

**MINUTES OF THE SWYNNERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 26 JULY 2018 IN HANCHURCH VILLAGE HALL**

- Present:** Cllr K Ong (Chairman)  
Cllr N Adams  
Cllr D Butler  
Cllr F Cheadle  
Cllr F Cromey  
Cllr R James  
Cllr E Mateu  
Cllr J Nixon (*joined the meeting 8.10 pm*)  
Cllr B Price  
Cllr D Tucker
- In attendance:** Mrs Liz Harrington-Jones (Parish Clerk)  
Cllr J Pert, Staffordshire County Council (SCC) (*joined the meeting 7.45 pm*)  
2 members of the public  
Representative of Staffordshire Newsletter
- Apologies:** Cllr P Boulton  
Cllr N Leeson  
Cllr J Malkin

**18/83 Public Question Time**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. A resident of Yarnfield apologised for speaking at length at the previous meeting, but wished to stress that members of the public attending the Annual Parish Meeting from Yarnfield had done so independently, and not as representing or being responsible for other organisations. However feelings had run high over the belief that the former Chairman of the Parish Council, and a Yarnfield Ward Councillor, had not represented the views of Yarnfield residents.

Cllr James (SBC) confirmed that separate contractors should be employed to carry out work on Yarnfield Green for SBC, and separate contractors to carry out any remedial drainage work on Yarnfield Green. There had been difficulties in finding competent contractors to carry out drainage work, and it was agreed that the Environment Agency should be contacted to confirm whether or not the area was a floodplain before proceeding further.

The Chairman of Yarnfield Forum referred to recent results obtained from Yarnfield Speedwatch Group's observations and asked for priority to be given to Yarnfield for the installation of the proposed flashing signs for the Parish. Cllr Ong (Chairman SPC) confirmed that the roll-out of the programme would commence in the north of the Parish.

**18/84 Reports of County Councillors and Borough Councillors**

Cllr Price asked anyone who had experienced problems with the changes to the bin collection service to get in touch with him. Cllr Price reported that he had been approached to assist with an application for a Local Governance Review with a view to establishing a separate Parish Council for the existing Yarnfield Ward. The required number of signatures had been submitted and verified, and the process was now going ahead.

Cllr James reported that the new national Planning Framework process, effective to 2040, was now in process, and stressed the urgency for completing the Neighbourhood Plan for Swynnerton Parish.

Cllr Pert thanked the Chairman for inviting him to speak despite his late arrival and reported that he and the Chairman had attended a useful meeting with First Bus and Trentham Ward residents to discuss the bus service to Clayton village. Properties in the area would be leafleted to publicise the bus service and encourage its use.

Cllr Pert listed his concerns and criteria to be met for the establishment of a separate Parish Council for Yarnfield. He had attended a useful meeting with SCC to discuss the HS2 project. Royal Assent for the line as far as Crewe should be passed at the end of 2019. SCC were not included in the consultation process on routes carrying less than 24 HGVs per day, could not enforce references to non HGV traffic, and HS2 could appeal to the Secretary of State on any decisions or recommendations they were not happy with.

Cllr Tucker asked if there was any progress regarding improvements to pavements in Yarnfield, and was informed there was no date in view. The blocked grids in Swynnerton had still not been attended to.

Councillors agreed to discuss at the next meeting a programme for the possible installation of double yellow lines in Tittensor, Swynnerton, and Yarnfield.

The Chairman closed the public session of the meeting.

**18/85 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Boulton, Leeson and Malkin.

**18/86 Declarations of Interest and to consider written requests from Councillors to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)**

No Declarations of Interest had been received.

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Cllr K Ong, Chairman .....

**18/87 Clerk’s Report, Items not on the agenda**

The Clerk reported that she had consulted the Land Drainage Consultancy as recommended by Cllr Leeson (Agenda Item 18/83 refers).

Hixon Parish Council had made contact to ask for details of the traffic calming gates installed at Yarnfield.

A letter had been sent to St Modwen about an alternative access to Trentham Gardens car park.

At the request of a Cold Meece resident D & G Buses had been asked to replace the bus timetable at Cold Meece bus stop, which has now been decorated with two hanging baskets.

The nomination for a Tittensor resident for a Community Award is being drafted..

**18/88 Financial matters**

**18/88.i July accounts for payment**

The following accounts were considered –			<u>Cheque No</u>
Clerk’s salary and expenses*	518.75		002066
John Green Landscapes, grass cutting	1,008.00	168.00	002067
Mr P Pattison, additional cut Y’fld Green	50.00		002068
SPCA, Good Councillor’s Guide (14 copies)	53.62		002069
ElanCity flashing speed sign, batteries and fixings	2,360.40	393.40	002070
JPCS, groundscrew and fixing for above (approx)	<u>1,500.39</u>		002071
Total payments for July 2018	£5,491.16	£561.40	

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

**18/89 Traffic issues in the Parish**

Proposals for double yellow lines in Swynnerton at the bend by the churches, and in Yarnfield outside the village hall, would be discussed at the next meeting; the consultation with residents over proposals for double yellow lines near the junction of the A34 and Winghouse Lane in Tittensor would be put on hold until decisions had been reached. It was agreed that the Clerk should invite the resident who proposed the double yellow lines at Swynnerton to attend the next meeting to brief Councillors.

**Action: Clerk**

**18/90 Ward matters**

**18/90.i Swynnerton, issues raised by residents, double yellow lines in centre of village**

The drains which had been reported last year had still not been cleared. Agenda Item 18/89 also refers.

**18/90.ii Tittensor, issues raised by residents**

The village has reached the final of the BKV competition, as judges have been sighted in the village during July.

**18/90.iii Trentham, issues raised by residents, including proposals to retain the bus service to Clayton village**

Action to encourage support for the bus service to Clayton village had been discussed earlier in the meeting (Agenda Item 18/84 refers).

The Conservation Officer for SBC had visited a house in the Conservation Area which had been painted in an inappropriate colour, and he would make a report to the SBC Planning team.

**18/90.iv Yarnfield, issues raised by residents, including double yellow lines outside the village hall and Petition for Community Governance Review for separate Parish Council**

Cllr Cromey had circulated photographs of problems with the parking of cars in the road outside the village hall. The village hall committee intended to place ‘No Parking’ signs on the railings outside; parking spaces were generally available in the ‘The Labour in Vain’ public house car park (Agenda Item 18/89 also refers).

The Petition for Community Governance Review had been accepted by SBC, and questionnaires would be sent by post to every household in the Parish, with the consultation process ending on 10 September 2018.

**18/91 Consideration of programme of meetings until May 2019**

After discussion Councillors agreed that the August meeting should take place as planned on 23 August; **the September meeting would take place on 20 September** to avoid clashing with the SBC Forum meeting on 27 September; the December meeting would be cancelled. It was confirmed that future meetings at Tittensor would be held at 7.30 pm to avoid clashing with Guide and Brownie meetings.

**18/92 Production and distribution of proposed Parish Council Newsletter**

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council should re-issue a regular newsletter as an effective means of communication with residents, and after discussion this was agreed.

**RESOLVED** That Swynnerton Parish Council would issue a regular newsletter to residents.

The next edition would include articles on parking problems in the villages; BKV results; flashing speed signs with an explanation of how they would be operated; proposals for double yellow lines in villages. Councillors were asked to submit any further items for inclusion to the Chairman.

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Cllr K Ong, Chairman .....

It was agreed that newsletters would be delivered to residents in the four villages, and would be posted to outlying households; newsletters for Trentham residents would include flyers for the bus service to Clayton village.

**18/93 HS2 progress to date, including submission of second Petition by SRCG**

SRCG had submitted their second Petition to the House of Commons Select Committee, referring to the additional provisions put forward by HS2. The Select Committee has now agreed that the bridge over Yarnfield Lane should be widened, as requested in the second Petition.

Cllr James reported that the request for the signalised junction of the A34 with Yarnfield Lane had been confirmed, together with the roundabout at the junction of the road to Swynnerton with the A51. He had written to HS2, copied to the Select Committee, reminding them about their initial commitment to consider providing a footpath from Yarnfield to the A34 and asking that this should include a cycle path; he had also asked HS2 to clarify whether the new road from Swynnerton to the A51 would include a footpath.

**18/94 Swynnerton Neighbourhood Plan**

The Plan has been proof-read; further maps are awaited and additional photographs of Tittensor. The completed Plan will be sent out in draft form to Councillors and the Neighbourhood Plan Committee before being submitted to SBC and then going for public consultation.

**18/95 Draft article for Church magazine**

The next issue would include parking problems in the villages; bus services to Clayton village; BKV results; installation of flashing speed signs.

**18/96 Bulbs for autumn planting in the four Wards**

Councillors confirmed that a sack of daffodils for autumn planting should be provided for Yarnfield, Tittensor, and Trentham, plus some tulips. Preference would be given to Tete-a-tete bulbs. Tulips would be delivered to Swynnerton. Ferndown Nature Reserve would be asked if they had any particular requirements for seeds or bulbs.

**18/97 Correspondence and circulars received by the Clerk**

The Clerk reported the receipt of SBC Members' Digest ; information on play equipment from HAGS; information and newsletter from Douglas Macmillan Hospice; information on the Local Governance Review process.

**18/98 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of Swynnerton Parish Council will be held on Thursday 23 August 2018 in Yarnfield Village Hall. There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.