

SWAINSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Swainswick Parish Council held in J Miles home, The Close, Upper Swainswick on Monday 12th November 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mr J Miles (Chairman): Mrs E Charrington: Mr G Davies (Vice Chairman): Mr R Shackell: Ms S Watson (Swainswick Church, Warden) present for first agenda item and Mr R Clist (Clerk)

1. **Apologies:** I Roberts: T Stuckes
2. **Minutes of previous meeting held 10th September 2018.**
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. **Swainswick Church – Application for Heritage Lottery Money**
A document outlining the proposed changes to the church interior had be previously circulated and S Watson explained the plans in more detail. As the church is regularly used for a variety of social functions a number of the 20th century pews would be removed creating space towards the rear of the church. The older box pews would remain. The Bath Museum of Architecture is involved and work is underway to promote awareness of the structure and history of the church. From an historical point of view much emphasis will be placed on the presence of John Wood’s and family members internment stone. The Diocese have been consulted on the plans and approval is expected. There have been very few objections raised and Swainswick Parish Council fully supports these proposals.
S Watson left the meeting at the end of this discussion (19.55pm)
5. **Planning**
New
Ref: 18/04633/TCA Tree Works Notification in Con Area
Elmhurst, Gloucester Road Swainswick Bath
Sycamore - Trim the canopy by reducing the canopy by up to 2 metres on the sides and 1 metre in height. Swainswick PC- No objections. B&NES Decision - Pending

Previous Applications
Ref: 18/03829/FUL Four Winds Farm Gloucester Road Swainswick -‘retention’ of Agricultural Building. A detailed objection from this council was prepared by J Miles and has been formally submitted to B&NES. R Shackell stated that he had been in touch with Malcolm Arnold, the B&NES officer dealing with the application, to provide extensive observations on the history and agriculture of the farm.

Ref: 17/00156/UNAUTH Pitland Farm Swainswick. Use of agricultural barn for vehicle storage related to a vehicle recovery business. There appears to be little activity at present and it was agreed to remove this item the next agenda.

Other Planning Matters

The Manor Barn

It had been noticed that there had been some trench work in the yard of the Barn and some concerns were raised regarding other activities. It was agreed to maintain a “watchful eye” on the barn.

Ref: 17.01310/FUL Parcel 1555 Gloucester Road Swainswick Bath

Erection of agricultural store and livestock shelter. This application was opposed in April 2017 and subsequently rejected. The applicant has recently contacted this Council with a proposed resubmission. The objections and concerns previously raised have been addressed and a formal submission is expected in the near future.

6. B&NES relate topics

Bathavon Forum

The next meeting is scheduled for the 22nd November and focus will be on the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) proposals.

7. Finance

An up to date financial report was issued by the clerk.

8. School Governors

R Shackell reported that good progress was being made with the building of the new school rooms.

9. Correspondence

All relevant material previously circulated.

10. Any Other Business

J Miles announced that he may be moving away from Swainswick village. It is possible that this may not be an issue as his new home will be fairly closeby. Future discussions will be needed to assess the impact, if any!

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11th February 2019

The dates for the following meetings are:
10th June 2019

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

