

**MINUTES OF THE SWYNNERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2018 IN HANCHURCH VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr D Butler (Chairman)
Cllr N Adams
Cllr F Cheadle
Cllr F Cromey
Cllr R James
Cllr N Leeson
Cllr J Malkin
Cllr B Price

In attendance: Mrs Liz Harrington-Jones (Parish Clerk)
1 member of the public

Apologies: Cllr E Mateu
Cllr J Nixon
Cllr K Ong
Cllr D Tucker
Cllr J Pert, Staffordshire County Council (SCC)

18/146 Public Participation Time

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. A representative of SRCG asked for an update from the Parish Council on their meetings with HS2 representatives. Cllr James reported on recent meetings with Cllr Pert and HS2 representatives at the Civic Centre, and confirmed that discussions over a possible footpath from Yarnfield to the A34 had been based on statistics collected some years ago on a Sunday and showed approximately 20 people walking down the Lane, since when the village has expanded. The cost of a footpath would be around £1.9m as it would have to be to full standard, and it was therefore unlikely to be established.

There would be a meeting in Stone on 27 November with HS2 representatives, SRCG, Stone Rural, Stone Town Council, and Chebsey Parish Council, to discuss Additional Provisions 2 (AP2); other information sessions would be held locally. The Parliamentary Select Committee had recommended a new over bridge, and the widening of Yarnfield Lane; SRCG considered that there should be discussions with HS2 to ensure the widening of the Lane for its entirety to 6.8m for HGVs, and to address issues caused by the steep sections of the Lane.

The Parliamentary Select Committee had also recommended a roundabout at the junction of the new road north from Swynnerton with the A51, and certainty is needed on this.

The Parliamentary Select Committee had also recommended that Parish Councils along the route should be included in Planning Forum Sub Committees; HS2 recommends once a year. SRCG believes it is important that Yarnfield is properly represented and asked SPC to make that possible. Cllr James assured SRCG that he is monitoring HS2 closely.

18/147 Reports of County Councillors and Borough Councillors

Cllr Pert had sent his apologies.

Cllr James reported that the Local Governance Review in respect of Yarnfield had been approved unopposed, and the new Yarnfield & Cold Meece Parish Council would be fully functioning from May 2019. He assured Cllr Cromey that minutes from the meeting would be issued very soon. A number of charges made by Stafford Borough Council would go up by 3.1%, below the rate of inflation.

The Chairman closed the public session of the meeting.

18/148 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mateu, Nixon, Ong, and Tucker.

18/149 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.

18/150 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2018

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Swynnerton Parish Council meeting held on 25 October 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chairman.

18/151 Clerk's Report, Items not on the agenda

The Clerk reported that she had been asked to speak at the next SLCC meeting on the process for separating into two Parish Councils.

The AGM of the SPCA would be held on 3 December 2018. It was hoped that Cllr Matheu would attend; the Clerk would forward relevant papers to Cllr Matheu.

Action: Clerk

Date

Cllr K Ong, Chairman

The Clerk had confirmed playground inspections for Ferndown and Tittensor play areas for 2019 with The Play Inspection Company.

18/152 Financial matters

18/152.i November accounts for payment

The following accounts were considered –

Clerk's salary and expenses	543.76
John Green Landscapes (Aug-Nov)	2,016.00
Eccleshall Rotary, crocus bulbs	200.00
EON, Swynnerton street lamp	91.57
Play Inspection Company	270.00
Information Commissioner	40.00
JCPS, Yartnfield, groundscrews for flashing speed sign	2,450.00
Glasdon, traffic calming gates (est)	2,000.00
Total payments for November	£7,611.33

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

18/152.ii Report by Mazars LLP on completion of the audit for year ended 31 March 2018

The Report by Mazars had been circulated to Councillors and was noted. Details were displayed on all notice boards.

18/152.iii Precept requirements for Swynnerton Parish Council 2019-2020

After discussion Councillors agreed, with one abstention (Cllr Crome), that the precept for the revised Swynnerton Parish Council covering the Wards of Swynnerton, Tittensor and Trentham, should be increased by 5%, giving a precept for 2019-2010 of £17,000.

RESOLVED That the precept should be increased by 5%, giving a precept of £17,000.

18/153 Traffic issues in the Parish – proposals for double yellow lines to be installed at Swynnerton, Tittensor, and Yarnfield; programme to roll out flashing speed signs; bus services in the Parish

After discussion Councillors agreed to consult further with residents on the proposals for yellow lines to be installed in Swynnerton and Tittensor. The proposals for Yarnfield had met with local approval.

The flashing speed sign would be installed as soon as possible.

Stone Town Council was operating a limited bus service to local areas; it was agreed that the Clerk should contact them to see if a daily service to Tittensor could be incorporated. Negotiations for a crossing for the A34 were on-going.

Action: Clerk

18/154 Ward matters

18/154.i Swynnerton, issues raised by residents

Cllr Leeson reported that the Lady Katharine and Sir Richard Leveson Charity had agreed to fund the insurance costs for the 1st Swynnerton (NNS) Scouts. Councillors thanked Cllr Leeson for arranging this.

A recent party at Swynnerton Village Hall had created a disturbance, resulting in the police making arrests.

The drains in the centre of the village had still not been cleared.

18/154.ii Tittensor, issues raised by residents

A gate had been installed at the top of Apsley Grove which meant people could be trespassing over a private piece of land.

The BKV plaque had been installed on the triangle outside the shop and post office and looked very smart.

18/154.iii Trentham, issues raised by residents,

The noise from the recent bonfire celebrations and the outside broadcasts by Radio Stoke had been exceptionally loud this year. The events had been held on different sites, and after discussion Councillors agreed that the Clerk should write to request that they be returned to being directed over the lake rather than towards local residential properties.

Action: Clerk

18/154.iv Yarnfield, issues raised by residents,

Quotations to address the drainage problems on the Green had been received. It was agreed to contact SBC to arrange a meeting to seek their agreement to progress action.

Action: Clerk

18/155 Programme of Swynnerton Parish Council meetings for 2018/2019

Councillors agreed to rotate meetings between the Wards of Swynnerton Parish Council – Swynnerton, Tittensor, Trentham. If meetings could not be held in Tittensor Village Hall they would be held in St Luke's Church Hall.

156 Local Governance Review,

Councillors congratulated the residents of Yarnfield in achieving a separate Parish Council, and wished them well for the future.

Date

Cllr K Ong, Chairman

18/157 HS2 updates by SPC representative and SRCG

Another meeting would be arranged with HS2 representatives when AP2 had been published. Cllr James would report back. Barlaston Station was to be re-opened for a new rail line.

18/158 Draft article for Church magazine

After discussion Councillors agreed that the next issue should include information on the BKV pole in Tittensor, the new Parish Council, flashing speed signs.

18/159 Correspondence and circulars received by the Clerk

The Clerk reported the receipt of SBC Members' Digest, Christmas cards from SBC and Stone Town Council, information from SBC on Civic Amenity vehicle visits during 2019 and 2020.

18/160 The next meeting of Swynnerton Parish Council would be held at 7.15 pm on Thursday 24 January 2019 in Yarnfield Village Hall. There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, wished them a happy Christmas, and declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Date

Cllr K Ong, Chairman