

SWAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Swainswick Parish Council held in Swainswick School Upper Swainswick on Monday 12th June 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Mr J Miles (Chairman): Mr G Davies (Vice Chairman): Mrs E Charrington: Mrs P Shutter: Mr R Shackell: Mr G Ward (B&NES Ward Councillor): Mr R Clist (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** Cllr I Roberts.
2. **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**
P Shutter proposed J Miles as Chairman seconded by E Charrington.
E Charrington proposed G Davies as Vice-Chairman seconded by P Shutter.
Both proposals were unanimously supported and approved.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting held 10th April 2017.**
The meeting approved the minutes and they were signed as a true record by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising**
There were no matters arising.
5. **Planning**
New Applications
New
Ref: 17/02423/FUL Bluebell Cottage Gloucester Road Swainswick
Erection of single storey extension to side of cottage.
Note: G Davies declared an interest in this item and left the room during discussions.
Swainswick PC – No objections

Ref: 17/02599/TCA 1 The Batch Tadwick Lane Swainswick
1x Cherry T1 - crown thin by 20%, crown lift to 8 feet and reduce long lateral branch on house side, tip prune to contain and balance shape. 2x Fruit TG1 - thin by 15%, reduce and reshape by 2-3 metres and prune to shape.
Swainswick PC – No objections

Ref: 17/02542/LBA / 17/02743/FUL Beech House Tadwick Lane Swainswick.
External and internal work to reinstate a window opening on the west elevation.
Swainswick PC – No objection B&NES – Decision pending.

Ref: 17/01742/TCA Glebe House, Church Lane, Swainswick, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset, BA1 8BX Prune Yew tree as indicated in submitted photograph. Swainswick PC – No objections. B&NES – No objection

Ref: 17/01953/TCA [Greenacres, Innox Lane, Swainswick, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset, BA1 8DB](#) 1x Beech T1 - remove some lower branches and cut back

some higher branches. 1x Beech T2 - remove some lower branches and cut back some higher branches. Swainswick PC – No objection.
B&NES – No objection

Ref: 17/02173/TCA Glebe House, Church Lane, Swainswick, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset, BA1 8BX T1 Acacia: Fell. Swainswick PC – No objection.
B&NES - No objection.

Previous Applications

Pending

Ref: 17/01310/FUL Parcel 1555 Gloucester Road Swainswick Bath
Erection of agricultural store and livestock shelter. Swainswick PC –
Comments/objections submitted.

Ref No: 17/00156/UNAUTH Pitlands Farm Gloucester Road Swainswick Bath.
Enforcement investigating - Potential Unauthorised Use.

Completed

Ref: 17/00905/FUL School House Innox Lane Swainswick Bath .
Erection of replacement garage and covered walkway to main dwelling following demolition of existing garage. B&NES Decision - Permit

Ref: 17/00952/TCA 3 The Batch Tadwick Lane Swainswick 1x Field Maple
Remove. B&NES Decision – No objection.

Ref : 17/1087/TCA Old Bakehouse Tadwick Lane Swainswick Bath
Description of Proposal: Various Tree works. B&NES Decision – No objections

Planning – General

Ref 17/00568/FUL: Hartley Farm Cottage. Although this item is not within the Parish G Ward updated the meeting on the outcome. The proposal to extend the cottage to provide more suitable accommodation for an elderly person was recommended for refusal. G Ward requested that the item should go to Committee as there were very special circumstances and it was right to keep ailing people in their own homes if possible. It was noted that that the application was approved on 1st June 2017.

6. Notice Boards - Condition

E Charrington reported that the notice board on the green was in a sorry state and needed replacement. It was agreed that the clerk would follow this up and J Miles said that he had a brochure which may be of use from the Broxap company. It is likely that a suitable replacement would be in the region of £1k!

7. B&NES related Topics

(a) Bathavon Forum Meetings

The clerk reported that a review of the structure of these meetings had been held and to make them more focused it was proposed to geographically split the meetings, separate ones being held for the northern and southern located parishes.

Swainswick is in the Bathavon North group and the first meeting had been rearranged and will be held 19th July in the Guildhall. The clerk and chairman would attend.

(b) **Graffiti on underpass**

B&NES have dealt with this and the bridge and signs are now clean.

(c) **Park and Ride Proposals Batheaston**

G Ward stated that the plans for sites B and F were still under discussion with the Highways Agency but following an amendment discussed on the 9th June a delay in progress was likely.

G Davies noted that the revised bus lane markings at Lambridge were having a negative impact on traffic flow in and out of Bath on the A4. The single lane exit from the city was causing congestion and traffic was using St Saviors Road through Larkhall a a bypass to this!

(d) **Highways, Verge Maintenance and footpaths**

The clerk reported that he had received complaints about the condition of the hedgerow and pavement between Dead Mill Lane and Tadwick Lane. In places pedestrians are forced onto the highway which is unacceptable particularly as it is a route to Swainswick School. The clerk had reported this to B&NES.

8. Councillor P Shutter – departure update

No firm date had yet to be given but councillors were asked to consider likely candidates for co-option. When things were a little clearer the vacancy will be advertised on the Parish Web site and notice boards

9. Finance.

(a) **Payments Authorised since last meeting**

Zurich Municipal – Annual Insurance £279.17

(b) **Audit 2016/2017**

The completed Audit papers for the financial year 2016/2017 were presented to the Council for approval and authorisation. The completed documentation would be sent to the auditors, Grant Thornton, on the 13th June 2017.

10. School Governors

Nothing to report.

11. Correspondence

Relevant material previously circulated.

12. Any Other Business

G Ward voiced concerns regarding the fairly frequent use of the Gloucester Road by horses. He felt that some caution signs should be installed and asked the clerk to contact B&NES regarding this.

Concerns were raised by G Ward and E Charrington regarding the growth of Hogweed on the dual carriageway of the A46 and the issue will be reported to B&NES.

E Charrington also reported that intrusive brambles needed cutting back as the banks contained orchids that needed light and space. G Ward said that this was a Highways responsibility.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.30pm in Swainswick School

The dates for the following meetings are:

13th November 2017

11th February 2018

8th April 2018

10th June 2018

Meeting closed at 8.50pm