

# SEWARDS END PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Swards End Parish Council**

**held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 at 7.30 pm**

**in St. James Church Hall, Swards End**

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**In the Chair:** Cllr. Howlett

**Present:** Cllrs, Knowles, Ridler, Powell, Stokley

**Also present:**

**Clerk:** Tracy Coston

**Public:** 1

**At the beginning of the meeting a 2 minute's silence was held in respect of Lindsey Collecott.**

**113/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Moran (UDC) and Cllr Martin Foley (ECC),  
Cllrs Dean and Knowles.

**Parish Council Vacancy:** To be advertised.

**114/23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 minutes):** Dennis Bailey and Cllr Knowles had a visit to the footpath down Pounce Hill to make a video of trying to use the footpath with a mobility scooter. Access wasn't possible onto the footpath at the top of the road and it was very dangerous near the drop down the bank.

If the vegetation was removed the path could be much wider. There were also issues where the path was broken up. Adrian Knowles is producing a report from a ECC meeting and liaising with Cllr Foley.

**115/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda: None

**116/23 PLANNING**

**a) Applications for discussion:** None

**b) Decisions:** None

**117/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the Parish Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

**118/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None

### 119/23 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

**a) Update about highway issues:** Cole End Lane potholes have been filled, but concern about how long they will last.

**b) Update about cutting of path down Pounce Hill:** There has been no progress but Adrian Knowles is making a petition about the condition of the path in December.

### 120/23 WEBSITE

**a) Progress report:** The PC are moving forward with the website and then the Village Hall page will be added in.

### 121/23 VILLAGE GREEN

**a) Replacement play equipment and applying ECC and UDC grants:**

The Village Hall have kindly agreed to pay for the wetpour base for the new equipment with a contribution of £ 5,000. The PC have been awarded a grant of £ 3,500 towards the play equipment.

The PC discussed the quotes and noted that the timber has a 15 year guarantee and boards have a 20 year guarantee. The Wetpour will stop any strimmer damage.

Without the Wetpour base the quote including a £ 900 contingency was £ 11,000, which will be funded with a £ 3,500 grant and £ 7,500 by the PC. The Village Hall have expressed a desire to have a higher quality base at an additional cost of £ 5,000 which they have agreed to fund.

The PC unanimously approved to purchase the red tractor and red trailer from Outdoor Play People at a total cost of £ 16,000.00.

The PC will hope to commence of Phase 2 to maintain and replace some of the existing equipment. The decision will be made after the outcome of the ECC grant is known.

The fence in the play area to be replaced by Kelvin Newman and Sue Powell to organise painting the posts.

**b) Community orchard trees / sleeves:** The sleeves have been put on the trees.

**c) Goal sleeve lids:** Kelvin Newman has put wood in the goal sleeves.

**d) Replacement village sign proposal:** The Village Hall agreed to pay £ 300.00 towards the sign. The Clerk will ask Cllr Moran about the process to obtain the grant for £ 600.00.

### 122/23 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) **Boundary Review update:** SEPC support the review and PC discussed and agreed to respond:

Sewards End PC support the review and support moving Rosconn Homes site out of Sewards End and into Saffron Walden Parish.

b) **Information from resident regarding rewilding project at Pounce Hall**

The PC thanked the resident for sending the information and they are looking forward to seeing the rewilding project.

### 123/23 EX-AGENDA

➤ **District Councillors Report:**

➤ **County Councillors Report:**

**124/23 FINANCE**

**RECEIPTS**

Sewards End Village Hall Committee (Noticeboard contribution) £ 1,258.46

Total Receipts £ 1,258.46

**PAYMENTS**

D/P Tracy Coston October Payment £ 182.35

D/P ICO (Subscription) £ 35.00

**Total** £ **217.35**

**125/23 Area Report:**

**a) Old Printpack site:** There was concern that the traffic lights are in the road and slowing the traffic. There is a road from Levett Way.

**126/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The date of the Parish Council meeting is 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.**

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

**Signed (Chair)**

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**Date**

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