

**MINUTES OF THE SWEFLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HUT, SWEFLING ON TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2019 AT
7.30 PM**

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees

Cllr John Stanley (Chair)
Cllr Julia Kinsey
Cllr John Tesh
Cllr Martin Wyard

Apologies for Absence

Cllr Jude Chin
Cllr Audrey Lummis
Cllr Isobel McGovern (Vice Chair)
Cllr Stephen Burroughs (in purdah)
Cllr Carol Poulter (in purdah)

Also in Attendance

1 Visitor
Maureen Philpot (Clerk)

2. Declaration of Pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

None

3. Public Forum

a) A member of the public has complained about large farm vehicles damaging the grass triangle outside her house. She has done some repair work but it still needs a great deal of work particularly on a large pothole. The very old signpost (it was suggested that this has been in position since 1926 maybe before) has been damaged, some letters have fallen off. In the past soft bollards were placed to protect the triangle but were damaged within three days. The contractor who owns the farm vehicles is said to be a Mr John Larter. Cllr Martin Wyard that there has been a lot of damage by vehicles throughout the village in particular a signpost was knocked down by contractors who were strimming, kerbs have been damaged and the 30 mph sign is still illegal and Highways have not been out to rectify this. The Chair thanked the visitor for reporting this matter.

Action: The Chair will get in touch with Highways to arrange a visit to the village to inspect the damage. Also he will get in touch with John Larter.

b) There was no report from Cllr Stephen Burroughs as he is currently in purdah

c) There was no report from Cllr Carol Poulter as she is currently in purdah.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

a) The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 12th March 2019 (copies of which were previously circulated) were proposed by Cllr John Stanley and seconded by Cllr Martin Wyard and approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the chair.

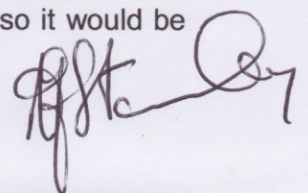
b) The clerk has written to Cllrs Stephen Burroughs and Carol Poulter regarding funding for a new noticeboard but as they are both in purdah nothing can be done at the moment.

5. Village Matters

a) Damage at the junction of Benhall Low Street and Glemham Road, Swefling. This was dealt within the Village Forum.

b) The village litter pick was very successful although fewer people turned out this year. On the Thursday prior to the litter pick Norse did a very good job of cleaning up the B1119, unfortunately two days later an amount of litter had appeared again.

c) The Chairman had a meeting with Monica Petzel and Adrian Kinsey regarding the village website. It was agreed that Monica would in future run the website. There will be quite a lot of work to change the current website and it was agreed to keep it similar but with a little dressing up. At the moment groups within the village clash with their events so it would be



useful to have a calendar of events on the new site. At the moment Juniper Barn have a diary but not everyone can get there. It is becoming increasingly urgent to replace the noticeboard which could also show a diary of events . It was suggested that it might be useful to create a few links in the village, including The White Horse and Facebook. Many people in the village run small businesses and a link to these would be interesting, also the village misses capturing peoples voices. It was said that it is important to build the Community.

6. Finance

a) To note the current financial position.

Barclays Community Account

Cash at Bank as per statement dated 2 nd April 2019	£667.94
Cheques received and not banked	£00.00
Less cheques uncleared	£00.00
Sub-total	<u>£667.94</u>

Barclays Business Account

Cash at Bank as per statement dated 22 nd March 2019	£3992.63
Sub-Total	<u>£3992.63</u>

Total funds as per statements **£4660.57**

b) Two cheques were signed:

Maureen Philpot – Clerk's pay	£296.11
HMRC - Payee	£74.00

c) 31st March Bank reconciliation to be signed:

Proposed by Cllr Martin Wyard and seconded by Cllr John Tesh
This was previously circulated and signed by The Chair.

7. Correspondence

The Clerk received several letters asking for donations but as the Council work with the precept they decided not to give donations at this time.

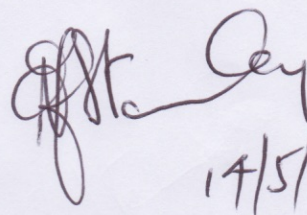
8. Questions to the Chair

Cllr John Tesh reported that he heard a large amount of motorbikes towards Dodds Wood one Sunday and it was suggested that it may be Blaxhall motocross.

9. Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday May 14th at 7.30 pm. This will also be the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.


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