

Swinford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Swinford Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 7.30pm at Swinford Village Hall

Parish Councillors: Carol Parker, Glenn Cameron, Steve Withers, Brett Lonsdale and David Crews.

Also present: Katherine Clarke (Parish Clerk), District Cllr. Jon Bateman and 4 residents.

24-101 To receive apologies from members of council and accept valid reasons for absence

No apologies for absence received.

24-102 Declarations of interest: a. To receive members' declarations of interest

No interest declared.

b. To receive and consider members' requests for dispensations

No dispensations requested.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION (15 minutes)

24-103 To adjourn the meeting for contributions from members of the public (To allow the public to make representations, ask or answer questions, give evidence relating to the business being transacted in accordance with the Public Participation Policy agreed at the meeting held on 04.04.17 minute reference 17-69)

- A resident asked why the agenda wasn't on the noticeboard.
- A resident asked if the road sign erected at the junction with the A5 is correct. The name is Shawell Road. The Parish Council checked maps and it appears to be correct.
- A resident advised that signage at the junction of the A5 and Market Harborough Road directs traffic right to Swinford, the signage needs updating to direct traffic left.
- A resident advised that the footpath signs on Fir Tree Lane and Stanford Road have been replaced.
- Work has started on the Village Hall project, it is anticipated for completion by the end of September 2024. The next stage of the project will be the installation of solar panels. Cllr. Parker thanked everyone involved for their hard work in managing the project and obtaining the funding.
- It was noted that soil has been piled up on the bend on Stanford Road.
- It was noted that The Swift Flash has not been delivered to Swinford over the summer as there is no one to distribute it.
- A resident asked how much attention is given to soil substructures in planning applications. The resident believes there are water courses that have not been identified and requested that the Parish Council consider this when evaluating planning applications.

COUNCIL SESSION

24-104 To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2024

Cllr. Cameron **proposed** signing the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2024 as accurate, Cllr. Crews **seconded** the proposal. The minutes will be signed electronically.

24-105 Matters arising from the meeting held on 2nd July 2024

No matters arising that aren't covered on the agenda.

24-106 Matters arising from District and County Councillor's

- District Cllr. Bateman advised that Harborough District Council is pushing ahead with the Local Plan, there is some uncertainty regarding the new government and the revised NPPF.
- District Cllr. Bateman advised that there is a consultation regarding a quarry at Misterton. There is an action group in Walcote who will be looking for local support with their objections. The application is due to be submitted in October 2024 and will be decided by Leicestershire County Council Minerals Board.
- District Cllr. Bateman advised that Harborough District Council have introduced a Community Grant Fund.
- District Cllr. Bateman is holding a surgery at Misterton Hall on 26th October 2024 between 10am and 11.30am. All are welcome to attend.

24-107 Financial Matters:**a) To note the bank reconciliation to 3rd September 2024**

The reconciled balance on the accounts as at 3rd September 2024 was £31,449.01.

b) To approve accounts for payment

Cllr. Parker **proposed** and Cllr. Withers **seconded** payment of the following accounts:

TYPE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
BACS	DTM Gardens	Cemetery maintenance	£691.99
BACS	Auto Speed Watch	Annual subscription	£148.00
BACS	Npower	Streetlighting	283.20
BACS	Npower	Streetlighting	£71.79
BACS	Andrew Granger	Pocket Park rent CPI increase	£120.00
BACS	Andrew Granger	Play area rent	£200.00
BACS	E-on	Streetlighting maintenance	£119.40
BACS	K Clarke	Parish Clerk salary and expenses	£657.29

c) To note receipts

TYPE	PAYEE	DETAIL	AMOUNT
BACS	NatWest	Reserve account interest	£5.57

c) Other financial matters

No matters raised.

24-108 Planning Matters**a. Planning applications:**

- To consider planning application 24/00769/CLU
Certificate of Lawfulness for the use of the land for the siting of a marquee and associated use
– Chequers Inn, High Street, Swinford
Resolved: The Parish Council strongly supports the application.

b. Any other planning matters: no matters raised.**24-109 To discuss speeding concerns**

- Speeding continues to be a problem, there are still several people continuing to speed through the village, the top speed recorded has been 57mph.
- It was noted that the letters sent to offending businesses have helped.
- Speeding was at a high level during the weekend of The Long Road Festival at Stanford Hall.
- Cllr. Crews advised that Neighbourhood Link are running a survey, this could be used to report that speeding concerns in the village are still problematic.

- The Police and Crime Commissioner, Rupert Matthews, is going to attend the November Parish Council meeting to discuss concerns.
- A resident asked if the Parish Council could consider '20s Plenty' signs as displayed in Shawell.
- It was noted that there is also an increasing number of vehicles without MOT being picked up by the camera.

24-110 To discuss matters arising at the cemetery

- Two graves in the extension have been resurfaced and are waiting for the stonemason to reset the headstones.
- There was a burial in the cemetery extension earlier today.

24-111 To discuss matters arising at the pocket park

- It was noted that the goalpost put into the park by a resident is damaged. If there are no ball game clauses in the contract the Parish Council will replace the item.

24-112 To receive the clerk's report on correspondence and consider any recommendations

- It has been reported that tree branches are obscuring the vehicle activated sign on Kilworth Road.
- Two trees on Rugby Road have been reported as dead.

24-113 To consider items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting

Updates on the agenda items above.

24-114 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at Swinford Village Hall. Cllr. Cameron gave his apologies for the October meeting.

Cllr. Parker closed the meeting at 8.22pm.

APPROVED AS ACCURATE ON 01.10.24.