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| **Swardeston Parish Council**  **Minutes of the November 2022 Parish Council Meeting**  **At Swardeston village hall, on Thursday 10th November 2022 at 7.30PM**  **Meeting 11/2022** | | |
| Present:  Members - Derek Barber, Justin Barber, Liz Brown, Dominic Everett, Wendy Middleton, Terry Stock, Graham Jermy  Cllrs Nigel Legg, Gerry Francis and Ian Spratt  Clerk – Carole Jowett  2 members of the public attended | | |
|  | **To consider apologies for absence**  There were no apologies for absence. |  |
|  | **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 that South Norfolk Council premises in Long Stratton had closed and people had moved to Thorpe Road whilst Horizon House was ready for occupation probably in the new year.  He reported that there was a homeless problem and that the council was considering the purchase of up to 100 houses to use to address the homelessness problem.  There were warm home grants available to help with heating costs which would need to be applied for.  Grants up to £600 were being given to groups setting up a warm space and needed help with heating costs, an application would be required.  Nutrient neutrality issues had still not been resolved, there was some doubt that it could be resolved before the end of the year. Deals were being explored with larger developers to consider options to address this issue.  Cllr Legg said he had attended the health and scrutiny committee where there had been discussion with NHS about:   * the shortage of dentists in South Norfolk. * Mental health was also a concern due to the lack of provision but work going on to improve the situation. * The issue of the number of deaths at the N&N being the highest in the country was discussed and pressure was being put on the hospital to see how this could be reduced.   Cllr Francis reported that some of the workforce was unsettled about the move out of South Norfolk House.  Cllr Spratt reported that a warm space had been created in Ashwellthorpe where people could stay for up to 4 hours. The village hall had received a grant and warm spaces were not too complicated to run.  He said he still had some funding available in his ward member grant.  East Anglia GREEN, had sent an EIA scoping document sent out and Cllr Spratt said that there was a useful template that could be used for comments. |  |
|  | **To confirm minutes of the last meeting held on 8th September 2022 and to review matters arising**  The minutes of the last meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Mrs Middleton, Mrs Brown seconded the proposal, which was unanimously agreed, the chairman signed the minutes.  **Matters arising**  The defibrillator at the village hall was being updated and would be returned on 11th November 2022 |  |
|  | **To consider possible road-crossing options for Main Road**  An update had been received and an assessment would have to be done establish if a crossing was viable. £4k would be needed to undertake the assessment. |  |
|  | **To consider issues with speeding traffic**  The local police officer had referred the issues on speeding to the local neighbourhood policing team. Highways had suggested that potentially painted signs on the road could be considered. The village gateway on the southbound entrance to the village could be used to post additional signage and perhaps something at the northbound end of the village. The signs would then have to be maintained by the county council.  A suggestion was made to put a yellow backing on the speed signs.  Another suggestion was made that there were other signs used in Norfolk that could be considered.  The highways engineer had been in the village twice in the last week to look at the planned trod and flooding issues.  The chairman would continue dialogue with highways. |  |
|  | **To consider remedial works to the play area**  NGF had been approached to undertake the work had not been interested.  Eastern Play Services had still not responded to emails, the officer at South Norfolk who had recommended the company was also not responding, Cllr Legg asked if Mr D Barber could resend the email to the officer and to copy him in. |  |
|  | **To consider any action on the offshore wind and solar farms and East Anglia GREEN**  Equinor and Orsted plans were progressing.  There had been notification of community information sessions and posters had been provided, the nearest on would be in Mulbarton.  There was to be a presentation at Swardeston village hall for the community fund in December 2022 or January 2023.  The East Anglia GREEN - EIA Scoping Notification and Consultation Cllr Spratt had referred to had been received and would be considered and any response agreed outside of the meeting. The consultation would close on 5th December 2022. |  |
|  | **To receive an update on the defibrillator**  The defibrillator had been checked on 10th November 2022 and The Circuit had been updated. |  |
|  | **Finance**   * 1. **To review and agree financial statement to 10th November 2022**   The financial statement was proposed as an accurate record by Mr Jermy, this was seconded by Mrs Brown and unanimously agreed.  The village hall would be asked for an invoice for the year.  JB prop LB 2nd 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 £169.76 C Jowett Clerks salary  BACS £112.80 HMRC PAYE  The payments were reviewed and proposed by Mr J Barber, Mr Jermy seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. | **CJ** |
|  | **To consider correspondence received**  An email had been received from the new Community Infrastructure Officer for South Norfolk offering support with any projects planned to use CIL money both received and future funds that could be borrowed against.  The parish council considered the offer but there were no plans that required this support at the present time.  The latest planning enforcement report included a property in Intwood Lane that had been approved as a self-build but the owner had been trying to sell it. CIL would become due unless it was finished and the owner had lived in it for at least 3 years. |  |
|  | **To adjourn the meeting for public participation**  Cllr Legg said the local media had reported that the Long Stratton by-pass could be stopped but this had not been confirmed and was believed to be still on track. |  |
|  | **To agree agenda items for the next meeting on 8th December 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 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  Consider and agree budget for 2023-24  **The meeting closed 20:40** |  |
| Signed: Mr D Barber  Chairman to Swardeston Parish Council  [https://swardeston-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](https://swardeston-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/) | | |