

SWANTON ABBOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF SWANTON ABBOTT
HELD ON 14th. MAY 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SWANTON ABBOT at 7.30p.m.

PRESENT. Cllrs. C. Belsham, R. Gee, C. Haden, S. Taylor, M. Vaughan, R. Talbot and A. Brown, the Clerk, G. Kimmerling, and 10 members of the public.

Cllr. Belsham apologised that the meeting didn't start until 7.45 as NNDC Cllr. Penfold had given his report for the APM before the APCM meeting had begun.
NNDC Cllr. Penfold then left the meeting.

The Clerk explained that all Councillors had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Members of the public were invited to speak.
A question was asked if the defibrillator is working. Cllr. Haden said it is although the light is not working. This is an LED light which will be replaced. There is no Post Code on the sign by the defibrillator – this will be added. There is a van which parks in front of the defibrillator – Cllr. Haden will speak to the owner.

19.13	<p><u>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR</u> Cllr. Gee took the Chair and asked for nominations for Chairman. Cllr. Haden was nominated by Cllr. Vaughan. There were no other nominations & Cllr. Haden accepted the position and took the Chair. He thanked Cllr. Belsham for her sterling work as Chair for the 7 years and welcomed Cllrs. Brown & Talbot onto the council.</p>	Action
19.14	<p>a) <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> Apologies received from NCC Cllr. Timewell, Mr. Butler, Mrs. Traverso & Mrs. Blake.</p> <p>b) <u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</u> <u>None.</u></p>	
19.15	<p><u>TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 19th. 2019.</u> Resolution. Proposed by Cllr. Belsham & agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on March 19th. 2019 as a true record. The Minutes were then signed.</p>	
19.16	<p><u>CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM THE MINUTES</u> This will be covered under other headings.</p>	
19.17	<p><u>APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR</u> Cllr. Talbot was nominated by Cllr. Belsham. There were no other nominations and Cllr. Talbot accepted the Vice-Chair position.</p>	
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19.19	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>a. <u>To consider any Planning applications received.</u> Variation of condition 2 (plans) & 6 (parking) of planning permission PF/05/1491 to amend the parking and boundary layout at Land West of 11 The Poplars. The Parish Council had approved of this application before the meeting.</p> <p>b. <u>To notify of any Planning decisions by NNDC</u> None received.</p> <p>c. <u>To consider other planning issues.</u> The Clerk explained that there is a consultation period from May 7th to June 19th. on the North Norfolk Local Plan. There are various drop-in events between 2.30 & 7.30 in the county & one in North Walsham on May 16th. These have been advertised on the noticeboards.</p>	
19.20	<p><u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES. UPDATE.</u></p> <p>NNDC Cllr. Penfold had explained that Highways have written to Sanders Coaches about the school bus route but had not received any response so far.</p> <p>Cllr. Vaughan said we need a meeting with Highways to discuss various problems in the village. The Chair & Clerk will liaise over this.</p> <p>Cllr. Belsham said the Pre-school have requested adding them to the directional signs for the school by the Jolly Farmers, The Poplars & Church Road.</p> <p>There are problems with birds flying into the glass at the back of the bus shelter. The Clerk to make enquiries to prevent this.</p> <p>Cllr. Talbot asked for a grit box on The Hill. The Clerk to get prices.</p>	<p>Chair & Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
19.21	<p><u>PLAY PARK - UPDATE</u></p> <p>Cllr. Belsham asked about the weekly inspection. The Clerk had the inspection book which was not up-to-date. Cllr. Haden will speak to the person concerned. Cllr. Brown will inspect the Play Park to the end of May & the Clerk will then take over until the problem is solved.</p> <p>Cllr. Belsham said one of the upright balance poles had broken. The base had been made safe but the pole was still attached by the chains. The Clerk had met with NGF Play on site and had received a quote of £999.28 to carry out repairs. Cllr. Brown suggested the chain could be removed with an angle grinder & bolt cutters – she will make enquiries.</p> <p>New Equipment. Sam Howlett has almost finished the grant applications. Cllr. Haden will check with her and, if necessary, this will be completed by the Parish Council.</p>	<p>Cllr. Brown</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Chair</p>
19.22	<p><u>ON-GOING ISSUES To report on and resolve, where possible, on-going Issues in the community.</u></p> <p>Cllr. Gee gave a Broadband update. NDC signed a new contract for extended coverage in Norfolk in March. If a property has a speed of 24mbp it will not receive an upgrade. We should hear about the upgrades to other properties in the next few months. In March last year 90% of properties in Norfolk had 24mbp & this is expected to increase to 95%. Properties on The Hill who receive fibre to their premises could get speeds of over 100mbp if they purchase the appropriate Broadband package. Cllr. Talbot has 160mbp. Cllr. Haden asked for an update on the telephone box at the next meeting.</p>	
19.23	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.</u></p> <p>Clerk's & Councils Direct</p>	<p>Page 197</p>

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Members of the public asked to make comments before the end of the meeting.

1. A member of the public suggested that the newly elected Parish Council had demonstrated a lack of appreciation to Cllr. Vaughan who gained the highest number of votes in the election but was not nominated for Vice-Chair.

Cllr. Haden rejected this assertion and said Cllr. Vaughan was, and continues to be a most valuable member of the Parish Council.

2. Correspondence had been sent to the Parish Council by e-mail but was not mentioned at this meeting.

The Clerk suggested using her e-mail address in future.

3. A member of the public offered to look at the Play Park pole and remove the chain if possible.
4. Cllr. Vaughan asked if the Parish council could inspect the Play Park Inspection book at each meeting. This was agreed.

The next meeting is on July 9th.

The meeting closed at 8.50p.m.