

**MINUTES OF THE SWYNNERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2020 IN SWYNNERTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr B Price (Chairman)
Cllr (Mrs) N Adams
Cllr P Bickerstaffe
Cllr F Cheadle
Cllr N Leeson
Cllr (Mrs) J Malkin
Cllr E Mateu

In attendance Mrs Liz Harrington-Jones (Parish Clerk)
Cllr J Pert, SCC
Cllr R James, Stafford Borough Council (SBC)
Cllr J Nixon, SBC
6 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr D Butler
Cllr (Mrs) K Ong

20/01

As the Chairman and Vice Chairman had both sent their apologies, the Clerk asked for nominations for a Councillor to act as Chairman for the meeting. Councillors unanimously elected Cllr Brian Price to chair the meeting and Cllr Price took the chair.

20/02 Public Participation Time

Cllr Price welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no matters raised by members of the public.

20/03 Reports of County Councillors and Borough Councillors

Cllr Pert reported that SCC Highways were aware of the parking issue at the bottom of Winghouse Lane and were working to resolve the problems.

The exploratory digging planned by HS2 in Hanchurch had been postponed thanks to lobbying by residents. Manual recording of speeds of traffic exiting the motorway at Hanchurch to support the reduction of the speed to 40 mph had been inconclusive and would be re-visited in the future.

Cllr Pert had asked for accident statistics and historic traffic speed data at Hatton Manor.

Gullies in Swynnerton had been cleared before the recent extremely wet weather, but one was missed in the centre of the village. This had been passed to another team for action shortly.

Cllr Pert had recently provided a paper on drainage and asked if it could be included on the SPC website.

The consultation on double yellow lines in Northwood Lane, Tittensor and Swynnerton should take place before the end of March; it was hoped to include the build outs (chicanes) in the centre of Swynnerton, and grassed areas in front of Swynnerton bus shelters.

SCC Highways were discussing the mud piles that had appeared on pavements south of Swynnerton with Biffa, Cold Meece. The soil treatment centre at Cold Meece has been using wheel washers, and has invested in wheel baths which should be operational by the end of January. A resident reported that he would be sending his bill for car cleaning to Biffa at Cold Meece. The Chairman thanked Cllr Pert for his report.

Cllr Nixon SBC reported that he had met residents who had raised concerns about the bus shelters south of Swynnerton; wheelchair and pushchair users had to negotiate a grassed area between the bus shelter and the road, and there were no dropped kerbs. He would forward the Biffa Site Manager's details to the Clerk so that the Manager could be invited to a future meeting of SPC..

Cllr James SBC reported that the Consultation for the Revised Local Plan for Stafford would start the following week, and urged Councillors to respond as individuals as well as submitting a Parish Council response. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Nixon and James for their reports and closed the public session of the meeting.

20/04 Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Butler and Ong.

20/05 Declarations of Interest and to consider written requests from Councillors to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) No Declarations of interest had been received.

20/06 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 December 2019

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Swynnerton Parish Council meeting held on 19 December 2019 should be approved and signed by the Chairman.

20/07 Clerk's Report, Items not on the agenda

The Clerk had nothing further to report as all items were covered later in the agenda. Cllr Leeson reported that an application had been received by the Sir Richard and Lady Katherine Leveson Trust from a resident in Trentham to accompany Scouts to Poland. The applicant had already received a contribution from the charity.

Date

Cll K Ong, Chairman

20/08 Financial matters

20/08.i January accounts for payment

The following accounts were considered –

Clerk’s salary and expenses	296.10
Mr E Challinor, moving speed sign	35.00
Total payments for January 2020	£331.10

RESOLVED – That the accounts for January 2020 should be approved for payment.

20/08.ii. Precept requirements for 2020-2021

The Clerk confirmed that the recent increase in the precept for 2020-2021 would equate to 79p per month.

20/09 Traffic issues in the Parish

20/09.i Update on available speed sign data

Cllr Butler would comment further at the next meeting.

20/09.ii Reduction in traffic speeds near Hatton Waterworks

Cllr Pert would obtain data on traffic speeds and accidents in the area.

20/09.iii Speedwatch operation in Swynnerton

Cllr Mateu reported that during a recent session 450 vehicles had been recorded in one hour, of which 8 were travelling above the speed limit, the fastest at 42 mph. He reported excessive speeds being driven in Fairbanks Walk and a damaged vehicle. The Clerk would ask the PCSO to visit the area and advise.

Action: Clerk

20/09.iv Vehicular diversions

The Clerk would place notices of vehicular diversions in Drayton Road, Beech, and A519 Newcastle Road, Hanchurch, on the notice boards and the website.

Action: Clerk

20/10 Ward matters

20/10.i Swynnerton, issues raised by residents, bus stop access

Cllr Pert had confirmed he hoped this could be included in traffic calming measures later in the year (Minute 20/03). Cllr Mateu reported a parking issue in Frobisher Drive; customers using the Fitzherbert Arms were parking on the bend in the centre of the village; parking on both sides of Park View were creating problems. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the PCSO to visit and advise. Cllr Matheu would also ask Speedwatch for guidance.

Action: Clerk

20/10.ii Tittensor, issues raised by residents, traffic hazard on Winghouse Lane

Cllr Pert had reported that the issues over the parking bay on Winghouse Lane were being addressed (Minute 20/03). A new gas main was being installed along Winghouse Lane. The pavement between Strongford Bridge and Trentham Roundabout had been cleared.

20/10.iii Trentham, issues raised by residents, condition of Grade II listed bridge

A resident had raised concerns over the state of a Grade II listed bridge between Trentham Golf Club and Trentham Gardens. The Clerk had visited the site and also met the SBC Conservation Officer, who was hoping to carry out a site visit the following week. Photographs of the bridge were circulated

20/11 Changes to grass cutting contract with SCC

SCC were reducing the number of grass cutting cuts that they currently fund from 8 to 6 for the current year. After discussion Councillors agreed that they would continue to cut the grass in Tittensor to a satisfactory standard and had increased the precept to cover this expense.

20/12 Civic Amenity Vehicle visits

After discussion Councillors agreed that they would continue to cover the increased cost of visits by the Civic Amenity Vehicle to the three Wards in the Parish, and had increased the precept to cover this expense.

20/13 Report on SCCA Annual General Meeting

Cllr Mateu reported from the SPCA AGM, where it had been announced that a part time Training Officer had been appointed. The problem of speeding traffic in rural areas had been addressed, with no conclusion being reached. After discussion Councillors agreed that SPCA should be a regular agenda item in future to evaluate the value of the subscription to the Parish Council.

20/14 Neighbourhood Plan, progress on submission of Plan

SBC were hosting a Forum at the beginning of February to brief Parish Councils on the revised Local Plan for Stafford. It was agreed that Cllrs Ong and Price would attend. Barlaston PC would host a training session on 29 January on existing and Neighbourhood Plans in preparation with the revised Local Plan for Stafford, and it was agreed that the

Date

Cll K Ong, Chairman

Clerk would attend. The Chairman was continuing to update the Plan by removing all references to Yarnfield and checking the validity of the data derived from the questionnaires, and would liaise with Cllr James SBC.

20/15 HS2, update on project

No progress was expected until the report of the Review which was due within the next few weeks. Yarnfield Parish Council had recently met with HS2 to discuss their Petition to the House of Lords.

20/16 Parish Council Newsletter

A draft Newsletter had been approved at the November meeting. However subsequent discussions had favoured utilising Stone Gazette, Stone Local, and Trentham Local, by purchasing a column or page to disseminate information to residents, which would be considerably cheaper than printing, delivering and posting copies to residents. Cllr Leeson would obtain details of 'Junction 15' which was also published locally. Cllr Mateu was continuing to work towards producing a local newsletter to cover the area.

20/17 Items for next Church magazine

Information had been submitted for the final edition of the Church magazine.

20/18 Correspondence and circulars received by the Clerk

The Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from a Trentham resident re Grade II listed bridge; The Clerk magazine

20/19 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Swynnerton Parish Council will be held at 7.15 pm on Thursday 20 February 2020 at Tittensor Village Hall. There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and declared the meeting closed.