

SWAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Swainswick Parish Council held in Swainswick School Upper Swainswick on Monday 3rd June 2013 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Mr J Miles (Chairman): Mrs E Charrington: Mr R Foster: Mrs P Shutter: Mr R Shackell & Mr R Clist (Clerk)

Apologies: G Davies

1. Minutes of previous meeting held 8th April 2013

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

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Planning

(a) GVP – Woolley Valley Developments

Application 12/05660/FUL: GVP Woolley Valley. Alterations and extension to existing agricultural building; alterations to access; formation of hardstanding and farm track; construction of stock pond; siting of 2no. feed hoppers and ancillary works; Siting of a temporary timber cabin for an agricultural worker for a period of up to 3 years. (all retrospective)

Application 12/05661/FUL: Erection of general purpose agricultural building

Application reference: 12/05662/FUL: (Retrospective) 4 mobile poultry units.

Application reference: 12/05663/FUL: (Retrospective) 3 mobile poultry units.

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E Charrington reported that at the DCC meeting held on the 8th May all five applications were refused, the decisions were unanimous. A further meeting is scheduled for the 5th June and the background papers for this detailed the proposed actions. Whilst enforcement action was likely on much of the above there were exceptions!

No action was planned regarding the extended agricultural building, the hard standing/concrete path and the stock pond. Planning applications may well be submitted for these developments. J Miles disagreed with these decisions and stated that the developments to the agricultural building clearly created a change of use and as such it was not now a general purpose agricultural building.

R Foster stated that the stock pond issues remained. These related to draining, land slippage and associated environmental issues. The hard-standing had been enlarged and remained unacceptable and members felt that this should also be addressed.

Following a discussion on these issues it was agreed that BANES Councillor Martin Veale should be contacted urgently with this Council's concerns. E Charrington would contact M Veale and A Mackichan.

(b) Application 13/01476?FUL: 'Rosebank' Gloucester Road Conversion of outbuilding to artist studio.

BANES Decision - Pending

(c) Application 13/01232/REG04 Swainswick School Installation of new door and window in existing building.

BANES Decision – Pending

- (d) **Application 13/01037/FUL: ‘Chroyle’ Gloucester Road Erection of Double following demolition of existing single garage.**
BANES Decision - Permit.
- (e) **Application 13/00596/FUL Hillside Gardens, Tadwick Lane Erection of extension and demolition of multiple out-buildings and internal modifications.**
BANES decision pending with DCC.
The clerk had contacted the owners regarding the incorrectly hung gates and the matter had been addressed.
- (f) **Application 13/00929/TCA Paddock Near Old Forge Swainswick: Reduction in height of Chestnut and removal of Sycamore.**
BANES Decision – Permit

4. Core Strategy Review/Neighbourhood Planning

G Davies and R Clist attended the ‘open evening’ at the One Stop Shop in Manvers Street on the 30th April. Documents were circulated to Council members which gave details of BANES Planning and Development strategy. The major areas being considered for development were Weston and Ensleigh.

Although this district of BANES seemed relatively immune at present it was still necessary to recognise the need for limited rural development.

More information is still required but at present no further details are available from BANES regarding the promised communication process.

5. Highways.

(a) Solar Sign on the Gloucester Road

The speed sign is still monitoring southbound traffic. The clerk presented the statistics for a 56 day period up until 2nd June. The figures were consistent with previous reports which again showed that 25% of vehicles were identified as exceeding the speed limit. The Clerk had attempted to turn the display off as requested but had failed due to software issues. The matter is being pursued!

(b) Deadmill Lane/Ferndale Lane Traffic Study

After many attempts to get an update on this project BANES had failed to give any definitive information. It would appear that resources had been lost or redeployed. The quest for a response would continue.

6. Finance

The clerk presented a statement of the Year End Accounts together with the Audit submission report. Both documents were approved and will now be sent to the external Auditors. The Tax return for the year has been completed and approved by HMRC. An annual PAYE payment to HMRC is, at present, still acceptable.

7. School Governors

R Shackell reported that a planning application for a new door and window for Swainswick School had been submitted and that the new fence had been erected.

8. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

9. Any Other Business

- (a) J Miles had received a request from Beechen Cliff School for the hire of the marquee during July. Council agreed to this request and the fee would remain as before at £50.
- (b) R Foster informed the meeting that 2013 would be the last year in which he would undertake the cutting of the grass on the village green and requested the Council to seek an alternative for future years.
- (c) P Shutter reported that a lively party had been held in The Barn by members of Bath RFC. At this time this was for information only!
- (d) E Charrington reported that there were loose stones in the conservation footpath near the entrance to the church. The clerk was asked to report this to BANES and request repair.
- (e) It was noted that the village fete would be held on the 22nd June and also during the month 8 gardens would be open to visitors.

10. Date of Next Meeting

**Monday 2nd September 2013 at 7.30pm in Swainswick School
Meeting Closed at 8.50pm**