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| **Swardeston Parish Council**  **Minutes of the September 2022 Parish Council Meeting**  **At Swardeston village hall, on Thursday 8th September 2022 at 7.30PM**  **Meeting 9/2022** | | |
| Present:  Members - Derek Barber, Justin Barber, Liz Brown, Dominic Everett, Wendy Middleton, Terry Stock, Graham Jermy  Cllrs Nigel Legg and Gerry Francis from 8pm  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 made. |  |
|  | **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 the move to Horizon House has been held up by Land Registry. Arrangements were being made to make changes to the internal layout. All staff at Long Stratton were to be moved to Broadland’s building and there was to be a mobile unit.  Nutrient neutrality consideration was being given to do some trials with small developments to test what Natural England would do.  There was to be a hardship fund with grants up to £150 to help people with heating.  The council was aiming to be carbon neutral by 2030,  The public space protection order was to be renewed, there would be some officials visiting spaces and imposing fines on people not observing the rules.  The Home Office had taken over a hotel at Bowthorpe and a further one at the airport for refugees.  Serious concerns were raised at the health scrutiny committee about the mental health service which had not improved in 9 years.  There was a new drainage officer who would be able to give advice on flooding issues. |  |
|  | **To confirm minutes August 2022 meeting held on 11th August 2022 and to review matters arising**  The minutes of last month’s meeting were agreed and signed by the chairman.  The village hall trustees had tested the defibrillator at the village hall and stated, erroneously, that it was OK. To date they have declined to get the required software update performed by the manufacturer. |  |
|  | **To consider possible road-crossing options for Main Road**  Mr D Barber said he had been in touch with Cllr Elmer who had asked if the police had been notified of the speeding problems. As a result, one year’s worth of SAM2 data had been downloaded which showed over 3,250,000 vehicle movements through the village in a pre-pandemic year with and over 50% of them speeding. There were also some excessive speeds at various times during the day. One of the neighbourhood policing team had been contacted and the data had been provided to them for action.  Cllr Elmer had agreed to speak to the highways engineers and discuss crossing options; an update is awaited. |  |
|  | **To consider remedial works to the play area**  Mr D Barber had spoken to EPS and asked for a quote for the works to be done, it had not yet been received. |  |
|  | **To consider any action on the offshore wind and solar farms and East Anglia GREEN**  Equinor have submitted their DCO application for SEP and DEP. Once it has been accepted by the Secretary of State Equinor will arrange local presentations regarding their latest plans, hopefully later this year. |  |
|  | **To receive an update on the defibrillator**  The defibrillator had been checked on 8th September 2022 and The Circuit had been updated. |  |
|  | **To review and update the asset register**  Mr J Barber had the final document and would upload it to Dropbox, it would be reviewed and agreed at the next meeting. |  |
|  | **Finance**   * 1. **To review and agree financial statement to 8th September 2022**   The financial statement was proposed as an accurate record by Mr J Barber, seconded by Mrs Brown 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  The payments were reviewed proposed by Mr J Barber, Mrs Middleton seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. |  |
|  | **To consider correspondence received**  No items had been received. |  |
|  | **To adjourn the meeting for public participation**  No issues were raised. |  |
|  | **To agree agenda items for the next meeting on 13th October 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 20:15** |  |
| Signed: Mr D Barber  Chairman to Swardeston Parish Council  [https://swardeston-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk](https://swardeston-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/) | | |