

**MINUTES OF THE SWYNNERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 24 MAY 2018 IN SWYNNERTON VILLAGE HALL**

- Present:** Cllr K Ong (Chairman)
Cllr N Adams
Cllr F Cheadle
Cllr F Cromey
Cllr R James
Cllr N Leeson
Cllr E Mateu
Cllr D Tucker
- In attendance:** Mrs Liz Harrington-Jones (Parish Clerk)
Cllr J Pert, Staffordshire County Council (SCC)
16 members of the public
- Apologies:** Cllr P Boulton
Cllr D Butler
Cllr J Malkin
Councillor J Nixon
Cllr B Price

18/54 Public Question Time

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Councillors thanked Cllr James for his service to the Parish Council in carrying out the role of Chairman for several years. It was confirmed to a member of Yarnfield Forum that Yarnfield Ward was represented by four Parish Councillors.

18/55 Reports of County Councillors and Borough Councillors

Cllr Pert confirmed that he was pursuing residents' concerns over the state of pavements in Yarnfield, and had walked the pavements twice with SCC representatives, and also the SCC Cabinet member. The pavements were a priority; a quote for work on dropped kerbs had been received but was felt to be excessive and was being challenged. Cllr Pert was reminded about problems with bushes and trees round the light by the bus stop. He was asked if Section 106 monies could be used to address the issues with repair and camber for the pavements near the hairdressers; this would not be possible, and he did not know if the Section 106 monies for Yarnfield Park had been released yet.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Pert for his report

Cllr James reported that the SBC Local Plan was under review; meetings would be held by SBC in July to decide the future allocation of housing. He would try again to obtain the name of independent consultants to advise on Yarnfield Green, for which £500 had been allocated,

The Chairman closed the public session of the meeting.

18/56 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Boulton, Butler, Malkin, Nixon, and Price.

18/57 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.

18/58 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 April 2018

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Swynnerton Parish Council meeting held on 26 April 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chairman.

18/59 Clerk's Progress Report, items not on the agenda

The Clerk reported that action points from the previous meeting were being progressed.

18/60 Financial matters

18/60.i May accounts for payment

The following accounts were considered –

Clerk's salary and expenses (April)	537.53
SRCG, contribution towards expenses	350.00
John Green Landscapes, grass cutting	504.00
St Luke's Church, Tittensor, article in church magazine	258.00
BHIB Insurance Brokers, annual cover	826.30
Total payments for May 2018	£2,475.83

Date

Cllr R James, Chairman

RESOLVED – That the accounts for May 2018 should be approved for payment.

18/60.ii Request to co-fund the planting of trees at Yarnfield

The Parish Council was awaiting information from Yarnfield Forum on the cost of the project, which would be included on the agenda for the meeting in June.

18/61 Traffic issues in the Parish

The locations for the flashing speed signs had been agreed for each Ward, and would be checked to ensure that suitable posts were available, and that that they would be acceptable to SCC Highways. The Clerk would forward information on signs provided by ElanCity to Cllr Pert. **Action: Clerk**

The blocked gullies in Swynnerton which had been reported several months ago had not been dealt with. Cllr Pert confirmed this was an issue in a number of areas. Councillors were asked to check and, if they could identify any other gullies that required attention, to forward the information to the Clerk who would then notify Cllr Pert.

18/62 Ward matters

18/62.i Swynnerton, issues raised by residents

Councillors agreed to liaise with Swynnerton & Yarnfield W I, who had agreed to research a history information board for Yarnfield, and also wished to plant a commemorative tree. The entry to the Best Kept Village competition by Swynnerton had been well supported.

147/62.ii Tittensor, issues raised by residents

There were no Tittensor Ward Councillors present. Councillors who had visited Tittensor commented on the work carried out in the village by the BKV team.

18/62.iii Trentham, issues raised by residents

Whitmore Road was being re-surfaced. The Clerk would remind SCC Highways to remind them of the request for chevrons at the blind bend. **Action: Clerk**

18/62.iv Yarnfield, issues raised by residents

The grass on the Green had been cut the previous day. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should arrange for an additional cut by Mr Pattison. **Action: Clerk**

It was confirmed that Councillors, whether co-opted or elected, were appointed until the next local elections, unless they chose to stand down. The next local elections would be held in May 2019.

18/63 HS2 Submission of Petitions, progress to date

This subject had been covered at the Annual Parish Meeting held earlier in the evening..

18/64 Swynnerton Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan was being proof read, and the maps checked, before circulation to the Committee and Parish Council, and submission to SBC.

18/65 Draft article for Church magazine

The next issue would include an update on the progress of the entries to the Best Kept Village competition, a report on the presentation of Swynnerton Parish Council's Petition to the Select Committee at Westminster, the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.

18/66 Correspondence and circulars received by the Clerk

The Clerk reported that the only postal correspondence that had been received was a request to contribute to the – Seafarers charity.

Cllr Leeson reported on his attendance at a recent meeting of the Lady Katharine and Sir Richard Leveson Charity, which covered the Ancient Parish of Swynnerton. Letters had been sent to 12 schools inviting them to nominate individual students who could benefit from the funding available; three responses had been received. Councillors were asked to encourage local schools to apply and to contact Cllr Leeson with details of candidates that could be assisted.

18/67 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Swynnerton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 28 June 2018 in Tittensor Village Hall. There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.

Date

Cllr R James, Chairman