Swilland and Witnesham grouped Parish Council

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Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 16th March 2016 at Witnesham Village Hall

MINUTES

- 1. Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. The Code of Conduct: To receive Councillors Declarations of Interest. None.
- 3. To receive apologies from Councillors not attending Mr Hindle, Mr Stanley, Mr Lightfoot, Mr Laughlin. Also apologies from Clerk Mr Barron. In attendance Mr Everett, Mr Darell-Brown, Mrs Camp, Mr Rush, Mrs Shaw, Dr Nicol, Mr Templeman, Mrs Pace, Mr Wilks.
- 4. To approve Minutes from the meeting held on 20th January 2016: Approved.
- County Councillor report Mr Bellfield was not in attendance.
- District Councillor report Mr Whiting was not in attendance.
- 7. Finance Update

Clerk as RFO

- a. Current Account approx £14,000.00 which includes approx £1800 grant money for Village Hall and Play Area repair.
- b. Ipswich Building Society approx £8,000.00
- 8. To approve the following payments:

a) Printer Cartridge	£7.00
b) Mobile phone top up	£10.00
c) Printer paper and 2 x printer cartridge	£17.25
d) Clerk's January Salary (part 1)	£132.71
e) Clerk's January Salary (part 2)	£60.17
f) Clerk's February Salary	£152.82

Payments approved, proposed Dr Nicol, seconded Mr Everett.

A request that Dr Nicol, Clerk and Mr Rush meet ASAP to go through end of year account was made.

Clerk to arrange.

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9. Footpaths

Mr Rush advised on condition of bridleway across to Tuddenham via Strugglers Lane which is in poor condition due to recent ditch and hedge clearing work. Mr Hindle has advised that he will continue to monitor repairs are put in place where necessary and Mr Templeman would also report back on continuing issues.

10.Planning

Mr. Wilks reported on recent planning meetings and advised the following:

- Valley Farm Strugglers Lane, Witnesham, barn conversion was supported.
- The Barn Mill Lane, Witnesham, new dwelling on site of barn was supported with conditions attached.
- Tarnside Mow Hill, Witnesham, side extension was supported
- Broom Hill Tuddenham Lane, new dwelling was not supported and refused by SCDC.
- Moon and Mushroom, removal of planning condition on The Button annexe. Refused by SCDC and likely going to appeal.
- Fynn Valley Golf Club, potential planning application at Golf Club for new Clubhouse and housing scheme. An invitation to attend APM and present details. Mr Wilks to ask Mr Tyrell.

11.Police Report

SNT have not submitted a report and not in attendance. Mr Rush advised that Kesgrave SNT base will close shortly, but area will be covered by a combined SNT based at Woodbridge.

12. Highways

SAVID VAS Signs: Mr. Everett confirmed no further meetings had taken place, but views from other parishes would be sought in particular views to install permanent posts for the Vehicle Activated Signs. General view however was that more mobile Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) as used by Speed Watch group were preferred. Mr Templeman advised that he had been asked for fixed speed indicator devices to be installed in the Mow Hill area. However flexibility of mobile signs being used by Speed watch were felt to be of greater benefit rather than fixed signs which could only ever be kept in same location.

Chairman thanked Mrs Pace and all involved in the local Speed watch group for all their dedicated work rolling out regular speed checks.

Mr Everett advised that surveys had been undertaken of B1077 blocked drains and he would chase Highways for start dates again.

Mr Rush confirmed that all verges between the Barley Mow and the School had been cleared by Highways.

Mr Rush also advised that Mr Hindle and he had written to Highways requesting Tuddenham Lane be swept and drain gullies cleared as the area had become flooded and covered in mud over recent weeks. Highways have agreed to inspect and provide an update.

Mr Rush thanked all the Ladies from WI who had carried out the Litter Pick through the village in early March as part of the Clean for the Queen weekend.

13. Playing Field Management Committee

Mr Wilks advised that he had made WASPs and parents aware that there was further funding available for sports related projects from SCDC. Ideas would be welcomed.

Mr Rush confirmed that Parish grass cutting contracts are currently out to tender.

Play area inspections: Mrs pace and Mr Stanley had undertaken regular inspections and issues are being resolved as part of the refurbishment works at the school site shortly.

14.VHMC

A report provided by Mr Elmy confirming heating upgrade is soon to be undertaken once finance grant approved.

15.Tree Officer

Mr Darrell-Brown advised that works on Ash tree at Hall Lane allotments would be undertaken in early April.

16. Allotments

Mrs. Camp advised that all payments for 2015/16 had been received and there remained one spare allotment at Coopers Close which was available.

17. Community Group

Mrs. Camp reported that various events were planned for the coming months including the Queen's birthday celebrations at the Barley Mow and the village show and garage sale in early July. A quiz in September and a musical evening planned for November.

18.AOB

Mr Rush outlined a letter received expressing concern at poor vehicle parking in Weyland Road which was making access down the road particularly difficult at times. It was agreed to write to local residents to ask them to park more considerately.

Mr Rush had also received a letter from a resident in Coopers Close expressing concern over flooding during heavy rainfall which appeared to be coming from a blocked piped drain which runs through several adjoining gardens. Suffolk County Council Flood Manager had been contacted and suggested that areas be inspected and cleared which would require residents who had manholes in their gardens to check for blockages. The Parish Council to write to householders asking for these areas to be attended to if possible and any blockages or build ups resolved.

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish meeting on 20th April and it is hoped that representatives will attend & report from all local organisations.

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm

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