

SWAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Swainswick Parish Council held in Swainswick School Upper Swainswick on Monday 13th November at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mr J Miles (Chairman): Mr G Davies (Vice Chairman): Mr R Shackell: Mr I Roberts: G Ward B&NES Ward Councillor): Mr G Swarbrooke (Swainswick School Headmaster) and Mr R Clist (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** E Charrington: A. Millar & M Veal (B&NES ward Councillors)
2. **Minutes of previous meeting held 11th September 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. **Public Participation**
The planning application for development works at Swainswick School had been submitted (see Ref 17/05354/FUL under planning below) and Mr G Swarbrooke spent some time detailing the proposals and timescales.
Because of the nature of the site the replacement classrooms would be constructed in two phases. The 'Apple' room in phase one and 'Hazel' in phase two. Using available plans and drawings the headmaster outlined these phases and gave details of the dismantling and rebuild procedures. Access to the site was initially a concern but this had been resolved by agreeing a route via the vicarage.
J Miles and G Ward, referring to the current parking issues around Beech House, suggested that a similar, if not greater, problem would occur during the 18 months duration of the project. It was suggested that a nearby facility (field) be rented and as a condition of contract parking should be confined to that area.
G Swarbrooke confirmed that the project start date was 18th March 2018 and the estimated costs were around £720k.

Concluding the discussion G Swarbrooke referred to the danger of speeding vehicles along the lanes leading to the school. A letter had been circulated to parents to use the routes with caution and reduced speeds. A lengthy debate on speed control followed and the matter would be referred to B&NES. There was however a desire to refrain from an abundance of signage.

The Council expressed their thanks for this update and invited the Headmaster to attend future meetings as the work progressed.
5. **Planning**
New
Ref: 17/04994/FUL Aucombe House Gloucester Road Swainswick Bath. Erection of wooden garden shed with an apex roof. B&NES Decision – Permit

Ref: 17/05366/TCA Hill House Tadwick Lane Swainswick Bath T1 Yew tree.
Remove 5 branches on the wall side of the tree that extend towards the neighbour's property. B&NES Decision - Permit

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 – Pending.

Previous Applications

There were no outstanding items.

6. Beech House – Works Parking Issues

I Roberts said that he was very unhappy with how the Parish Council had responded to this problem. J Miles reported that the contractors had been spoken with on a couple of occasions and emails had been exchanged. The difficulties were clear but the allocated parking area within Beech House grounds was not being correctly utilised. He noted that the issue of parking had not been dealt with in the contract of works.

I Roberts reported that there was clear resentment in the village and communication with residents and more importantly the owners of Beech House was essential. J Miles agreed to write to the Charlotte Comyns Carr (Mrs Rooney) as a matter of urgency.

7. Notice Board

Further investigation on potential costs confirmed that approximately 1£k would need to be spent to purchase a suitable new notice board for the wall on the green. The clerk had contacted Stuart Feasey, the original supplier, to see if any repair work was worthwhile. Having previously reported that external funding may be available £500 has been allocated from the Ward Councillors Initiative Fund, courtesy of Councillor Alison Millar

8. B&NES – Related Topics

(a) Highways, Verge Maintenance and footpaths

Previous works that had cut the verges back to reveal the full footpath width again needs repeating. B&NES to be contacted by the clerk.

The detailed discussions held on the A46/A4 traffic issues at the previous meeting were documented in a letter that was sent to Kelvin Packer (B&NES) on the 15th September. Reminders were sent and a detailed reply received on the 8th November. Mr Packer offered to attend a future meeting which will be arranged in due course.

(b) Bathavon Forum Meetings – revised structure

Swainswick is in the Bathavon North group and the first meeting had been held on 19th July in the Guildhall. The follow up meeting is scheduled for the 22nd November.

(c) Ward Boundary Review

Swainswick PC has submitted its views which were in line with the opinions of Charlcombe PC.

9. Parish Council – Vacancy

The clerk would put notification of this vacancy on the three notice boards.

10. Finance.

(a) Payments approved

Swainswick PCC – annual contribution £800.00

(b) Financial Report – November 2017

The clerk issued a spreadsheet detailing this.

11. Parish Council Meeting - Venues

In certain circumstances utilising the school as a venue is deemed unfavourable. On these occasions I Roberts has suggested that his home, 'Naille', could be used when required. The Council were happy with this arrangement.

12. School Governors

Nothing to report.

13. Correspondence

Relevant material previously circulated.

14. Any Other Business

15. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12th February 2017 at 7.30pm at I Roberts home.

The dates for the following meetings are:

9th April 2018

11th June 2018

Meeting closed at 9.10pm