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| **Swardeston Parish Council**  **Minutes of the August 2022 Parish Council Meeting**  **At Swardeston village hall, on Thursday 11th August 2022 at 7.30PM**  **Meeting 8/2022** | | |
| Present:  Members - Derek Barber, Justin Barber, Liz Brown, Dominic Everett, Wendy Middleton and Terry Stock  Cllrs Nigel Legg and Ian Spratt  Clerk – Carole Jowett  3 members of the public attended | | |
|  | **To consider apologies for absence**  There were no apologies for absence. |  |
|  | **To co-opt a new member to fill the casual vacancy**  Graham Jermy expressed his interest in becoming a parish councillor, he gave a brief overview of himself. Mr J Barber proposed that Mr Jermy be co-opted to fill the casual vacancy, Mr Stock seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed.  Mr Jermy signed the acceptance of office form and joined the meeting. |  |
|  | **To receive declaration of interests in items on agenda**  There were no declarations of interest made. |  |
|  | **Resolution to adjourn the meeting for public participation and district/county councillor reports**  **Public Participation**  No points were raised  **Councillor reports**  Cllr Legg reported that the move to Horizon House was going ahead; nutrient neutrality had not yet resolved and South Norfolk Council had made a statement opposing East Anglia GREEN.Healso said that member ward grants were still available  Mr Spratt reported that the Bloy’s Grove planning application had been approved, he mentioned the various green energy developments in the area and voiced concerns that the local area could be disadvantaged. He encouraged parishes to speak to each other. There had been notification of. £20k community benefit fund from this scheme.  It was noted that there was more than enough green energy in Norfolk and was proven by the need for East Anglia GREEN. |  |
|  | **To confirm minutes July 2022 meeting held on 14th July 2022 and to review matters arising**  Mr J Barber proposed that the minutes of last month’s meeting be agreed, this was seconded by Mrs Brown and approved unanimously and signed by the chairman. |  |
|  | **To consider possible road-crossing options for Main Road**  Mr D Barber had written and chased highways but no progress had been made. |  |
|  | **To consider action on the permissive path route**  The owners of the land had not wanted any formal agreement to make the path a permissive path, some people still use it but the owners preferred to leave things as they were. |  |
|  | **To consider remedial works to the play area**  Mr D Barber had spoken to EPS about the matting and turf, due to weather some may need to be replaced. A price was required for the matting under multi-climber to be removed, returfed and re-matted, to also tidy the turf under the trim trail. The quote should be received in time to be reviewed at the next meeting. Once the new turf was laid the area would need to be fenced off. |  |
|  | **To consider planning applications and agree any comments**  **2022/1427**  **Location: 5 Wood Lane Swardeston Norfolk NR14 8DQ**  **Proposal: Single storey rear extension**  The plans were reviewed and it was agreed not to submit any comments.  **2022/1287**  **Location: Cavell Barn, The Common Swardeston Norfolk NR14 8DZ**  **Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to annexe. Extension to existing outbuilding to provide store and extend existing porch across the Cavell barn**.  The plans were reviewed and it was agreed not to submit any comments. |  |
|  | **To consider any action on the offshore wind and solar farms and East Anglia GREEN**  Equinor had given a date in April 2023 to submit a development consent order. |  |
|  | **To consider and agree any response to the Orsted/Grantscape consultation**  After discussion it was agreed that each councillor would complete the survey individually. |  |
|  | **To receive an update on the defibrillator**  The defibrillator had been sent away for a software update, it had been returned and was back in the cabinet with a new battery that should last until 2027.  The battery light on the defibrillator at the village hall did not work, the machine was being tested by the village hall trustees. |  |
|  | **To review and update the asset register**  Progress had been made on adding pictures and historic invoices had been checked. |  |
|  | **Finance**   * 1. **To review and agree financial statement to 11th August 2022**   The financial statement was proposed as an accurate record by Mr J Barber, seconded by Mrs Middleton and unanimously agreed.   * 1. **To agree invoices for payment in accordance with budget**   The following payments were agreed:  BACS £200.47 Norse Eastern Ltd Play area/bus shelter  BACS £96.82 C Jowett Clerks salary  BACS £64.40 HMRC PAYE  BACS £204.00 WEL medical Battery for defibrillator  The payments were reviewed proposed by Mrs Middleton, Mr J Barber seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. The invoice for the defibrillator battery had not been received but would be paid on receipt. |  |
|  | **To consider correspondence received**  An email had been received from SAAA (Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments) as the 5-year agreement with PFK Littlejohn had ended. All authorities need to appoint an external auditor and can be opted into the central procurement regime managed by SAAA. Authorities can opt out of the central procurement and appoint individually. Notice of opting out must be made to SAAA by 28 October 2022. It was unanimously agreed to opt in to the central procurement regime. |  |
|  | **To adjourn the meeting for public participation**  No issues were raised. |  |
|  | **To agree agenda items for the next meeting on 8th September 2022 commencing at 7.30pm at Swardeston village hall**  To consider possible road-crossing options for the Main Road  To consider quotes for remedial works to the play area  To consider any action on wind farms, solar farms and East Anglia GREEN  To confirm the check on the defibrillator  To review and update the asset register  **The meeting closed 20:45** |  |
| Signed: Mr D Barber  Chairman to Swardeston Parish Council  [https://swardeston-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](https://swardeston-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/) | | |