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| **Swardeston Parish Council**  **Minutes of the December 2022 Parish Council Meeting**  **At Swardeston village hall, on Thursday 8th December 2022 at 7.30PM**  **Meeting 12/2022** | | |
| Present:  Members - Derek Barber, Liz Brown, Wendy Middleton, Terry Stock, Graham Jermy  Cllrs Nigel Legg, Gerry Francis  1 member of the public attended | | |
|  | **To consider apologies for absence**  Apologies received from - Justin Barber, Dominic Everett, |  |
|  | **To receive declaration of interests in items on agenda**  There were no declarations of interest. |  |
|  | **Resolution to adjourn the meeting for public participation and district/county councillor reports**  **Public Participation**  No Issues were raised.  **Councillor reports**  Cllr Legg reported on a meeting he attended regarding BESS. He had attended Lotus Cars to hear about their new electric SUV. Horizon House is expected to take several months to get ready for occupation and concerns still exist regarding the access via public transport. |  |
|  | **To confirm minutes of the last meeting held on 10th November 2022 and to review matters arising**  The minutes of the November meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Mr Stock, Mr Germy seconded the proposal, which was unanimously agreed, the chairman signed the minutes.  **Matters arising**  The Village Hall defibrillator has been updated and returned to its cabinet. |  |
|  | **To consider possible road-crossing options for Main Road**  Nothing to report. This matter currently resides with Cllr Daniel Elmer. |  |
|  | **To consider issues with speeding traffic**  Nothing to report. This matter resides with Adam Mayo of NCC Highways. |  |
|  | **To consider proposal for remedial works to the play area**  The quotation APL4472R1 from Action Play and Leisure for new safety matting beneath the Multi-Climber, in the sum of £2,180+vat, was discussed and agreed.  Areas where turf has died will be reseeded by volunteers in Spring 2023. | **DB** |
|  | **To consider and agree a generic email address for the parish council**  No developments on this issue. |  |
|  | **To consider the Norwich battery storage consultation and agree any comments**  After some discussion it was agreed not to comment on the consultation which ends 12th December. |  |
|  | **To consider any action on the offshore wind and solar farms and East Anglia GREEN**  Grantscape are holding a public drop-in regarding the Hornsea3 Community Fund in Swardeston Village Hall between 12.00 and 15.00 on Tuesday Feb 7th 2023. |  |
|  | **To receive an update on the defibrillator**  The defibrillator had been checked on 8th December 2022 and The Circuit had been updated. |  |
|  | **Finance**   * 1. **To review and agree financial statement to 8th December 2022**   The financial statement was proposed as an accurate record by LB, this was seconded by WM and unanimously agreed.   * 1. **To consider budget requirements for 2023/24**   A budget was proposed which, assuming no increase in precept, showed a surplus of £248.00. This proposal was accepted unanimously.   * 1. **To agree invoices for payment in accordance with budget**   The following payments were agreed:  BACS £300.00 Swardeston village hall Room hire  BACS £105.99 C Jowett Clerks salary  BACS £70.40 HMRC PAYE  BACS £200.47 Norse Eastern Ltd Playing Field/Bus Shelter  The payments were reviewed and proposed by DB, LB seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. | **DB** |
|  | **To consider correspondence received**  There was no new correspondence. |  |
|  | **To adjourn the meeting for public participation**  Mr Stock thanked Highways for clearing the footpath along the west side of main road of encroaching soil. Steps will need to be taken in the new year to get the corresponding hedges cut back to match. |  |
|  | **To agree agenda items for the next meeting on 12th January 2023 commencing at 7.30pm at Swardeston village hall**  To consider possible road-crossing options for the Main Road  To update the remedial works to the play area  To consider and agree a generic email address for the parish council  To consider any action on wind farms, solar farms and East Anglia GREEN  To confirm the check on the defibrillator  To consider issues with speeding traffic  To agree and set the precept for 2023/24  **The meeting closed 08.20** |  |
| Signed: Mr D Barber  Chairman to Swardeston Parish Council  [https://swardeston-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](https://swardeston-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/) | | |