

## **SWAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of Swainswick Parish Council held at Mr I Roberts home “Naille” in Swainswick on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Mr J Miles (Chairman): Mr G Davies (Vice Chairman): Mr R Shackell: Mr I Roberts: Mr T Stuckes: Mr R Clist (Clerk)

**1. Apologies:** E Charrington:

**2. Minutes of previous meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

The meeting approved the minutes and they were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

**3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4. Parish Council Vacancy – Item 9 on the Agenda**

As there had been no formal applications for this post it was proposed to co-opt Mr T Stuckes onto the Council. The decision was taken unanimously.

**5. Planning**

**New**

**Ref: 1705702/LBA** Manor House East, Manor Lane, Swainswick, Bath. Internal and external alterations for the installation of wood-burner, installation of parquet floor, new lighting, increasing width of driveway, replacement of rear elevation windows and doors and creation of opening in swimming pool wall. Swainswick PC – No objections. B&NES Decision - Consent

**Ref: 17/05084/FUL** Gillan Cottage Blacksmith Lane Swainswick. Provision of an off-road parking bay.

Swainswick PC objections and observations submitted. B&NES Decision – Pending.

**Ref: 18/00397/CLEU** Treetops Gloucester Road Swainswick Bath. - Use as ancillary residential garden use (Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Use)

**Previous Applications**

**Ref: 17/05354/FUL:** Swainswick Primary School Innox Lane Swainswick Bath. Erection of two replacement classrooms following removal of existing modular classroom buildings. Application supported by Parish Council. B&NES Decision – Permit.

J Miles pointed out that it was not clear where parking for the project was to occur. It was clear from the difficulties being experienced during the Beech House works that special arrangements were required and should be detailed in the development contract. G Swarbrooke had previously informed the council that land had been offered to facilitate parking but it was not yet known where this was.

## **6. Beech House – Parking**

Parking remains a problem, but it appears that the major development is over and internal activity by electricians and plumbers is ongoing. Although better the situation still needs monitoring.

## **7. Notice Board - Replacement**

The clerk informed the council that Stuart Feasey had given a quotation of £680 for making and installing an exact replacement of the existing one. As this was seen to be reasonable J Miles suggested that a replacement for the board on the school wall should also be made. The clerk would ask S Feasey for an additional quote.

## **8. B&NES relate topics**

### **A46/Gloucester Road & Related Traffic Issues**

In September 2017 the council had formally written to Kelvin Packer (B&NES) about the road markings the A4/Gloucester Road junction and other related traffic problems. A response had finally been received and had been circulated to council members. K Packer offered to visit the council in the future to discuss the topics in more detail.

As the topic impacts a wider area than Swainswick Parish an opportunity to ask him to be invited to the next Bathavon North Forum meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 has occurred and we understand that he will attend!

### **(b) Local Petition for further speed controls on the Gloucester Road**

A petition to gain support for action to further control speeds has been started by a resident. Although appreciative of the issue the council felt it would not be appropriate to involve itself with the petition.

## **9. Council Donation to Churches**

A general set of details regarding a statement that Councils should not donate to churches, had been circulated by ALCA. This had been seen by members. At this point in time no action will be taken.

## **10. Finance**

### **(a) Payments approved**

HMRC PAYE - £170.00: R Clist Salary - £680.00: R Clist Expenses - £80

### **(b) Financial Report – February**

The clerk issued a spreadsheet projecting the year end status.

## **11. School Governors**

R Shackell again report that there were concerns about the state of the verges near the school where vehicles parked, particularly during the school run. Several views were stated but no solutions agreed. Ideally the verge should be levelled and metalled and funded in some way. Discussions would be needed with a number of interested parties, not least the owner of The School House.

**12. Correspondence .**

A Letter had been received from The Privy Council Office stating that the lower churchyard of Swainswick Church is no longer to be used and is now a 'closed churchyard'. The statement is dated 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

**13. Any Other Business**

R Shackell reported that there was activity at Four Winds Farm involving the arrival of a number of haulage vehicles and skips. The situation will be monitored.

G Davies informed the meeting that some works were planned at his property, but no planning application was needed as this had been obtained previously.

J Miles again referred to the possibility of making better use of the seating area by the church wall. It would be ideal if the view seen by raising the seat, possibly on some form of plinth. To be discussed at a future meeting.

It was noted that Data Protection is a topic for consideration by Parish Councils. The clerk expected this not to be a major issue for small councils. More information to be published by ALCA in due course.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30pm at J Miles home.**

The dates for the following meetings are:

**11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm**