

**SWALLOWCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
held at
Swallowcliffe Village Hall
on
Wednesday 14 September 2016 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllr. D Atkins (Chairman)
Cllr. S Banas
Cllr. P.J.d'A Willis
Cllr. G Blundell
Cllr. N Cooke

Apologies None

In Attendance: Cllr. Jose Green - County Councillor
Police Constable Cathy Byers
Mr Simon Pritchard (Clerk to the meeting)

Members of the Public: 1

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| 16/22 | Acceptance of Apologise for Absence. None |
| 16/23 | Declaration of Interests. None |
| 16/24 | <p>Adoption of Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting held on 15 June 2016 were considered and passed as a true reflection. The Chairman duly signed and dated the minutes</p> |
| 16/25 | <p>County Councillor Jose Green's Report</p> <p><i>I am often asked about what is the current situation regarding Syrian Refugees in Wiltshire? particularly under Wiltshire Councils care. 27 arrived in the County in December, 14 extra in June with a further 6 later this month. Some are unaccompanied children and each has been allocated a volunteer to support them as they become accustomed to the British way of life.</i></p> <p><i>The second weed treatment/spraying is currently taking place where required.</i></p> <p><i>Work is now in process of the rural verge cut, if there are any areas that could be removed from the cutting programme without compromising safety, please inform the Council.</i></p> <p><i>Priority sheets for the Parish Steward are for discretionary HIGHWAY works only. The budget for litter collection has been increased to £2.5m.</i></p> <p><i>Recently, I attended a meeting with Inspector Pete Sparrow to discuss and get up to the minute information on Policing in the rural areas and particularly in the Chalke Valley. A number of farmers, PC's and game keepers attended as they have great concerns on what and how the Police intend to deal with the poaching and gambling that has been taking place and which is a huge and worrying problem as guns are involved. Inspector Sparrow said that rural crime is low compared to the urban areas but although the Police are not up to strength yet there is a recruitment drive on at present. The intention is to continue with the night time surveillance , working closer with Dorset and creating an efficient way of working by promoting CommunityMessaging. Meanwhile all crime and suspicious goings on must be reported to ensure the statistics reflect what is happening in rural areas.</i></p> <p><i>Wiltshire Council has a statutory duty to provide sites for residents to dispose of their household waste, free of charge. HRC opening times are 10am - 4pm 5 days per</i></p> |

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| | <p><u>week. Please check before you leave home as to what days are closed as different HRC's have different closure days.</u></p> <p><i>Vans and large trailers take longer to unload therefore a FREE permit is being introduced for up to 12 visits per year starting 5th September to cut down waiting times. The permit will be presented to staff who will stamp it to record the visit. The permit will not need renewing until all 12 visits have been made. 4x4's and small trailers under 1.8m will not need a permit.</i></p> <p><i>This process has been proven to be successful with other local authorities.</i></p> <p><u>Extension of the basic Broadband commitment scheme.</u></p> <p><i>This scheme is designed to provide support for homes and businesses that are unable to receive speeds in excess of 2 mgbt's per second and to those who will not benefit from the superfast BB rollout.</i></p> <p><i>The subsidy is for such premises that should not have to pay more than £400 over a 12 month period - the cost represents the monthly charges, installation, hardware and activation costs. Eligible residents are provided with a subsidy code and can choose from a number of retail providers.</i></p> <p><i>Go to www.wiltshireonline.org. (as a first port of call) alternatively, there is a dedicated email address for queries....broadband@wiltshire.gov.uk</i></p> <p><u>The Nadder Centre in Tisbury</u> <i>is now open and the library will be opened on the 10th September. The new equipment in the fitness suite is excellent as is the whole building and well worth a visit when you next go into Tisbury.</i></p> <p><u>The Help to live at Home service</u>....<i>Mears contract is expanding after they successfully tendered. Two previous providers (including MiHome care which was not extended due to missed visits and an 'inadequate' CQC report) have reduced their coverage which MEARS will now take up. Nadder Close in Tisbury which is currently a sheltered housing scheme is soon to be upgraded which will enable residents to receive an extra-care facility, offering 24/7 care and support for new and existing residents. The new bungalow building programme creating accommodation for older people to live independently in their local area is proceeding with schemes starting in Rowde (6) Coombe Bissett,(4) East Knoyle (2) and Durrington.(4).</i></p> |
| 16/26 | <p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>P.C. Cathy Byers provide members with an overview of how the area is now policed; her area covers from Mere over to Tisbury and beyond. She is based in Warminster, but will soon have a hub at the Nadder centre in Tisbury.</p> <p><i>For the full report and police updates please see the Swallowcliffe Parish Council website. http://www.southwilts.com/site/Swallowcliffe-Parish-Council-News/Police-Reports.htm</i></p> |
| 16/27 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Chairman's Report</u> - None b. <u>SW Area Board</u> - None c. <u>Nadder Centre</u> – None (Cllr Cooke was unable to make the last meeting) d. <u>Transport</u> - None e. <u>Footpaths & Rights of Way</u> – Four new metal gates have now been installed to replace the old and difficult stiles. One below the mill, and three below Brooke House. They were supplied by Wilshire County Council and installed by |

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| | <p>volunteers from the Ramblers Association. Further improvements are planned so to provide better experience for walkers in Swallowcliffe.</p> <p>f. <u>Highways</u>. Cllr Banas informed the Council that a speed calming group had yet to be set up. Leaflets would be put around looking for members. The group would have to decide which road to put a metro metre (Speed recording device) on. Formal request would have to come from the Parish Council to the County Council, to have it installed.</p> <p>Mr Richings of Lark Rise had been visited (At the request of CCllr Green) and a request submitted on his behalf to have the road gully near the house cleared. W.C. advised it will be added to their scheduled maintenance. The Parish Steward will also be asked to clear during his next visit.</p> <p>The new Parish Steward scheme will be starting in October as planned with Cllr Banas the point of contact.</p> <p>BT have confirmed that the public phone box is still on the schedule for repainting but, due to high demand, this may now be done in 2017</p> <p>Cllr Banas will approach Swallowcliffe Manor regarding cutting back of the trees overhanging Higgins Lane.</p> <p>g. <u>Village Hall</u>. Cllr Atkins informed the meeting that the work required to repair the leak in the hall had been completed. The next renovation would be to have the floor repaired and polished. The finances of the hall are doing well</p> |
| 16/28 | <p><u>Planning</u>. - There were no planning applications to receive</p> <p>The subject of a Neighbourhood Plan was raised by Cllr Blundell, he had been talking to the Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan team and said that Janet Amos (Tisbury Town Councillor) would be happy to come and talk to the Council.</p> <p>CCllr Green advised the meeting that in the Wiltshire County Council Local Plan the parish boundaries had been removed, thus Swallowcliffe is treated as open countryside. A Neighbourhood Plan would help shape some further development if that was what the village wanted. It was also noted that the cost and resources needed for a plan would be very high for such a small parish.</p> <p>The only villages in the area that have kept their parish boundary were Ludwell, Hindon & Fovant</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Note:- At this point Cllr Blundell and PC Byers left the meeting</i></p> |
| 16/29 | <p><u>Finance</u>.</p> <p>No report had been provided for the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the cheques signatories may need looking at.</p> |
| 16/30 | <p><u>AOB</u>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Defibrillator</u> – It will be housed in a cabinet on the outside wall of the porch at the Royal Oak. Suggested the pub staff could be engaged. Jeremy Little has spoken to Roy McCrudden who has confirmed he will organize training. Cllr Willis offered to deliver flyers for the training (To be produced by Cllr Banas) • <u>Appointment of Parish Clerk</u> – It was formally Resolved: To appoint Simon Pritchard to the post of Parish Clerk & RFO with immediate effect. |
| 16/31 | <p><u>Dates of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>Wed 14 Dec 2016 - @7pm</p> |

Signed Chairman: _____ Date: _____

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