

# SEWARDS END PARISH COUNCIL

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

held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 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

**Also present:** None

**Clerk:** Tracy Coston

**Public:** 0

1/23 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr Pritchard, Stokeley, Allington and Dean.

2/23 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 minutes):** None

3/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

4/23 **PLANNING**

**a) Applications for discussion:**

**UTT/22/3234/FUL Saffron House, Redgates Lane**

Erection of private equestrian facilities

**PC Decision:** The PC does not have any objections

**b) Decisions:** None

**c) S106 Discussion for UTT/21/2509/OP:** The PC discussed the information in the S106 and agreed to attend a meeting with SWTC to discuss the boundary review and the position of SWTC.

5/23 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the Parish Council meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2022. The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

6/23 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**a) Parking outside St. James' Church:** The PC discussed issues about parking around the Church and agreed that as there were no double yellow lines, there is no parking restrictions.

7/23 **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

**a) 30mph speed limit – Pounce Hill:** No further information has been received from Highways.

**b) Footpath down Radwinter Road:** No further information has been received from Highways. The PC will write to ECC asking for the footpath to be put on the regular cutting list.

**c) Railings down Radwinter Road:** No further information has been received.

**d) By-Way from Cole End Lane/Thaxted Road:** The UDC Highways panel have approved the funding and the PC will ask for a copy of the decision.

**e) Weight limit for Redgates Lane:** No further information has been received.

**f) Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, section 53**

**Application under Schedule 14 to delete footpath 38 Swards End : case 1048:** No decision has been received.

**8/23 WEBSITE**

**a) Discussions about upgrading the website:** Paul Allington will plan a new website for the PC/Church/Village Hall.

**9/23 VILLAGE GREEN**

**a) Play equipment:** The PC will discuss the purchase of a new piece of equipment to replace the combine at the play area when the budget is discussed.

**10/23 CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**11/23 EX-AGENDA**

➤ **District Councillors Report:** Apologies sent

➤ **County Councillors Report:** Apologies sent

**12/23 FINANCE**

**PAYMENTS**

D/P	Tracy Coston January Payment	£	182.55
D/P	I Grayson (Remembrance Wreath)	£	50.00
	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b>£</b>	<b>232.55</b>

**b) Budget discussion and setting the precept:** The PC discussed the budget and accounts. The precept will increase from £ 12,700 to £ 14,000 which is a 9.5% increase. The PC agreed that the Clerk will obtain up updated quotes for a replacement piece of equipment. The increase will cover part of the funding required for the play area and additional costs.

**13/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**The date of the next Parish Council meeting is TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 at 7.30pm in St. James Church Hall.**

The meeting finished at 9.15 pm

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