

SEWARDS END PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Swards End Parish Council

held on Tuesday 11th April, 2023 at 7.30 pm

in St. James Church Hall, Swards End

In the Chair: Cllr. Ridler

Present: Cllrs, Dean, Knowles

Also present: Cllr de Vries

Clerk: Tracy Coston

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40/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs Stokley, Cllr Foley

41/23 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 minutes): None

42/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

43/23 PLANNING

a) Applications for discussion:

UTT/23/0857/HHF 7 The Dreys, Swards End

Demolition of porch and construction of single storey front extension

PC Decision: No objections

b) Decisions: None

44/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct record the Parish Council meetings held on 7th March, 2023. The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

45/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

46/23 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) 30mph speed limit – Pounce Hill: This still hasn't been validated and Cllr Foley will be asked to find out an update.

b) Railings down Radwinter Road: The PC has received an inspection report from ECC that the area has been assessed but it is not clear if the railings are going to be replaced. The Clerk has complained to ECC as it is a year since the issue was reported.

c) By-Way from Cole End Lane/Thaxted Road: No further information has been received.

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

e) Local Highways panel (LHP) funding cuts: The PC have received an email from Peter Holt which states that UDC are pulling out of funding the Local Highways panel. The Clerk will ask Martin Foley implications of the funding cuts.

f) Pounce Hill: The condition of Pounce Hill is getting much worse. The bank has slipped, trees out into the road and potholes and drainage issues. Clerk to chase up

with Cllr Foley.

47/23 WEBSITE

a) Report from the website meeting: A meeting has been held with the village hall and church representatives. Judith Bonser will be sent the details to build the website.

48/23 VILLAGE GREEN

a) Replacement play equipment: The Clerk will apply for grant when it is available from UDC.

b) Community orchard trees: Clerk to ask Kelvin Newman to check the trees and report back.

c) Goal Sleeve: The PC will install lids over the sleeves.

49/23 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Spraying at the play area: The PC made a decision not to spray the clover.

b) Election of Parish Councillors/Election of District Councillors: The PC thanked Paul Allington and Hadley Pritchard who will not be standing again for the PC.

50/23 EX-AGENDA

➤ **District Councillors Report:** Not present

➤ **County Councillors Report:** Report sent

51/23 FINANCE

PAYMENTS

D/P	Tracy Coston April Payment	£	182.55
	<u>Total</u>	£	182.55

52/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the Annual Parish Council meeting is Thursday 11th May, 2023 at 7.30pm in St. James Church Hall.

Signed (Clerk)

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