

SWALLOW PARISH COUNCIL

INCORPORATING THE VILLAGES OF SWALLOW AND CUXWOLD

Minutes of Swallow Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 14th January 2020 ,Held at 7.15pm, Swallow Village Hall

Present, Cllr. B. Mitchell. Cllr R. Thompson. Cllr. C. Turner ,Clerk to the Council & RFO. The meeting was opened by Cllr.C. Turner (Vice-Chair) 4 members of the parish were in attendance.

Public Forum: The Parishioners in attendance represented the Village Hall Committee. They presented a question to the Parish Council which related to recent correspondence between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee with regard to information and funding enquiries. The Village Hall Committee members stated that if any attempt to change the agreement to the funding status, which was made in 1994, then the Village Hall Committee would contact West Lindsey District Council to make a formal complaint. After a 15 minute discussion Cllr. C. Turner informed the parishioners that she would present their question for discussion to the Parish Council, which would be reported upon at the next Parish Council meeting, in March.

01.20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. The meeting was advised that apologies with valid reasons for absence had been received from, LCC -Cllr. T. Turner, Cllr R.A. Wallace. Cllr. Regis was advised that the meeting may not be quorate, the clerk requested an electronic update, with Cllr. Regis offering support with any ongoing issues.

02.20 TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011: None Received

03.20 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 12th November 2019. It was proposed and seconded, and resolved that: the notes of the meetings 12th November 2019 be adopted as minutes. Signed by the Vice-Chairman.

04.20 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY AND WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCILS', COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Cllr. Turner (LCC) asked for any queries to be forwarded to himself. Cllr. Regis (WLDC) reported that the Leisure Centre at Market Rasen is on track and due to open in Summer 2020 this year. There is a hope to reduce WLDCs rise in portion of Council Tax to 2 % saving a band D taxpayer £2 p.a. The green bin charge is being frozen at £35.00 and WLDC have a new initiative out on Fly Tipping .

05.20 CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS COMMENTS, including update from Clerk

Cllr. C. Turner reported that the bus shelter requiring redecoration would continue in the spring. Cllr. Turner & Cllr. Thompson still to resolve cheque signatories. The clerk thanked the PC for the support shown during her recent period of recovery following surgery. Correspondence and enquiries were forward during that period, and she was currently preparing new policies for adoption, with updates to the financial regulation to be presented at the next meeting.

06.20 TO RECEIVE UPDATE FOLLOWING ENQUIRIES TO THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Cllr. Mitchell recently attended a meeting, in regard to recent correspondence from the Parish Council to the Village Hall Committee. Cllr. Mitchell reported that the meeting had been positive, but that concern was raised regarding any changes, to the funding agreement made in 1994. Cllr. Mitchell expressed his support of any funding application made to the Parish Council, reassuring the Parish Council that last year's event calendar was exceptional, and unlikely to be as busy again, therefore not raising the same funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the Village Hall.

The Councillors discussed the fact that funding was not threatened, but had asked for it to be reviewed. A new policy regarding all funding applications is due to be implemented by the Parish Council, which would apply to any grants agreed, for any group, to enable the Parish Council to plan ahead and manage its assets, primarily the play area, which will require yearly investment, to ensure items can be replaced in future. The Village Hall Committee felt that the new policy was heavy handed and unnecessary due to the 1994 agreement with the whole village. The question posed at the beginning of the meeting would be circulated for discussion and reply for the next meeting.

Cllr. Mitchell commented that better communication be implemented throughout the village, and offered to circulate all email addresses for all councillors and village hall committee members.

The clerk and Cllr. Mitchell offered to meet to discuss paperwork currently held in Parish records.

The Village Hall secretary reported that a bill for electricity of £152.49 had been received, and that 2 events have been planned – National Village Halls Week 25/1/20, 10am – 4pm. Burns Night 1/02/20. Clerk offered to put these on the website.

07.20 TO REVIEW POLICIES FOR ADOPTION & UPDATING.

The draft documents were issued for review. These were discussed, with amendments suggested. To be presented at the next meeting.

08.20 TO DISCUSS CANDIDATE FOR COUNCILLOR VACANCY.

Cllrs received an application in relation to the current vacancy. After discussion it was proposed that Heidi Clack be appointed as new councillor to Swallow Parish Council. Proposed Cllr. Thompson, seconded Cllr. C. Turner (Vicechair).

09.20 FINANCE

a) To ratify precept requirements 2020/21. It was proposed that the estimated precept be accepted as actual. Proposed Cllr. Thompson, Seconded Cllr. Mitchell.

b) To Approve accounts for payment November & December 2019 –proposed Cllr. C. Turner (Vicechair), seconded Cllr. Thompson - Resolved: that the accounts be paid. Cllr. Turner reported that the paperwork was ongoing in relation to cheque signatories. The clerk was asked to make enquiries regarding online banking, which would require changes to the financial standing orders.

10.20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & DECISIONS

None at this time.

11.20 CORRESPONDENCE.

Councillor Gould, tendering his resignation from the post of Councillor. Vice Chairman Cllr. C. Turner accepted his resignation with regret. Cllr. Turner requested the clerk write to Mr. Gould to thank him for his hard work over the years, within the parish, particularly the Play Area & 49 Club.

Signed _____

Chairman

Date _____

Meeting closed –89.35 pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 10th March 2020 7.15 pm Swallow Village Hall

These notes are draft until adopted as Minutes at the next meeting.