

**SWALLOW PARISH COUNCIL INCORPORATING THE VILLAGES OF  
SWALLOW AND CUXWOLD**

**Minutes of the Swallow Parish Council Meeting held  
On 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Present:** Cllr G Thompson, Cllr C Turner, Cllr I Hodson, Cllr A Peart, County/District Councillor T Smith and C Hollands (Clerk)

**No members of the public in attendance and no questions were passed to the Clerk for inclusion at the meeting.**

**The meeting commenced at 715pm**

**19-24 Apologies for absence.**

Cllr J Wilson

**20-24 To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011** – being any pecuniary interest in agenda items not previously recorded on Member's Register of Interests.

None

**21-24 To receive and consider any dispensation requests on agenda items and decide whether they are to be granted.**

None received.

**22-24 To approve as a correct record the notes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and to authorise the Chair to sign the official minutes.**

Resolved unanimously to accept the notes as a true record.

**23-24 Matters arising from the Minutes**

None that are not Agenda items.

**24-24 Neighbourhood Plans**

Nev Brown from West Lindsey District Council was in attendance and outlined the ambit of Neighbourhood Plans. After discussion the following points were agreed:

- The Parish Council is not averse to Development within the Village, but any development that does take place should be controlled.
- There is land within the Parish able to be purchased for development.
- The Local Plan already has standards defined as to the appearance and form of development.
- Any such development should not exceed five units and these are to be individual projects not one en masse.
- The Parish Council can set a boundary to limit development within the Parish Boundary.
- The Parish Council can allocate a site for development and a time frame.
- An Asset of Community Value can be designated within the Plan.
- A non listed Building can be included and protected within a Neighbourhood Plan.
- A view can be included and protected within the Plan.

- Once in place, the Neighbourhood Plan becomes a Statutory Document that forms part of the overall Development Plan for the wider area and acts as a guide to Planning Applications. The District Council Planning Officer will adhere to the Neighbourhood Plan as will the Inspector in the event of an Appeal against a planning decision.

The steps toward obtaining a Neighbourhood Plan were discussed and are as follows:

- Obtain approval to form a Neighbourhood Plan through the Neighbourhood Planning Officer at WLDC.
- Designate an Area within the Parish.
- Look at obtaining funding, a Grant of £10K is available.
- Obtain the services of a Planning Consultant.
- An Examiner will compile a Report on the finished Plan.
- A Referendum within the Parish will be necessary.

It was agreed that Nev Brown will forward additional information on Neighbourhood Plans to the Clerk and the subject will be discussed further at the May Parish Council Meeting.

**25-24 To receive and consider a report from LCC & WLDC Councillor.**

Cllr Smith informed the Meeting that there have not been any further reports of flooding within the Village.

**26-24 To receive a report from the Chair.**

Cllr Thompson informed the Meeting that there has been Crime reported around Farms within the Area. Police response has been patchy. Extra vigilance is needed.

**27-24 To receive and consider a report from the Clerk/RFO to the Council on any outstanding matters and correspondence received since the last meeting.**

- All relevant Correspondence has been circulated to Cllrs by e mail.
- A reply to the item of correspondence concerning possible locations for an Electric Vehicle Charging Point to be The Swallow Inn as that is the only building within the Parish that has a 3 Phase Electric Supply.

**28-24 Financial matters**

- To approve the bank reconciliation statement. This was agreed.
- To ratify payments of accounts, salary and payments already made.

Payment Ratifications

Clerk Wage & Admin January	£274.31
HMRC Paye on Clerks Salary for January	£61.57
Clerk Wage and Admin February	£274.31
HMRC Paye on Clerks Salary for February	£61.57
LALC Training Fee	£30
Wickstead Leisure	£51.86
Cllr Wilson – for Wickstead Leisure	£109.63
<b>Total to be ratified:</b>	<b>£863.25</b>

- Resolved unanimously to ratify payments already made.

**29-24 To discuss and update progress with Flooding issues affecting the Village.**

Some improvement works have been carried out by the County Council and to date appear to have been successful.

**30-24 To discuss environmental issues affecting Grimsby Road.**

The Senior Environmental Officer from WLDC has attended a site Meeting to review the concerns. It appears that no action is possible at the present time.

**31-24 Village Hall – to receive an update from the Village Hall Committee.**

Cllr Wilson reported as follows;

The Village Hall is financially viable and continues to remain available for use by local residents and private hire.

Maintenance issues continue to be addressed and we look forward to better weather in order to make good minor external issues. The Hall and equipment remain in good order.

Recent Events include:-

The regular Thursday morning get together.

Exercise Classes.

Iza Moon classes.

Sponsored hair and beard cut (Roger Garrod) 25th January at the Village Hall  
Coffee morning in aid of "LIVES".

Bingo.

Future events planned include:-

Quiz Nights (Kindly organised by Andy Peart.) Understand that this will follow the same format as the Pub Quiz nights which have now stopped following the closure of the pub.

Thursday morning get together.

Bingo

Fitness sessions.

Iza Moon classes.

Summer BBQ

The last Village Hall meeting was on 6th March, 2024.

The next Village Hall meeting will be the Annual General Meeting.

Members of the Village Hall committee and others have also been very active in maintaining the Village as well as the Hall. This has included cleaning of Road signs, cutting back overhanging branches in the way of the foot path leading up to the main road and general clearing of debris and litter.

Many Villagers were involved in the planting of bulbs throughout the village which were kindly donated by Market Rasen Lions. (2 x25kg sacks). Cllr Wilson has thanked the Lions on behalf of the Village.

Good communication continues with the assistance of the "Whatsapp" group- (Swallow & Cuxwold Village Hall Association) and a Facebook page.

The Parish Council is aware that there is no longer a representative from the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed that the Clerk will look to establish what representation there should be and to request a Report on the Village Halls' Finances.

**32-24 Any other Business and future Agenda items.**

None

**33-24 Confirm date of next Parish Council meeting as Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

Date confirmed. This will also be the Annual Meeting.

Meeting closed at 905pm

Signed Chairman .....

Date.....

Next Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.15pm at Swallow Village Hall unless otherwise stated. These notes are draft until adopted as Minutes at the next meeting.