

**Swainsthorpe Parish Council Minutes of the
meeting of the Parish Council held on
Wednesday 11 January 2022 at 7.30pm**

In Attendance: Cllr Ann Chandler (Chair), Cllr Nicki Craft, Cllr Claire Tuttle, Cllr Margaret Robins, Cllr Andy Haggith, Cllr Glyn Frost, Cllr Geoff Curran

Also present: Parish Clerk Nicola Ledain, 2 members of the public,

1. To consider apologies for absence

1.1 There were no apologies given.

2. Declarations of interest for items on the agenda

2.1 No interests were declared.

3. Minutes

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2022 were agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

3.2 For information, there was going to be a meeting regarding the Fibre Broadband the following night at 7pm at the Church.

4. Public Open Forum including reports from District and County Councillors

4.1 RP reported that he had contacted SNC regarding planning permission for the move of the telephone box. They had confirmed that it wouldn't be required but they would like a planning file note. There were details on the website regarding how to fill it in, and how the move of the box would be dealt with regarding any Highways issues. The fee would be halved to £85 if it was sent in on behalf of the PC. A diagram of the site where it was going to be placed along with a note from the contractor and a risk assessment had taken place would potentially be needed.

4.2 There was a suggestion from a member of the public suggested that a parish plan could be considered, and she was happy to be part of a sub-committee for it.

5. Planning

5a. 2022/2495 Installation of a solar farm, Brick Kiln Lane. There was limited update on the application. The chair had received an email from a representative from EDF to set a date for the walk around the village. A date would be arranged and representation from the Parish Council would be organised.

5b. Hornsea Update - public consultation on the funding process was going to take place on 7th Feb at Swardeston Village Hall. AC would attend and anyone else from the PC if they were available.

Sheringham Update – hearings would be held on 17th January, Blackfriars Hall. AC would ring them and ask if they could attend.

EEEE – scoping report had been circulated and the PC's comments had been submitted early December.

The council also asked for a letter to be sent to Cllr Elmer outlining all the planning issues Swainsthorpe were facing.

5c. To consider new planning applications

2022/2350: Darren Cuming, Highway And Verge Between Brick Kiln Lane Swainsthorpe, To Ipswich Road Dunston Norfolk: Installation of underground electrical connection and communication cables between Bloy's Grove Solar Farm and Norwich Main Substation, with Temporary Construction Compound and associated infrastructure

The above planning application was considered. There was some discussion regarding the following points;

- How many cables, what size and how deep, road closures, damage to tree roots, roadside nature reserve situated between church road and Hickling Lane
- There had also been trouble opening the document and planning would be emailed.
- The location of the temporary construction compound.
- The cabling for the battery farm as well as for the grid.

6. Policies

The Planning Policy was AGREED.

7. Donation to the Parish Partnership Magazine

The council agreed that they needed to see the full accounts in order to make an informed Decision. The clerk would try to contact the magazine.

8. Finance

8a. The financial report was agreed.

8b. The following payments were agreed:

8c. The budget for 2023/2024 was considered and AGREED.

8d. A precept request of £10k was AGREED to be submitted.

9. Jubilee Garden and play area

9.1 MR had received some plants from a neighbour which had been planted in the Jubilee Garden. It was hoped that over the next months the grass would be cut, and some climbers would be planted. CT also had a tree to plant.

9.2 The inspection for the play area had been received since the issue of the agenda. There were still some concerns of the inspector, such as the big swings. It was noted however, that these were the responsibility of the PCC. There were also smaller issues such as the funnel on the train. It was agreed to set up a play area sub committee to look at a larger revamp of the play area. CT, GC, and NC agreed to be on the subgroup. NL would help with grants.

9.3 It was agreed that new bin lids would be bought at a cost of £99.

10. Telephone box and defibrillator

10.1 The file note and associated documentation would be sent to SNC.

11. Grounds maintenance 2023

11.1 It was AGREED that David Ashley – Cowan would undertake the grounds maintenance for the next three years until the end of 2025. The clerk would liaise with him about the payment schedule.

12. Street Lighting assessment

12.1 The assessment hadn't been received.

12.1 There was also a streetlight out near the railway crossing and the number would be given to the clerk.

13. Wish list for village

Projects such as

- an extension to the Church
- new play area
- re-surface Station Close
- footpath up to the vale and then across the road up to the 'muck heap'. This had been discussed with EDF in conjunction with the solar farm planning application.

14. Parish Plan

As a member of the public had suggested devising a parish plan, it was suggested that District Cllr Florence Ellis was approached about information she could offer. This would be discussed further at a future meeting.

15. Items for next agenda

Play area, Coronation, new councillor training (for future as this would be preferable after the elections).

16. Date of the next meeting was noted as Wednesday 8 March 2023

Meeting finished at 9.14pm