Swilland and Witnesham grouped Parish Council

Clerk: Mrs Sarah-Jayne Bailey, 38 Weyland Road, Witnesham, IP6 9ET

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 15th July 2015 at 7.30pm at Witnesham Village Hall

MINUTES

- 1. Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 2. There were no declarations of interest
- 3. Apologies from Mr Laughlin and Mr Lightfoot
- 4. Minutes from the meeting held on 20th May 2015 agreed. Proposed by Mr Hindle and seconded by Mr Everett.
- 5. Co-option of new Councillors: Both Mr Templeman and Mr Stanley presented some information about themselves. Both candidates left the room at this point. Mr Stanley and Mr Templeman unanimously voted on Parish Council.
- 6. Councillor Belfield is not present this evening. Mr Wilks offered to contact democratic services to see what the procedure is for someone to deputise.
- 7. Councillor Whiting was unable to make it this evening. Mr Wilks pointed out that Mr Whiting is also a County Councillor.
- 8. Finance Update
 - a. Current Account £11,810.35
 - b. Ipswich Building Society £7980.62
- 9. To approve the following payments: proposed Dr Nicol and seconded Mrs Pace

Clerk salary May £182.38 Picnic table £222.00

10.Footpaths

Mr Hindle mentioned the Swilland footpath 9 near Newton Hall that is impassable. There are issues with the Stables owner getting this cleared,. Mr Hindle also reported that broken style on junction of footpath 38/39 is still an issue and it may be that a gate needs putting in by the landowner. There is also another broken style down Cockfield Hall Lane. Mr Hindle also reported that grass cutting of footpaths was done at beginning of June and this was a good job. Mr Rush mentioned that parishioner has asked whether footpath near him in Swilland, close to the water tower could be cut back as it's a favoured walk route.

11.Planning

Mr. Wilks reported that Mr Lightfoot has stepped down as Planning Chairman and he has taken over. Last meeting there were two applications; one was Hillbrow Farm, conversion of barn into dwelling and the other was house to be constructed in grounds of Willow Cottage. Development on Tuddenham Lane is currently 'withdrawn'.

SCDC Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule is something everyone should be aware of. Flat rate £150 per sqm for development, 15% of which comes to the Parish Council. SCDC will pass this over on a 6 monthly basis which we can use on wide range of projects. This comes into effect later this month. Mr Darell-Brown mentioned drainage for any new developments and whether the council needs to approach Anglian Water; Mr Hindle feels that a separate bank account would be needed for this money. Should we perhaps look at developing a Neighbourhood Plan as 25% of Levy would then come to Parish Council. To be discussed at next Planning Meeting.

- 12.PCSO Robertson unable to attend but has sent a report. Three reported crimes since last meeting. One theft, one criminal damage and one burglary. Monitoring of speeding is still a priority.
- 13.Mr Everett and Mr Rush attended Ashbocking Parish Council meeting. Attended by Highways, County Councillor and District Councillor and 40/50 parishioners. It is hoped that speed limit on B1078 would be changed but nothing was confirmed. The Chairman of Ashbocking confirms they are going for a change from 60mph to 40mph limit from The Poplars to Browngates Kennels. This does not cover the Gibraltar crossroads. Mr Rush confirmed that we would need to support Ashbocking Parish Council's bid with our own request. Cost likely to be between £5,000-£10,000 Mr Wilks asked about enforcement if this speed limit is reduced. Mr Passmore had confirmed at the Ashbocking meeting that enforcement vans would be in situ on regular basis. Mr Hindle proposes to support this endeavour, seconded by Mrs Shaw. All in favour.

B1077 Flooding and blocked drains are still an issue and this won't be sorted now until January 2016.

SAVID officially launched on 27th June 2015.

Mr Everett mentioned reported issue with footpath opposite the phone box on footpath towards the school where there is a trip hazard. Gully cover missing which needs reporting to Highways.

Mr Rush reported the grass verges. Letters have been sent to householders with most overhanging debris and nothing appears to have been done to rectify this as yet. Clerk has also reported this to Highways and there is a 30 working day turn around on them having a look at this. Mr Rush has been to see residents of Kebulak Kennels re: leak and overhanging hedging and was assured that this would be sorted. Quote to trim all hedges on left hand side path from Barley Mow to School. Mr Hindle feels that it is a highways issue. Action: Forward this issue to Robert Whiting to take this issue forward with County Council.

Mrs Camp reports broken man hole cover on Juby's Chute.

- 14. Playing Field Management Committee there is nothing to report
- 15.Recreation Ground. Mr Rush reports that Litter Bin has been installed. Site is being well used. Mr Hindle will look at replacing plank on bench that has a nail protruding. Mr Hindle also feels that a bench with a back is needed at the site. Mrs Pace will look into costings for this. Dr Nicol reported that there is litter around the bottle bank. Action: Ask SCDC for either a

receptacle for the rubbish or a signage asking for litter to be taking home. Mat has been repaired under the play equipment.

- 16. Village Hall. Mrs. Shaw reports that Mr Elmy is currently investigating a grant to improve heating in village hall. They have £2000 towards this already.
- 17. Allotments. Mrs. Camp reports that there have been complaints about fly tipping. There is a lot of rubbish in the ditch and also on other people's allotments. Action: Mr Rush and Mrs Camp to visit person that may be responsible re: clear up.
 - Two allotments are in a bad state. Mrs Camp will write to these plot holders and ask them to clear them up. Advert in 'in touch' regarding allotment availability.
- 18.Mrs. Camp reported that the Village Show went very well this past weekend. Garage Sale was also very good turn out with 18 garages.

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- a) Otley telephone box Mrs Shaw reports that a local pensioner painted the box and it looks lovely and could we do this to our telephone boxes. Something for the future.
- a) Election expense form Reminder from Mr Rush that election expense form to be completed by all Councillors.
- b) Declaration of Interests form Reminder that this also needs to be completed.
- c) Reports received that there has been dumping of rubbish at the Spinney at the end of Weyland Road. Mr Darell-Brown reported a similar issue in Church Lane where power cable workmen had dumped branches in a ditch.
- d) Daffodils. Mr Hindle willing to look at this again for the coming year.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm