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| **Swardeston Parish Council**  **Minutes of the February 2023 Parish Council Meeting**  **At Swardeston village hall, on Thursday 9th February 2023 at 7.30PM**  **Meeting 2/2023** | | |
| Present:  Members - Derek Barber, Justin Barber, Liz Brown, Dominic Everett, Wendy Middleton, Terry Stock, Graham Jermy  Cllrs Nigel Legg, Gerry Francis and Ian Spratt had sent his apologies  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 Spratt had sent a report explaining he had attended the Hornsea 3 Community Fund presentation, hosted by GrantScape over £7 million would be available over a  10-year period for a variety of community related projects e.g., buildings, facilities, activities, services, environmental and green initiatives, sports, recreation and play. It was expected funding would be available from summer 2023.  Cllr Legg reported that the council’s move to Thorpe Lodge was complete and the move to Horizon House was expected to happen in May. The was an ancillary building that was expected to be used for elections.  Nutrient neutrality had not been resolved but there could be a solution in summer.  The village clusters consultation was ongoing  Discussions had taken place about the new doctors’ surgery in Hethersett with main hurdles having been cleared but detailed planning would be required. He said he expected it to be a few years before it became operational.  There were a few battery storage applications in the pipeline.  Member ward grants should be available from April, early applications were advised.  The Greater Norwich Development Partnership was running a consultation on gypsy and traveller sites. The council’s Ketteringham depot was a reserved site and if used would require a new depot.  South Norfolk Council was in favour of the development consent order application from Equinor on economic and employment opportunities although these opportunities were limited to the development phase of the development. |  |
|  | **To confirm minutes of the last meeting held on 12th January 2023 and to review matters arising**  The minutes of the January meeting were proposed as an accurate record of the meeting by Mrs Middleton; Mr Jermy seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. The chairman signed the minutes.  **Matters arising**  Grass repairs to the play area would be discussed at the March meeting.  The first warm hub meeting had taken place. |  |
|  | **To consider possible road-crossing options for Main Road**  No update had been received from Cllr Elmer. |  |
|  | **To consider and agree a generic email address for the parish council**  No update had been received on the email address. |  |
|  | **To consider any action on the offshore wind and solar farms and East Anglia GREEN**  Orsted had hosted a drop in event in Mulbarton recently, Mr D Barber had attended and had met the new project manager and the new community liaison manager. The project manager had said he would attend a future parish council meeting if required. He had explained that the batteries had not been costed or determined at the present time and it was not certain that there would ever be batteries on the site.  The contractual issues around battery storage was not known. Works had started on site and once power was available clearance of the field would commence and once finished it would be left for at least 6 months to allow the ground to settle. |  |
|  | **To consider and agree a response to a request to use the bowls pavilion and green**  After discussion it was agreed that the parish council had no objections to the proposal. |  |
|  | **To consider the South Norfolk village clusters housing allocations plan – regulation 19 publication and agree any comments**  It was agreed to write a response to the consultation, Mr J Barber agreed to draft a response and circulate for comments before submitting in advance of the 6th of March 2023 deadline. | **JB** |
|  | **To consider 4th May 2023 Parish Council Elections**  The elections were discussed. Nominations forms would need to be submitted by 4th April at 4pm. |  |
|  | **To receive an update on the defibrillator**  The defibrillator had been checked on 8th February 2023 and The Circuit had been updated. |  |
|  | **To consider issues with speeding traffic**  No response had been received from the highways engineer, he had promised to meet with the chairman on completion of the trod but this had not yet taken place.  Work was needed on the verge alongside the trod as there was bramble and wire that needed to be cleared.  It was noted that the trod was a major improvement. |  |
|  | **Finance**   * 1. **To review and agree financial statement to 9th February 2023**   The financial statement was proposed as an accurate record by Mr J Barber, this was seconded by Mr Jermy and unanimously agreed.   * 1. **To agree invoices for payment in accordance with budget**   The following payments were agreed:  BACS £105.99 C Jowett Clerks salary  BACS £70.40 HMRC PAYE  The payments were reviewed; Mr J Barber proposed the payments be approved, Mrs Middleton seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. |  |
|  | **To consider correspondence received**   * 1. Greater Norwich Local Plan was running a focused consultation on sites for Gypsies and Travellers it commenced at 09.00 on Monday 30 January and would close at 17.00 on Monday 13 March 2023.   2. There were updates to the Local Government Association code of practice, Mr D Barber said he would circulate a proposal before the next meting | **DB** |
|  | **To adjourn the meeting for public participation**  Norfolk Constabulary would be appointing a new beat manager to cover Hethersett and Mulbarton area which would include Swardeston.  Cllr Legg said the community liaison officer was visiting the Mulbarton warm hub. At Mulbarton village hall. |  |
|  | **To agree agenda items for the next meeting on 9th March 2023 commencing at 7.30pm at Swardeston village hall**  To consider possible road-crossing options for the Main Road  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 agree to repair the grass on the play area  To consider issues with speeding traffic  To agree the format of the May meetings  To consider and agree a new code of practice  To agree a new bank signatory to replace Mrs Brown.  **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/) | | |