

SWAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Swainswick Parish Council held in Swainswick School Upper Swainswick on Monday 2nd June 2014 at 7.00pm

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

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

P Shutter proposed J Miles as Chairman seconded by E Charrington.

P Shutter proposed G Davies as Vice-Chairman also seconded by E Charrington.

Both proposals were unanimously supported and approved.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held 7th April 2014

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. Planning

New Applications

- (a) **Application Ref: 14/01124/FUL** Parcel 2866, GVP Woolley Lane, Charlcombe, Bath. Erection of 2no. Mobile field shelters.

BANES had requested GVP to submit a Planning Application for this structure in early February. Although the 28 day deadline period was not adhered to an application was validated by BANES on the 9th April 2014, post this Council's meeting in April. E Charrington updated the meeting on the current status of discussions with BANES and Charlcombe PC. The meeting again challenged the need for this structure as the existing converted stock barn should be utilised for its initial intended purpose. There was concern over the likely approval of the application and E Charrington cited a previous case which was ultimately approved

An objection to the application has been submitted by Charlcombe Parish Council and a supporting objection statement, which contained all of the previously discussed points, has been submitted by Swainswick PC.

It is likely that this application will be dealt with by the DCC in early July.

- (b) **Application Ref: 14/01114/FUL** Land adjacent to Pickwick Cottage, Blacksmith Lane, Swainswick, Bath. Erection of one detached dwelling with access and associated works.

Council members have reviewed this application and have submitted concerns regarding the proposed access onto Blacksmith Lane. No decision has yet been made by BANES.

Previous Applications

- (a) **Application Ref: 14/00886/FUL** Woolley Mill Erection of Field Shelter & Polytunnel. (Charlcombe Parish)

Swainswick PC – No Objections: BANES decision – Permit.

Other Planning Matters

- (a) **Enforcement Ref: 13/00320/UNDEV** "Tree Tops" Car Sales and ancillary activities.

The BANES enforcement officer, P Miller, had served notice that the site had to be cleared by the 1st June. This has been achieved!

- (b) **Enforcement Ref: 14/00385/UNDEV** – Gillan Cottage Blacksmith Lane, development works on adjacent land. Excavations have been started at the side of the cottage to permit vehicle parking. P Miller (BANES Enforcement) is to visit and order cessation of works prior to a legitimate planning application being made.
- (c) **Beech House – Extension of garden curtilage**
E Charrington had previously raised this issue and further concerns now existed as the property was now up for sale. Absolute clarity on the boundaries of the agricultural land was necessary to ensure that any future owners understood its extension and restrictions in use.
In April a formal letter was sent to BANES Enforcement with supporting photographs of the garden and its extended boundaries, the agricultural land and a copy of an earlier letter on this topic (dated November 2009). The Enforcement Officer (P Miller) had unfortunately misplaced this information. At P Miller's request full details have been re-submitted and a response is awaited.

5. Highways.

(a) **A46 – Hartley Bends Safety Measures.**

Following the resurfacing of the bends with a 'non slip' compound, two new wind and solar powered warning signs have been installed to the north and south of the bends. These units were not yet fully operational but some testing had been seen to take place. The 50mph speed limit however has been retained and this council maintains its opposition to this and believes a reduction in the limit is unnecessary. It was noted that the temporary 30mph warning signs were still in place.

Note: G Davies joined the meeting at 19.50pm.

(b) **Traffic Speed Sign**

The possible location of another pole on the opposite side of the Gloucester road was again discussed without conclusion. It was noted that whilst the sign could easily be moved the solar panel presented a slightly more difficult challenge. The meeting agreed that the sign should be turned to monitor southbound traffic and the clerk is to arrange.

During a discussion on the speed of vehicles J Miles pointed out that the chicane near the city boundary was poorly designed and generally ineffective. It was also noted that the surface work needed along Tadwick Lane had not taken place. The clerk was asked to follow this up.

(c) **Deadmill Lane/Ferndale Road**

The clerk expressed his frustration at the lack of response from BANES highways on this matter so no further information was available.

6. Finance.

(a) **Year End Financial Update and Audit**

The clerk presented the year end accounts and the completed audit papers for approval by council. These were accepted by members and signed by the Chairman. The audit papers need to be submitted for inspection by the 5th June.

(b) **HMRC update**

Council were informed that the year-end activities for HMRC had been successfully completed.

7. School Governors

Regarding the school parking issues R Shackell stated that the Head Teacher had contacted BANES. It was not clear if any action would be forthcoming.

R Shackell reported that the Swainswick School sports day would be held on the 6th July and that celebrations for the 150th anniversary of the school would conclude with a fete and an open day in June.

8. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

9. Any Other Business

- (a) A van had been seen parked in Solsbury Lane which seems to be lived in. J Miles said that providing there is no rubbish or other unacceptable waste or activity no action is required at this time. The situation however must be monitored.
- (b) J Miles informed the meeting that Beechan Cliff School had requested use of the marquee again. This was approved for an agreed fee of £50.
- (c) R Shackell updated the meeting regarding activity by E M Drilling at Four Winds barns. BANES Enforcement had previously been notified about non-agricultural machinery being stored in the barns and, having visited the site found nothing untoward. There was now a stock of salt at this location and the clerk was requested to follow this up with BANES.
- (d) C Davies advised the meeting that he had been requested to provide sketches for the owners of Pitland Farm. These were to provide an outline view for the construction of two houses on the site of the existing barn. There was no issue with this but it generated a detailed examination of the revised planning laws for barn conversion or replacement.

10. Date of Next Meeting

**Monday 1st September 2014 at 7.30pm in Swainswick School
Meeting Closed at 9.55pm**

Note: Following meetings are-

Monday 3rd November 2014

Monday 2nd February 2015

Monday 6th April 2015

Monday 1st June 2015