

**MINUTES OF THE SWYNNERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2018 IN TITTENSOR VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr R James (Chairman)
Cllr N Adams
Cllr P Boulton
Cllr D Butler
Cllr F Cheadle
Cllr F Cromey
Cllr N Leeson
Cllr J Malkin
Cllr E Mateu
Cllr K Ong
Cllr B Price

In attendance: Mrs Liz Harrington-Jones (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr J Nixon
Cllr D Tucker
Cllr J Pert, Staffordshire County Council (SCC)

18/01 Public Question Time

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no members of the public present.

18/02 Reports of County Councillors and Borough Councillors

Cllr James reported the Local Plan Consultation is continuing.

18/03 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Nixon and Tucker, and Cllr Pert SCC..

18/04 Declarations of Interest and to consider written requests from Councillors to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

There were no declarations of interest made by Councillors.

18/05 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 November 2017

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Swynnerton Parish Council meeting held on 23 November 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chairman.

18/06 Clerk's Progress Report, items not on the agenda

The Clerk reported that confirmation had been sent to the Police & Crime Commissioner that the Parish Council was interested in working with other Parish Councils over the installation of flashing speed signs (17/1781).

Cllr Pert would be contacted about the concerns that had been raised over pavements along the A34 in Tittensor, and the possibility of preventing HGVs using Winghouse Lane (17/172.ii).

No information had been received from SBC as yet on a drainage expert to assess Yarnfield Green (172.iv).

18/07 Financial matters

18/07.i December and January accounts for payment

The following accounts were considered -

Clerk's salary and expenses (December, January)	946.72
HMRC (PAYE/NI)	355.00
<i>Tittensor, yellow lines at end Winghouse Lane</i>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total payments for December and January	£3,301.72

RESOLVED – That the accounts for December and January be approved for payment.

Councillors further agreed to match the contribution of £2,000 from Cllr Pert's fund to install double yellow lines at the end of Winghouse Lane by the War Memorial in Tittensor, should SCC Highways be able to progress the project.

18/07.ii Precept requirements for 2018/2019

After discussion Councillors agreed a 7.5% increase in the precept for 2018/2019, raising the calculation for Band D properties to approximately £11.

RESOLVED That Swynnerton Parish Council should request an increase of 7.5% to the precept for 2018/2019.

18/08 Traffic issues in the Parish

Councillors confirmed their financial support for work to install double yellow lines at the end of Winghouse Lane.

All agreed that the site meetings with SCC Highways and Cllr Pert to allocate locations for flashing speed signs had been useful; additional sites had been considered in Whitmore Road. The Clerk would obtain further information and quotes for moving the signs to different locations up to eight times in the year. **Action: Clerk**

Date Cllr R James, Chairman

Swynnerton Councillors had held a site meeting with Mr Challinor to confirm the position for traffic calming gates at the entrance to the village.

18/09 Ward matters

18/09.i Swynnerton, issues raised by residents

The Clerk would bring estimates for re-pointing the War Memorial to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

Councillors would take photographs of the parking problems in Park View and forward them to the Clerk, who would then contact SaRH and SCC Highways.

Action: Cllrs Butler, Mateu, Cheadle, Clerk

Cllr Cheadle reported that the grids in the centre of the village had still not been cleared and there was a danger of flooding near the War Memorial. The Clerk would contact SCC Highways again.

Action: Clerk

18/09.ii Tittensor, issues raised by residents

Cllr Boulton reported that over 70 residents had attended an initial Best Kept Village meeting. Judging would take place in May 2018. The Clerk would request road sweeping along the A34 from the end of April; the Clerk would contact Seddons to request regular weeding of the shrubs alongside the new development; the Clerk would contact SCC Highways to request regular mowing of the central reservation along the A34. The Clerk would research a map of Tittensor and forward it to Cllr Boulton. It was planned that bus shelters would form focal points for displays.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Price would investigate contributions of plants towards entries to the BKV by villages in the Parish.

Action: Cllr Price

18/09.iii Trentham, issues raised by residents

Concerns were raised over the blind bend on Whitmore Road by Park Drive. The Clerk would raise this again with SCC Highways and request chevrons and warning signs, and copy in Cllr Pert.

Action: Clerk

18/09.iv Yarnfield, issues raised by residents

No progress had been made to date over the drainage problems on The Green, or clearing up after the recent work. The Clerk would contact SBC Leisure with a reminder.

Action: Clerk

A request had been made to place a bench on The Green in memory of former residents. After discussion Councillors agreed that another bench was not required for The Green, but they would be very supportive of a planter with a memorial plaque attached.

18/10 Grass cutting and maintenance contract for 2018

The Clerk would bring estimates to the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

18/11 HS2, including report on action to date by SRCG

The briefing meeting by HS2 for four local Parish Councils would take place at Swynnerton Village Hall on Thursday 25 January 2018. Cllr James reported that in recent meetings with HS2 and SCC Highways representatives he had emphasised the need for a roundabout instead of a T junction north of Swynnerton with the A51, and for any traffic lights installed at the junction of Yarnfield Lane and the A34 to be made permanent. HGVs should be restricted to the motorway, and should not use Yarnfield Lane. The petition being prepared by SCC would cover traffic issues; SBC was concerned with issues such as noise and light.

Cllr Tucker had sent a report that SRCG (Stone Railhead Crisis Group) representatives had held a meeting with SCC Cllr Winnington, who had appeared positive about their proposals, but had since advised that he could not support moving the railhead, and supported the proposed tunnel at Whitmore.

18/12 Swynnerton Neighbourhood Plan, Update on progress

The Clerk reported on her meeting in December with Alex Yendole, SBC, which had been very productive.

18/13 Draft article for Church magazine

The next issue would include a report on the entries by Tittensor and Swynnerton to the BKV competition.

18/14 Correspondence and circulars received by the Clerk

The Clerk listed correspondence that had been received – SBC Members' Digest No 238; Christmas cards from the Mayor and Chief Executive, SBC; invitation to the next meeting of Stone Area Liaison Meeting on 24 January 2018; information from the HS2 Commissioner who deals with complaints.

Cllr Mateu reported that he had attended the AGM of Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association, and been re-appointed to the Committee for a further two years.

18/15 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Swynnerton Parish Council would be held on Thursday 22 February 2018* in Swynnerton Village Hall. There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

**This meeting was replaced by an Extraordinary Meeting of Swynnerton Parish Council which was held on Monday 19 February 2018 in Yarnfield Village Hall.*

Date

Cllr R James, Chairman