

SEWARDS END PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Swards End Parish Council

held on Tuesday 19th September, 2023 at 7.30 pm

in St. James Church Hall, Swards End

In the Chair: Cllr. Howlett

Present: Cllrs, Knowles, Ridler, Powell, Stokley

Also present: Cllr Moran (UDC), Cllr Martin Foley (ECC)

Clerk: Tracy Coston

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100/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Mike Dean

101/23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 minutes): None

102/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

103/23 PLANNING

a) Applications for discussion:

UTT/23/2163/LB Swards End Farmhouse, 13 Redgates Lane

New partition to the utility room to create a separate utility and pantry area

PC Decision: No comments.

b) Decisions: None

c) Report from the Planning Presentation held at UDC: Adrian Knowles attended the presentation. The development at Little Easton was approved at appeal. The other 5,000 dwellings will be distributed around the villages. Swards End shouldn't have any further allocations of housing due to the 233 houses approved at appeal. Swards End is categorised as small village.

104/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct record the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July, 2023 and 31st July, 2023.

The previous circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

105/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None.

106/23 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) Update about highway issues: Some of the potholes on Cole End Lane have been filled in but not in the passing points, but some of the passing points are not official passing points.

b) Update about verge cutting: Full cut to be carried out at the end of September.

c) Update about cutting of path down Pounce Hill: Martin Foley has escalated the issues with the path down Pounce Hill but no conclusion has been received. The risk is that the path isn't wide enough to walk down and people are using the road which is very dangerous.

Cllr Foley suggested to petition at the beginning of an ECC meeting at raise awareness and try and get notice taken about the path. There has to be 2 weeks' notice for a petition. The wording for the petition will be agreed at the next meeting. Kemi Badenoch MP has been written to for support and help. Wording to be agreed at the next meeting.

The moving of the 30mph sign has not been validated yet.

Clerk to ask ECC about the Local Highways Panel (Sarah Tomlin/Shirley Anglian) about the funding for the by-way from Cole End Lane to Saffron Walden,

107/23 WEBSITE

a) Progress report: The PC agreed to progress forward without the information from the Village Hall for the booking system, which can be included at a later stage.

108/23 VILLAGE GREEN

a) Replacement play equipment and applying ECC and UDC grants: A grant of £ 3,500 has been received from the Community Grant from UDC. The PC agreed the red tractor and trailer from Outdoor Play. Sue Powell will check with the playground inspector about the amount of ground and if matting is required. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

b) Community orchard trees / sleeves: All installed.

c) Goal sleeve lids: Clerk to check with Kelvin Newman that the lids have been installed.

d) Replacement village sign proposal The village sign will be ready for erection during the week commencing 9th October. The cost of the sign is £ 1,207.00. Cllr Moran very kindly agreed to donate £ 600.00. The PC agreed to pay for the remainder of the cost for the sign.

e) Village Triangle: Clerk to check with Kelvin Newman about the maintenance of the triangle.

109/23 CORRESPONDENCE: None

110/23 EX-AGENDA

➤ **District Councillors Report:** The Local Plan is due to be published in November.

A new lead housing officer is called Kerry Clifford and she is helping getting issues sorted and delivered.

➤ **County Councillors Report:** Highways discussed. RAAC is in Katherine Seminar and Lord Butler Leisure Centre. A bid has been made to Essex for the Youth Club in the village.

111/23 FINANCE

PAYMENTS

D/P	Tracy Coston August Payment	£ 182.55
D/P	HMRC	£ 236.80
D/P	Tracy Coston September Payment	£ 182.55
D/P	Tracy Coston Expenses	£ 233.38
D/P	Greenbarnes (Noticeboard)	£ 1,542.56

Total £ 2,377.84

112/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the Parish Council meeting is 10th October, 2023

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm

Signed (Chair)

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