there.
- Mr Clarke the Footpaths Warden is moving out of the Village.
- Looking of volunteers to help cut back footpaths.

e) Highway Matters - Cllr Banas

- One of the Village Gates on Common Lane has been moved to be more visible.
- Speeds have reduced along Common Lane by an average of 4mph (85 percentile) since the Village Gates and SID were installed. 15% of vehicles are measured exceeding 31.8 mph.
- Seems likely that Fovant PC will gift their third share of the SID to Swallowcliffe and Ansty Parish Councils
- Still pursuing WC over the condition of the road surface from Church all the way up to the West End.

f) South-West Wiltshire Community Safety Group - Cllr Cooke

- No report. The times of the meetings has changed if this is a permanent then will not be able to attend the meetings anymore.

g) Local Planning & Development - Cllr Blundell

▪ **Station Road Works:**

- The Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan provides for a maximum of 60 dwellings onsite; preliminary documentation for the Station Road Works indicates that the outline planning application will include provision of 86 dwellings plus a 30/40 bed care home.
 - Working group of six neighbouring parishes will draw up objections. The Council may wish to add in its own points. The Council should canvas options within the Village and publicise the application and encourage people to respond to WC
- In response to comments made by members of the public present at the meeting Cllr Blundell said he would speak again to the manager of The Royal Oak regarding the planning status of the newly erected lights to the rear of the premises.

h) Flood Warden / Civil Contingencies - Mr Fitzpatrick / Vacant

- Recent heavy rain has unlined the need to get ready for winter. Some gullies are blocked and required attention, will require the Parish Steward.
- Landowners should be encouraged to clear ditches next to their land.

i) Litter Management - Ms Boothman

- The next Village Litter pick will be on Saturday 20th November at 10am. Tea and cake at 11am.

j) Wiltshire Councillor's Report - Cllr Najjar

Taken at the start of the meeting.

k) Parish Council Chairman's Report

- Have purchased some 'no dog fouling' signs. They will be installed at the agreed locations.

l) Comments from Residents on any matters not covered above:

- A resident reported that she has purchased the land that is behind her home, next to the Church. She intends to set up a cut flowers business. The land will have a polytunnel and workshop built on it. All required planning permissions will be applied for. Beyond that

she hopes to have an orchard, wildflower areas and beehives. A local craftsman will be used to build workshop, it will look like a stable.

m) Planning for the Queen’s Jubilee 2022:

- A joint Committee will be set up between the Village Hall Committee, Parish Council and Parochial Church Council. The Parish Council will allocate a budget.

Formal meeting started: 20:26

Item no:	
28	<u>Apologies for Absence:</u> None.
29	<u>Declarations of Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations:</u> None.
30	<u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> The minutes of the Council Meeting of Thursday 22 nd July 2021 had been presented for adoption. It was proposed by the Chairman to adopt the minutes, seconded by Cllr Cooke and resolved unanimously.
31	<u>Planning & Tree Applications:</u> None received.
32	<u>PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE:</u> A. <u>Payments to Authorise:</u> Monthly standing order for £10.00 from the Current Account to the Reserves Account. It was proposed by Cllr Blundell to set up a £10.00 monthly standing order from the Current Account to the reserve account in order to trigger a monthly statement being sent for both accounts, seconded by Cllr Cooke and resolved unanimously. B. <u>Bank Reconciliation, Payments and Spend Against Budget to Date:</u> This was received and noted. C. <u>Approval of Costs:</u> 1. £152.50 towards “Not suitable for HGV’s ”signs 2. £16.54 towards “dog poo” signs. It was proposed by Cllr Willis to approve both costs, seconded by Cllr Blundell and resolved unanimously.

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33	<p><u>Co-option of a New Council Member:</u></p> <p>A. Interview of Candidates: The only candidate, Mrs Osborne had outlined her reasons for wanting to become a member on the application form and had nothing to add to this.</p> <p>B. Election of New Member of the Parish Council: It was proposed by the Chairman to co-opt Helen Osborne onto the Parish Council, seconded by Cllr Cooke and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>C. Declaration of Acceptance of Office: Cllr Osborne signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office; this was witnessed by the Proper Officer.</p>
34	<p><u>Improvements to the (former) Phone Box:</u> Information has been received that straightening the box should involve the lifting of the box from the concrete base onto a new base. The Parish Meeting will be asked if it wants the council to undertake this expense. Will get an estimate in the meantime.</p>
35	<p><u>To receive update on the Dinely Footpaths Project:</u> Looking to install six new gates (locations marked on map circulated by the Chairman) gates are preferred rather than stiles. WC Footpaths Officer has been involved in the plan. Cllr Willis identified two further gates within the parish that needed upgrading to gates.</p> <p>It was proposed by the Chairman that he apply for grant funding for £480 from the Area board for eight gates and that the Parish Council set a budget for £480, second by Cllr Willis and resolved unanimously.</p>
36	<p><u>Projects for 2022 / 2023:</u> Members of the council suggested possible projects and costings for 2022/23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Newsletter: People prefer a printed copy rather than a digital copy - £60 ▪ New SID socket - £30 ▪ Possible increase for one-off clerk's equipment - £200 ▪ Noticeboard at Westend needs more work - £150 ▪ Gazebo - £250

Meeting Closed at 21:12