

SWAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Swainswick Parish Council held in Swainswick School Upper Swainswick on Monday 10th April 2017 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: Cllr J Miles.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held 13th February 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. Planning

New Applications

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. Swainswick PC – Supported.

Ref: 17.01310/FUL Parcel 1555 Gloucester Road Swainswick Bath

Erection of agricultural store and livestock shelter. Swainswick PC – Comments/objections submitted.

Ref: 17/00952/TCA 3 The Batch Tadwick Lane Swainswick 1x Field Maple Remove. Swainswick PC – No objections

Ref : 17/1087/TCA Old Bakehouse Tadwick Lane Swainswick Bath

Description of Proposal: Various Tree works. Swainswick PC – No objections

Previous Applications

There were no pending items.

5. 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 meeting, separate ones being held for the northern and southern located parishes.

Swainswick is in the Bathavon North group and the first meeting will be held on the 8th May in the Guildhall. The clerk said that he would attend and the meeting agreed that, if possible, the chairman should also be there.

(b) Park and Ride Proposals Batheaston

On 25th January 2017 B&NES Council formally announced the sites selected in Batheaston for the 'East of Bath' Park & Ride. Following further public and professional responses the process leading up to the decision was reviewed at a 'call in' meeting on the 23rd February 2017. Despite the number of excellent representations made the Council dismissed the review and the original decision upheld.

(c) **Proposed Boundary Changes**

A B&NES boundary review engagement session for Parish Councils was held on 20th February 2017. J Miles reported that parish boundaries are not impacted as the focus was on ward boundaries and the respective councillor representation.

Highways, Verge Maintenance and footpaths

G Ward had updated this council on the litter clearance work he had carried out on the A46 and the Gloucester Road near the entrance to Swainswick village. In his

6. **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. I Roberts noted that a number of new residents were now in Swainswick and perhaps this source could be tapped!

7. **Finance.**

(a) **Precept**

B&NES had accepted the precept request of £3000.00 and the first half-year payment of £1500.00 has been received.

(b) **Payments for authorisation**

The following payments were authorised:

ALCA - Annual subscription	£50.74
B&NES - Notice Board Rental	£1.00

Payments authorised in March 2017

HMRC - PAYE Tax re Clerk	£170.00
R Clist - Annual Salary	£680.00
R Clist – Annual Expenses	£80.00

(c) **Financial Status Report**

The clerk circulated a draft of the Financial Year End status report which would form the basis of the Audit Return which is due for submission by the 16th June 2017. The audit papers seem more complicated than in previous years but these would be submitted for authorisation at the June 12th Council meeting.

8. **School Governors**

R Shackell reported that 20 or so laptops had been purchased and were now in use at the school.

9. **Correspondence**

E Charrington asked whether a letter of thanks from Swainswick PCC, regarding the Church Tower repair fund donation, had been received. The clerk reported that it had and had been recorded at the February meeting.

10. Any Other Business

C Davies reported that there was graffiti along one wall of the bridge under the A46 at the junction with the Gloucester Road. A road sign at the same location at the entrance to Solsbury Lane has also been written on. The clerk said he would report this later in the evening.

Storage Containers – Deadmill Lane

In his absence J Miles had circulated a brief report on a number of items. Most are covered within these minutes but one area of concern is the vast increase in the number of containers, now stacked two high, at the storage yard at the bottom of Deadmill Lane and Rose Hill. Enquiries to be made.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12th June 2017 at 7.00pm in Swainswick School

Note: This meeting will include the Annual Parish Meeting and therefore starts at **7.00pm**

Meeting closed at 8.35pm