

SWALLOW PARISH COUNCIL
INCORPORATING THE VILLAGES OF SWALLOW AND CUXWOLD
Minutes of Swallow Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 12th May 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Government restrictions on travel, public meetings & social distancing placed on all residents of the UK, the May 2020 meeting of the Parish Council have been held online, as granted in new legislation, which is valid until May 2021.

Present, Cllr. B. Mitchell. Cllr R. Thompson., Cllr. H. Clack, Cllr. Wallace joined for a short period before internet problems. Clerk to the Council & RFO.

24.20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. The meeting was advised that apologies with valid reasons for absence had been received from, Cllr. C. Turner, Cllr R.A. Wallace. **Due to internet issues, Cllr. Wallace, and Cllr Turner were unable to join the Parish Meeting.**

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

26.20 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2020.
It was proposed and seconded, and resolved that: the notes of the meetings 10th March 2020 be adopted as minutes. Proposed Cllr. Thompson, Seconded Cllr. Mitchell. Cllr. Thompson to sign.

27.20 TO DISCUSS CANDIDATES FOR COUNCILLOR VACANCIES.
Two applications were received for the current vacancies, and after discussion it was proposed and seconded that both candidates be offered the role of Councillor.

28.20 LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY AND WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCILS', COUNCILLORS REPORTS.
Due to the current restrictions these reports would be requested for the July Meeting.

29.20 CHAIRMAN & COUNCILLORS COMMENTS.
The clerk read an email from the Chairman Cllr.Wallace, resigning his post of Chairman with immediate effect. Cllr. Wallace thanked the clerk for her work, and the Councillors, past and present for their work too. He wished new councillors well. He hoped that everybody belonging to community groups within the parish could work together in the future, for the benefit of the parish.
The councillors expressed disappointment with his resignation, but were grateful for his support over the last year. They were happy to hear that he would continue in the role of Councillor.

30.20 POLICE MATTERS.
Cllr. Thompson reported that there had been items stolen from gardens locally, as well as a vehicle theft.

31.20 CLERKS REPORT.
The clerk reported that the accounts had been submitted to the auditor, but had not received them back yet, due to current working restrictions.
The clerk requested that a date be set for her replacement, with advertising to proceed as soon as possible. It was proposed that the application deadline be the 12th June, with Interviews taking place 19th June. Proposed Cllr. Mitchell, Seconded Cllr. Clack. The clerk thanked the council for its support over the years and wished them well.

32.20 FINANCE:
Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2020, will be executed at the July Meeting.
Payment of accounts & Income Received.
Schedule of payments was presented for the total of £1097.23, with Income of £648.27 & the precept of £6100.00. It was proposed by Cllr. Mitchell, Seconded Cllr. Thompson that these invoices be paid.
The RFO (clerk) reported that due to current working restrictions she was still waiting for a new additional signatory form to be forward from the Natwest.
It was proposed that the financial regulations be reviewed in July with a view to changing to on-line banking. Proposed Cllr. Clack, seconded Cllr. Thompson.

33.20 REPORT FROM SWALLOW VILLAGE HALL
Due to current restrictions imposed from the Government the Village Hall meeting has been postponed. Update deferred until July.

34.20 TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE MATTERS
Cllr. Thompson reported that the hedge laying in the play area would take place in the autumn, at no charge to the parish council, as he was volunteering his labour to help with this.

34.20 /continued.

Cllr. Mitchell reported that he had been in touch with LCC in relation to overhanging tree branches, which are knocking hay off farm transport, causing drain blockage from displaced hay. Clerk to provide TPO information to Cllr. Mitchell. A quotation for path clearance was discussed and it was proposed and seconded to accept this. Clerk to progress. Cllr. Mitchell discussed the option of reopening the play area. Cllr. Clack and the clerk reported that that would be against current government advice. Cllr. Mitchell reported that the area is due to be given a clean by the 49 club, which after discussion was deemed safe to go ahead, as long as social distancing remained a priority.

35.20 TO DISCUSS POST LOCKDOWN VE/VR/VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION

Due to current restrictions imposed by the Government it was deferred until the July meeting, as it was felt unlikely that social gatherings in large numbers would be permitted this summer, so would be difficult to plan.

36.20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS & DECISIONS

140821 – After discussions it was proposed that the clerk register “no objections” in relation to this application – proposed Cllr. Mitchell, seconded Cllr. Thompson.

37.20 CORRESPONDENCE.

Most correspondence delivered electronically.
Coronavirus information circulated as received.

Signed _____

Chairman

Date _____

Meeting closed 8.10 pm

Next Meeting July 14th 7.00 pm

Venue to be confirmed at time of advertisement

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