

SWALLOWCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Swallowcliffe. on **Thursday 21st July 2022** at 7:00pm

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



In Attendance: Simon Pritchard (Parish Clerk)

Members of the Public in Attendance: Two

a) The Village Hall Committee - Cllr Blundell

- Nothing to report

b) South-West Wiltshire Council Area Board - Cllr Banas

- Cllr Nabil Najjar is now the chairman of the Area Board
- Capital grants will no longer be made to Parish Councils
- The PCC attend the last meeting. Working to increase police visibility. Wilshire police force is in special measures.

c) Climate Change - Vacant

- Ms Boothman attended the meeting to talk about a proposed forming of a new group that would look for quick wins to bring down the parishes carbon footprint and have a positive impact on nature.
- The Village Hall could be used to host kids' activities linked to nature conservation.
- Would like to have a survey done by Wilshire Wildlife at a cost of £175

d) Footpaths / Rights of Way - Cllr Willis

Written report submitted:

- Have been engaging with local landowner Mr Dineley to flatten the nettles etc on his footpaths but so far to no avail. Thinking next year we might get a petrol driven scythe they start from around £900 through £2,000 and would enable metre wide footpaths to be cut along the parts where there's a real problem. The farmer who rents the fields above Middledean kindly did address the nettles and brambles there and cut a path through his crops.
- Two of the four new gates have been installed south of the A30 on Dineley land. They intend to insert a new pedestrian gate on SWAL 11 at the foot of the Downs, as with the old metal gate being so heavy and cumbersome it is often left open, allowing sheep from different breeding flocks to mix. Thanks to a visit from my sheep-farming cousin from Australia I am now on good terms with the shepherd. He explained that the old drove path (formerly a permissive footpath) at the foot of the Downs has been turned

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into a wildflower strip, with a government grant. It is now, he claims, a haven for wildlife, being undisturbed by dogs and their walkers....

e) Highway Matters – Cllr Banas

- Visibility at some junctions has been an issue which have now been cut following request.
- The road surface from the church to West End isn't in the 5-year plan to be resurfaced, but the area highways engineer is campaigning for it to be. Chairman has requested support from the parishes Wilshire Councillor.
- The Vactor, a powerful gully cleaner is available if required.

f) Heritage and Cultural Landscape (includes AONB) – Mrs Osborne

- Apologies from Mrs Osborne that she couldn't attend – There is nothing to report.

g) South-West Wiltshire Community Safety Group – Cllr Banas

- Autospeed Watch is being trialled by Wilshire Police.
- 6 thefts locally from out buildings and one break in while the occupants were at home.

h) Local Planning & Development – Cllr Blundell

- The Clerk reported that the Tisbury, Station Road application (86 homes) is still being consulted upon. The developer has produced a report to show why they should not have to build any affordable housing; this now must be verified by Wilshire Council by doing its own report. Highways are yet to comment on the blocking of one arch proposal.

i) Flood Warden – Mr Fitzpatrick

- Nothing to report.

j) Emergency Team

- Still looking to organise some defibrillator training. Looking like that will be in Salsbury.
- The emergency plan should include a heat policy and older people in the community checked upon.

k) Litter Management – Ms Boothman

- Next litter pick to take place in September / October – will confirm date nearer the time.

l) Wiltshire Councillor's Report – Cllr Najjar

- (Not at meeting) – No report

m) Parish Council Chairman's Report:

- Fantastic Jubilee Street Party (140 attended) and Beacon Lighting (95 attended) events. Many thanks to all that were involved.
- The footpath at the Mill has had a lot of work done to it, now really in a good state.
- Many thanks to David Lunn for fixing the Westend noticeboard and only charging the cost of materials.

n) Input from Residents / Councillors on any matters not covered above:

None

o) The Phone Box: – Cllr Willis

- Now have all the relevant facts and have appraised needs. On return from holiday hope to start work.

~ Start of Formal Meeting 19:56 ~

Item no:	
21	<p><u>Apologies for Absence:</u> Cllr. Nabil Najjar (Wiltshire Councillor), Cllr Patrick Willis (Holiday), Mrs Osborne.</p>
22	<p><u>Declarations of Pecuniary Interests & Dispensations:</u> None.</p>
23	<p><u>Adoption of Minutes:</u> The minutes had been circulated to members ahead of the meeting. It was proposed by the Chairman to adopt the minutes of Thursday 12th May 2022, seconded by Cllr Cooke and resolved unanimously.</p>
24	<p><u>Planning & Tree Applications:</u> Application No: PL/2022/04201 Application Type: Removal/variation of conditions Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of PL/2022/01973 - Amendments to approved first floor extension Site Address: Tatton, Yule Hill, Swallowcliffe, SP3 5PW</p> <p>This amended application had already been circulated to the members and there had been no concerns. Members agreed to respond; No Objection</p>
25	<p><u>PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE:</u></p> <p>A. <u>Payments to Authorise:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Community First - Insurance Underpayment - £5.28 b) S. Pritchard - WFHA - £52.00 c) Donhead St Mary PC - Clerk's software (1/2 cost) - £40.00 d) Mrs C. Willis - Jubilee Celebrations - £225.95 e) Mrs J. Fitzpatrick - Jubilee Celebrations - £101.31 f) Mrs S. Banas - Jubilee Celebrations - £109.70 <p>It was proposed by the Chairman to approve all the payments, seconded by Cllr Cooke and resolved unanimously.</p> <p>B. <u>Bank Reconciliation, Payments and Spend Against Budget to Date:</u> This was received and noted.</p> <p>C. <u>Donation Requests:</u> To resolve on requests for donations received by the Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wiltshire Search & Rescue 2. Wiltshire Citizens Advice 3. The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

	<p>It was proposed by the Chairman to donate £50 to each of the above and a further £50 to the St John Ambulance, seconded by Cllr Cooke and resolved 2 in favour - 1 abstention</p>
26	<p><u>Portfolio Updates:</u> Members agreed to introduce a new portfolio 'Environmental Initiatives'. It was noted that Local Planning and Development would now be vacant. 'Emergency Team' will now be called 'Emergency Planning'.</p>

Meeting Closed at 20:14