

SEWARDS END PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Swards End Parish Council held on 8th October, 2024 at 7.30 pm

in St. James Church Hall, Swards End

In the Chair: Cllr. Ridler

Present: Cllrs, Powell, Knowles, and Briggs

Also present:

Clerk: Tracy Coston

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105/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Chris Stokley, Mike Dean, Nigel Howlett, Cllr Moran, Cllr Foley

106/24 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 minutes): None

107/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

108/24 PLANNING

a) Applications for discussion:

UTT/24/2051/FUL Barn at Wills Ayley, Wills Ayley Lane

Section 73A Retrospective application for extensions and alterations to barn previously approved for conversion to dwelling (amendments to application UTT/20/1926/FUL approved under appeal ref APP/C1570/W/20/3265543).

PC Decision: No objections

b) Decisions: None

109/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve as a correct record the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd September, 2024: The previously circulated minutes were approved and signed by the Chair of the meeting.

110/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

111/24 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) **Update about highway issues:** The drain on Pounce Hill has been repaired.

b) **Footpath down Pounce Hill – Petition to be organised:** The PC approved the wording of the petition to be sent to ECC and for Cllr Foley to deliver at the ECC Full Council meeting.

c) **Speed check in Swards End:** The police carried out a speed check on 26th September. Information to be put on website/googlegroup and the police will be thanked for carrying out the check and asked to continue to carry out speed checks in the village.

112/24 WEBSITE: Nothing to report.

113/24 VILLAGE GREEN

a) Surfacing under the picnic tables: The resin surfacing under the picnic tables in the play area and refurbishment of the swings and installation of the new see-saw should be carried out at the end October/November.

b) Entrance to the Village Green: The decision hasn't been made by the owner of the land. Clerk to contact the owner again. Loose chippings.

c) Phase 2 / 3 of the play area: Discussed until 113/24 a)

d) Grasscutting contract refresh: Triangle has been cut regularly. The contract will be discussed at the next meeting.

e) Outcome of UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF – Year 3 (2024-25) grant for aerial runway: The grant of £ 9,725.00 has been approved for an aerial runway. The PC have a quote for £ 12,725.00 + vat. The PC will send an email to the Village Hall Committee outlining the details of the aerial runway. Signage will be put on both ends of the aerial runway. Online Playgrounds will supply the draft wording for the signage and it will be approved by the PC.

f) Trees: Some of the fruit trees on the Village Green have died. The condition of the trees will to be checked by the PC.

g) Fence: Kelvin Newman will be asked to quote for the replacement of the fence around the play area and the boundary fence.

114/24 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Emails from Mr Pike: The Clerk will respond concerning the timing of publishing the minutes.

115/24 EX-AGENDA

➤ **District Councillors Report:** No report

➤ **County Councillors Report:** Report sent.

116/24 FINANCE

RECEIPTS

HMRC Vat reclaim £ 2,310.96

Total **£ 2,310.96**

PAYMENTS

D/P Tracy Coston (October wages) £ 282.57

D/P ICO (membership) £ 35.00

D/P Tracy Coston (Expenses) £ 252.72

Total **£ 570.29**

117/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish meeting 5th November at 7.30pm at St James Church, Swards End.

The meeting finished at 8.30 pm.

Signed (Chair)

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