

**MINUTES OF THE SWYNNERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2019 IN SWYNNERTON VILLAGE HALL**

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

19/14 Public Participation Time

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Residents from Newcastle Road, Trentham Ward, raised concerns over proposals by HS2 to create a four lane carriageway outside their properties, on what is already a busy major road. Residents would be holding a meeting at Hanchurch Village Hall on the following Sunday morning to which the Chairman and Cllr James were invited. It was agreed to bring forward Agenda Item 8.ii HS2, Consideration of Petitioning to the Select Committee, for discussion at the beginning of the Parish Council meeting..

A resident of Swynnerton had previously successfully petitioned against proposals for a T junction at the junction of the new road north from Swynnerton with the A51. This would now be replaced by a roundabout, and the resident asked to work together with Swynnerton Parish Council (SPC) in any future Petitions to ensure the proposed roundabout would be adequate.

A resident of Yarnfield stated there were expert members of the community, such as Stone Railhead Crisis Group (SRCG), who could assist. She also thanked SPC for the installation of groundscrews and the flashing speed sign in Yarnfield, and asked why the Neighbourhood Plan was incomplete and out of date. *(As reported at the January meeting (Minute 19/12) the Neighbourhood Plan was on hold until the new Parish Council of Yarnfield & Cold Meece was established and could confirm if they wished to be included in the completed Swynnerton Neighbourhood Plan.)*

19/15 Reports of County Councillors and Borough Councillors

Cllr Pert reported that SCC had signed off £35m for the coming financial year, the implementation of which would have an effect on front line services and compel communities to assume additional responsibilities.

Safer Roads Staffordshire funding might be available for the new Yarnfield & Cold Meece Parish Council.

Swynnerton Ward Councillors thanked Cllr Pert for arranging the provision of a new grit bin for Swynnerton. It was hoped the consultation on proposed double yellow lines at three sites in the Parish would take place soon.

Cllrs Price and James reported that the Borough was preparing for elections in May; Council Tax had been increased by less than the rate of inflation; a balanced budget had been passed until 2022; the next Mayor would be a Barlaston Councillor, with a Stone Councillor as Deputy Mayor. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Pert, James and Price for their contribution and closed the public session of the meeting.

19/16 Apologies Apologies had been received from Cllrs Malkin and Nixon.

19/17 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.

19/18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2019

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Swynnerton Parish Council meeting held on 24 January 2019 should be approved and signed by the Chairman.

19/19.i HS2, Briefing meeting held with HS2 representatives on Additional Provisions (AP2)

The Chairman reported that she and representatives of each Ward, the Chairman of Stone Rural PC, the Vice Chairman of Standon & Burston PC, representative of SRCG, resident of Cold Meece, and the Chairman, had attended a productive briefing meeting with four representatives of HS2 on AP2 on 7 February 2019. Complaints had been forwarded to HS2 about the quality of maps supplied. Cllr Cromey reported that SRCG had held a subsequent meeting and raised a number of discrepancies, and suggested the two organisations could work together or cross reference petitions.

Date

Cllr K Ong, Chairman

SCC had requested that traffic and highway issues should be forwarded to them to incorporate in any Petition submitted by them, or for them to suggest alternative solutions. HS2 had proposed an annual meeting with Parish Councils affected by the HS2 project; all agreed that this was not adequate for a Parish such as SPC which is cut in half by the project and will suffer major disruption during the construction of the rail line and railhead.

19/19.ii Consideration of petitioning to Select Committee with regard to AP2

The residents at Newcastle Road, Hanchurch, had been advised that they could petition as they will be 'directly and significantly affected' by the most recent proposals to increase the road to four lanes..

RESOLVED That Swynnerton Parish Council should submit a Petition on concerns with respect to AP2, and support two local Petitions from Trentham and Swynnerton residents.

19/20 Clerk's Report, Items not on the agenda

The Clerk reported that the motorway closure for that evening had been cancelled. She had received advance notice of an overnight closure between Junctions 13 and 14 on 23/24 March 2019.

The benches in Trentham and Yarnfield had been repaired.

The Chairman reported on the Conversation Meeting hosted by Cllr Pert for local Parish Councillors, attended by herself and Cllrs Adams, Malkin and Butler. Chebsey PC had reported on community involvement in their Parish, the problems of loneliness and isolation, and difficulties in recruiting volunteers. Cutbacks in central government funding had led to more responsibilities being passed to Parish Councils, with the SCC website available to provide information and advice, but there were questions raised over cost, insurance, statutory responsibilities, networking, working together and sharing responsibilities.

19/21 Financial matters

19/21 .i February accounts for payment

The following accounts were considered –

Clerk's salary and expenses,	524.99
Mr E Challinor, works to bench, moving speed sign	138.00
Total payments for February 2019	£662.99

RESOLVED – That the accounts for February 2019 should be approved for payment.

19/21.ii Changes to bank signatories for Swynnerton Parish Council accounts

After discussion Councillors agreed that Cllr Ong's signature should be added to the list of approved signatories for Parish Council cheques.

19/22 Traffic issues in the Parish

19/22.i Report on operation of flashing speed sign throughout the Parish

Cllr Butler reported that the flashing speed sign had now operated in every Ward in the Parish. The life of the battery had not been as long as anticipated, and varied from 6 days in Northwood Lane to 14 days on Winghouse Lane. Cllr Butler would investigate re-programming the device and install it at Swynnerton to monitor the effect of any adjustments. He was investigating the use of solar panels. Councillors considered purchasing permanent poles for the unit and the purchase of a flashing sign for each area.

19/23 Ward matters

19/23.i Swynnerton, issues raised by residents

A green grit bin had been installed in the Conservation Area of Swynnerton village.

19/23.ii Tittensor, issues raised by residents

Two new grit bins had been installed in Tittensor.

19/23.iii Trentham, issues raised by residents,

The Clerk would again report residents' concerns over the noise from recent events at Trentham Gardens.

Action: Clerk

19/23.iv Yarnfield, issues raised by residents,

The Clerk, the Chairman, and Cllr Cromey had attended a meeting with SBC Legal Team to discuss arrangements for handing over responsibilities and monies to Yarnfield & Cold Meece Parish Council on 1 April 2019. Councillors agreed that insurance arrangements for the new Parish Council should be put in hand.

Action: Clerk

19/24 Draft article for Church magazine

After discussion Councillors agreed that the next issue should include information on the installation of the flashing speed sign; displays of daffodils and other bulbs; submission of Petition to the Select Committee. **Action: Clerk**

19/25 Correspondence and circulars received by the Clerk

The Clerk reported the receipt of SBC Members Digest 252 ; Stone Town Council – Charity Pig Race on Friday 15 March 2019.

Date

Cllr K Ong, Chairman

19/26 The next meeting of Swynnerton Parish Council will be held at 7.15 pm on Thursday 28 March 2019 in Hanchurch Village Hall. There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and declared the meeting closed.

Date

Clr K Ong, Chairman