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| **Swardeston Parish Council**  **Minutes of the June 2023 Parish Council Meeting**  **At Swardeston village hall, on Thursday 8th June 2023 at 7.30PM**  **Meeting 6/2023** | | |
| Present:  Members - Derek Barber, Wendy Middleton, Graham Jermy, Justin Barber, Dominic Everett and  Nigel Legg  Cllr Webber  2 members of the public attended | | |
|  | **To consider apologies for absence**  There were no apologies for absence. |  |
|  | **To co-opt member to fill vacancy following election**  There were no nominations. |  |
|  | **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**  A question was asked as to why the hedges were being removed near the substation site. It was assumed it was for access to the site. There had been a number of issues with traffic on the B1113 with heavy goods vehicles which had been contrary to the promises that had been made. Complaints had been made to the client manager who promised to liaise with the workers on site but no updates had been received. It was questioned as to whether there should be TROs for the blocking of roads but again no response had been received.  The overgrown hedges in Dog Walk had been reported but no action had yet been taken. If other people could report it as well that could help.  **Councillor reports**  Cllr Spratt had sent his apologies.  Cllr Webber reported that the planning application for the proposed development in application 2023/0908 would go to development management committee and people could express their concerns to the committee.  There was an application for battery power storage at Hall Farm,  Cllr Webber said he had been Invited to the October meeting of the commons steering group.  South Norfolk accounts had been published showing there was £90m in reserves, the financial position was better than budgeted but there was an expectation of increased costs.  Cllr Webber said the integrated care board would start to interact with planning.  Gypsy & Travellers sites were being reviewed but would not have an impact on Swardeston.  Walking and cycling in Norwich was being reviewed with an idea of developing a link between Hall Road and Harford Park and Ride.  There had been an encouraging meeting with Andrew Bowie about East Anglia GREEN but nothing seemed to be changing with the intended use of pylons.  Dr Legg said there were a number of complaints about the planning portal as people had submitted comments but they were not being published. |  |
|  | **To confirm minutes of the annual general meeting and the May meeting both held on 11th May 2023 and review matters arising**  The minutes of the annual general meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Mrs Middleton, Mr Jermy seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed, and the chairman signed them.  The minutes of the May meeting were proposed as an accurate record by Mrs Middleton, Mr Everett seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed, and the chairman signed them.  **Matters arising**  The high fence in Bobbins Way was subject to planning enforcement; a retrospective planning application would be required.  Mr Jermy had been approved as a signatory at the bank and would now get online access |  |
|  | **To consider and agree any action on planning application 2023/0908**  **Location: Land at The Junction of Gowthorpe Lane and Main Road**  **Proposal: Development of 43 new dwellings and associated external works**  The parish council response had been submitted, several other residents had also submitted comments. Highways had responded and required conditions to include roundels and road markings with the developer having to pay and maintain these for 30 years. The council had also wanted houses to be built closer to the road with multiple accesses. |  |
|  | **To consider possible road-crossing options for the Main Road and issues with speeding traffic**  The highways officer had responded about speeding issues and had agreed to meet with the chairman on 22/06/23 between 11:00 and 13:00 and other parish councillors were invited to attend. |  |
|  | **To consider and agree a generic email address for the parish council**  The clerk had registered an interest in the trial of a new solution. |  |
|  | **To consider any action on the offshore wind and solar farms and East Anglia GREEN**  An email had been received and circulated about a community consultation about energy storage on land at Hall Farm. The senior planning manager had contacted the clerk offering to attend a parish council meeting and saying that meetings could be arranged before the start of the public event. It was agreed to meet in advance of the public meeting. |  |
|  | **To receive an update on the defibrillator**  The defibrillator had been checked on 08/06/23 and The Circuit had been updated. |  |
|  | **To consider and agree the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23**  The annual governance statement was reviewed, agreed and signed. |  |
|  | **To approve the certificate of exemption 2022/23**  The certificate of exemption was reviewed, agreed and signed. |  |
|  | **To consider and agree the Accounting Statements 2022/23**  The accounting statementswere reviewed, agreed and signed. |  |
|  | **Finance**   * 1. **To review and agree financial statement to 8th June 2023**   The financial statement was reviewed and Mr J Barber proposed they were accepted, this was seconded by Mr Everett and unanimously agreed.   * 1. **To agree invoices for payment in accordance with budget**   BACS £242.66 Norse Eastern Ltd Grounds maintenance  BACS £105.99 C Jowett Clerks salary  BACS £70.40 HMRC PAYE  The payments were reviewed and Mr J Barber proposed the payments be approved, Mrs Middleton seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. |  |
|  | **To consider correspondence received**  There were no items to review. |  |
|  | **To adjourn the meeting for public participation**  Problems had been encountered by people trying to submit objections to the planning portal they had not received emails or had their comments loaded to the website. |  |
|  | **To agree agenda items for the next meeting on 13th July 2023 at 7:30**  To consider possible road-crossing options for the Main Road and issues with speeding traffic  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 and agree any action on planning application 2023/0908  **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/) | | |