

SWAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Swainswick Parish Council held in Swainswick School Upper Swainswick on Monday 11th June 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Mr J Miles (Chairman): Mr G Davies (Vice Chairman): Mrs E Charrington: Mr R Shackell: Mr T Stuckes Mr G Ward (B&NES Ward Councillor): & Mrs L Lloyd (Resident) Mr R Clist (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** I Roberts: Cllr M Veale.

2. **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

E Charrington proposed J Miles as Chairman seconded by R Shackell.

R Shackell proposed G Davies as Vice-Chairman seconded by E Charrington.

Both proposals were unanimously supported and approved.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting held 10th April 2018.**

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

4. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Planning**

New

Ref: Not yet issued Beech House Swainswick. Resurrection of previous complaint regarding garden curtilage breach into agricultural land. There was a brief debate about the “4 year rule” and clarification would be sought from the B&NES enforcement officer Tom Boyd.

Ref: Not yet issued Four Winds Farm Swainswick. Large ‘Agricultural Barn’ built to replace smaller burnt out unit. The new unit is excessively large and being used for skip / refuse business. The enforcement officer investigating this matter is Martin Almond. He has advised that a new Planning Application for the enlarged building and change of use would be required and this has been formally requested. Although the new structure is currently deemed to be a replacement agricultural building J Miles pointed out that agricultural buildings should have vents on them. The new building has not got these. The clerk was asked to check the status of the application as a matter of urgency.

Ref: 17/00156/UNAUTH Pitland Farm Swainswick. Use of agricultural premises for vehicle storage related to recovery business. The situation seems unchanged with minimal activity at present. The officer, Nicola Little, has visited the site and has suggested regular observations.

Previous Applications

Ref: 18/01221/FUL Shepherds Hay Tadwick Lane Swainswick Bath

Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of detached store.

B&NES Decision - Permit

Ref: 18/01018/FUL Swainswick Primary School Innox Lane Swainswick Bath and North East Somerset BA1 8DB

Application for the erection of a bicycle shelter. Swainswick PC – No objections. B&NES Decision – Permit

Ref: 18/00397/CLEU Treetops Gloucester Road Swainswick Bath – Area use as ancillary residential garden (Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Use) Swainswick PC Observations submitted. B&NES Decision – Pending.

G Ward expressed great concern as he thought that if granted the site could be used for development. A number of local residents have documented their concerns and old photographs (around 1980) show land was derelict at that time. Efforts were made to ‘call in’ the application but the decision will be made by the officer responsible.

5. Notice Board – Replacement

This task has now been completed and Council members are happy with the new board.

6. B&NES relate topics

It was reported that the beech hedge near the Tadwick Lane junction needs cutting back. B&NES will be asked to action this and to make further efforts to clear the Gloucester Road footpath. G Ward said that the overgrown grass bank near the village entrance needed tidying and this will also be referred to B&NES. He also stated that he had updated them on the poor state of the Tadwick Lane surface where many pot-holes required repair.

7. Data Protection – Revised Act

The clerk reported that the Government has revised the bill to drop the requirement for the formalised post of DPO. It will be necessary to contact the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) and register with them. A fee will be payable.

8. Finance

(a) Approval of Year End Accounts

These having been previously approved now formed a part of the audit process.

(b) Audit 2017/2018

The new audit procedures have been completed and were authorised for publication on the Council’s website. This, currently, removes the need to send papers to an external auditor. There may be, in due course, some feedback on this as some random checks are made. The Certificate of Exemption is also on the website.

(c) Payments for approval.

The following items were authorised:

J Barrett (green maintenance) £100.00

S Feasey (creation and installation of Notice Board - £710.00

9. School Governors

R Shackell reported that preparation work for the replacement school buildings was now underway.

10. Correspondence

All relevant material previously circulated.

11. Any Other Business

Footpath to Woolley – Bridge problem

I Roberts had contacted the clerk regarding the bridge along the footpath to Woolley church. It appears to have subsided and required repair. To be referred to B&NES and or The Cotswold Wardens.

Clean Air Zone

B&NES have recently published its proposals to introduce a clean air zone within the city and boundaries. The full details are on that Councils website. The topic was discussed at length and L Lloyd was deeply concerned that the proposals would cause serious issues and great expense for people travelling across Bath for work or school run activities in an area where the option for public transport utilisation was non-existent. Swainswick Parish clearly falls into this category.

The clerk was requested to write to B&NES outlining the concerns from this council.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10th September – Swainswick School

The dates for the following meetings are:

12th November 2018: 11th February 2019: 8th April 2019: 10th June 2019

Meeting closed at 8.45pm