

SWAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Swainswick Parish Council held in Swainswick School Upper Swainswick on Monday 14th November 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mr J Miles (Chairman): Mr G Davies (Vice Chairman) from 8.00pm: Mrs E Charrington: Mrs P Shutter: Mr R Shackell: Mr I Roberts: Mr R Clist (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** M Veale and A Millar (B&NES Councillors).
2. **Minutes of previous meeting held 12th September 2016.**
The meeting approved the minutes and they were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

1. **Matters arising**
There were no matters arising.

2. **Planning**

New Applications

Ref:16/05419/CLEU: Bluebell Cottage Gloucester Road Swainswick. Use of property as a permanent dwelling house (C3) (Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use). No objections raised by Swainswick Parish Council.

Previous Applications

Ref: 16/02664/FUL: 1 The Batch Tadwick Lane, Swainswick, Bath
Extension to the rear of the house, providing one new bedroom; internal alterations to consolidate ground floor accommodation; external landscaping to improve access up to rear garden. This council had submitted two detailed comments and objections one in August and one in early September. It was noted that a number of changes had been made to the plans and SPC have no further concerns regarding this application.

Ref: 16/03747/FUL: Beech House Tadwick Lane Swainswick. Erection of timber pool house and basement plant room. Swainswick PC - No objections/comments. B&NES Decision – Permit.

Ref:16/00575/UNDEV: Gillan Cottage – Creation of unauthorised access off Blacksmith Lane. Despite this access being further developed B&NES have confirmed that they will be taking no additional action.

5. **Swainswick Parking**
I Roberts stated that nothing further had been progressed on this item. A number of options were still being considered these included a cordoned parking zone with removeable bollards and small signs on posts or property walls in the problem area. Such action requires liaison with property owners regarding siting

and wording. There is still a reluctance to involve B&NES as it is felt that road markings would result.

6. Highways

Verge Maintenance and footpaths

Following further requests to B&NES for action on the verges and hedgerows along the pavement between Deadmill Lane and Tadwick Lane all outstanding clearance work has been now been completed.

This Council records its thanks to Peter Clark (B&NES) and his team for prompt action and to Councillor Martin Veale for helping to raise the profile of the work required.

7. Community raised topics

(a) Memorial bench for George Cacas

Mrs Cacas wishes to place a bench in the village as a memorial to her late husband. The village green was the preferred location and members were asked to consider this.

The Council wholeheartedly supported this proposal.

(b) Bicycle rack installation opposite the school

A request had been made for the Council to consider and a support a proposal to install a bicycle rack on the parking space across from the school. The idea was fully supported but as the land belonged to the church the matter would need to be pursued with the Parochial Church Council. R Shackell agreed to follow this up.

(c) One way system through village

To assist traffic flow through the village during the 'school runs' an informal agreement exists enabling this traffic to follow a 'one way' route. A request has been submitted for this to become a permanent and signed route through the village. Considering the many issues surrounding the request members agreed to take no action on this.

8. Councillor P Shutter – departure update

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

9. Finance.

The clerk circulated a financial status report which included projections of expenditure up to and including the Financial Year End. This was provided to assist in the decision for the transfer of funds from the Building Society to Lloyds for payment of the contribution towards the church tower reparation work.

It was agreed that a sum of £2000 would be moved and the payment of £3000 to the PCC would be made when this process had been cleared.

The annual donation of £800 towards churchyard maintenance was also approved.

10. School Governors

Nothing to report.

11. Correspondence

Relevant material had been circulated by email.

12. Any Other Business

No items proposed.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.30pm in Swainswick School

Note: Following meetings are-

10th April 2017, 12th June 2017

Meeting closed at 9.05pm