

Swallowcliffe Parish Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held at the Village Hall on Thursday 13th July 2023 at 7pm.

13.07.01 Those present and apologies for absence

Present: Cllrs. S. Banas (Chairman), N. Osborne, N. Cooke, A. Brockway, P. Willis

In attendance: B. Fitzpatrick, Wiltshire Councillor N. Najjar, T. Culver-James, Clerk.

Apologies: None received.

13.07.02 Declarations of Interest.

None made.

13.07.03 Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman opened the meeting and confirmed Cllr. Portfolios-list as attached. He also mentioned power to the Village Hall generator, referring to residual current device, indicating the preference to hardwire the device to the building which require more sockets to be installed.

13.07.04 Resolution of minutes

- a. The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held 18th May 2023 were approved and signed into the record.
- b. The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held 27th June 2023 were approved and signed into the record.

13.07.05 Report from Wiltshire Councillor

Reference made to the seemingly positive result in the Station Works, Tisbury. Local Plan Design Guide to be considered by the committee shortly. Cllr. Najjar has been elected chair of the Southwest Wiltshire Area Board, and noted the next applications for grants should be made before September. Potholes were touched upon, with some concern voiced over the efficiency of the MyWilts app. NN advised that if the matter could be considered a major intervention, then contact with the contractors Milestone could be made directly. Failing that, he indicated he would be happy to receive emails personally.

13.07.06 Report on matters concerning Wiltshire Highways

Cllr. Banas suggested that Milestone seem to be improving their services, noting that it appears they have reviewed some of the Health and Safety policies which seemed onerous. PW made reference to trees on the A30 junction of the parish, which the landowner avers are the responsibility of the local authority, who disagree. SB reported funding for SIDs by Wiltshire Council is no longer forthcoming. The LHFIG budget has been reduced from £56k to £27k. The current ratio of project funding (75% WC, 25% parish) may change.

13.07.07 Southwest Wiltshire Area Board report

Cllr. Banas drew reference to a presentation at the AB meeting by SSEN, mentioning grants available and the fact that SSEN prioritise repairs according to the number of vulnerable people affected. Question raised as to application for funding of solar panels for the Village Hall raised. PW suggested

that the roof would have to be reinforced. Wiltshire Council now has a Woodlands Officer, who is able to provide training to Tree Wardens appointed by parish councils. Also pointed out was Area Board funding to parishes is restricted to projects for the benefit of three categories-vulnerable, elderly and youth provision.

13.07.08 Report on Planning Issues

PW reported to the meeting, with considerable insight, details of a likely upcoming application. As the application has yet to be submitted the discussions are not minuted, except to note that this application(s) will require engagement by the council outside of non-contentious planning matters dealt with under the delegation procedure in place

13.07.09 Report on footpaths and right of way

AB provided a detailed report of actions undertaken so far. A copy of a summary of this is attached.

13.07.10 Report from Village Hall committee

Cllr. Osborne confirmed a woodworm issue and confirmed approximately £13k on hand in the bank

13.07.11 Report of village maintenance issues

Cllr. Cooke noted that the two fingerpost signs have signs of rotting at the top, although the bases are sound. A cap will be placed on them, probably by the end of September.

13.07.12 Report of telephone box restoration

The next stage of works, involving shelving, should be done imminently, the cost of the timber being £150.82. A solar powered light is also to be installed. Cllr. Willis further suggested that Mrs. Fitzpatrick might make cushioning for the seat.

13.07.13 Planning matters requiring Consideration/Resolution

PL/2023/05102 Middledean, Swallowcliffe SP3 5NY. Swimming pool and single story extension to consented garage (20/11557/FUL) for pool house.

Cllrs. agreed unanimously to support the application, with conditions. This has been done.

APP/Y3940/W/22/3308919 Land at Station Works, Tisbury SP3 6QU.

Note made of the decision, and to await developments

13.07.14 Financial Matters requiring Consideration/Resolution

a. A list of expenditure from 1st April to 13th July was noted.

b. Banking changes still ongoing.

13.07.15 Other matters requiring Consideration/Resolution

a. Cllr. Osborne suggested a limit to disbursements in the matter. It was agreed that any disbursements incurred by the solicitor over £200 should be approved in advance. Cllr. Willis indicated his view that the Land Registry searches could be done for better value-as he has experience of this, he will undertake. Further clarification that the parish council (as a corporate body, not individual councillors) is correctly recorded as Trustee to be undertaken by Clerk.

b. An agenda item regarding the possible purchase of a further SID to be discussed at the next ordinary meeting of the council to included. Possibility of discussion regarding such acquisition from a neighbouring council to be investigated.

c. The date of the next meeting to be 19th October.