

**MINUTES OF THE SWYNNERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 23 MAY 2019 IN ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL, SWYNNERTON**

Present: Cllr K Ong (Chairman)
Cllr N Adams
Cllr P Bickerstaffe
Cllr F Cheadle
Cllr J Malkin
Cllr E Mateu
Cllr B Price

In attendance Two residents of Tittensor
Cllr R James, Stafford Borough Council (SBC)
Mrs Liz Harrington-Jones (Parish Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr D Butler
Mr N Leeson

19/59 Public Participation Time

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. A representative of Tittensor Village Hall Committee reported that they were making good progress towards installing broadband provision at the Hall. They had a registered postal address and planned to provide a portal service to Hall users. After investigating different suppliers they had negotiated a favourable arrangement with BT at a rate of £30 per month plus VAT, and were looking for help for the first year. The cost of the service would be included in Hall charges. Councillors agreed this should be an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

A representative of Tittensor's Best Kept Village Committee asked for help in clearing footpaths along Winghouse Lane to Groundslow; SCC Highways no longer run the Neighbourhood Highway Teams to provide a 'tidying up' service. Problems with blocked drains and gullies were also raised and it was agreed to bring these to the attention of Cllr Pert. The Clerk would also check the cover available for members of working parties with the insurers.

Action: Clerk

19/60 Reports of County Councillors and Borough Councillors

There was no report from Cllr Pert SCC. Cllr James SBC reported that the Mayoral Ceremony had taken place. SBC Committees would start work in June. Cllr Bickerstaffe raised concerns over the enforcement of traffic regulations – the responsibility fell to SBC, enforcement was the responsibility of SCC. The proposals for the installation of double yellow lines in Swynnerton and Tittensor would be going out to consultation shortly.

The Chairman closed the public session of the meeting.

19/61 Apologies Apologies had been received from Cllr Butler and Cllr Pert SCC..

19/62 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.

19/63 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2019

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Swynnerton Parish Council meeting held on 25 April 2019 should be approved and signed by the Chairman.

(8.30 pm, the two members of the public left the meeting.)

19/64 To approve an application for co-option to Swynnerton Parish Council

The vacancy for Trentham Ward had been advertised on notice boards. There had been no applications from members of the public other than an application for co-option from Mr N Leeson. It was proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Adams and unanimously agreed that Mr Norman Leeson should be co-opted as Parish Councillor representing Trentham Ward.

RESOLVED that Mr Norman Leeson should be co-opted to Swynnerton Parish Council to represent Trentham Ward.

19/65 Clerk's Report, Items not on the agenda

The Clerk reported that gardening vouchers had been distributed to the BKV representatives in Swynnerton and Tittensor.

Councillors confirmed dates for meetings during the remainder of 2019 as-

25 June 2019	Hanchurch Village Hall	23 July 2019	Swynnerton Village Hall
27 August 2019	Tittensor Village Hall	24 September 2019	Hanchurch Village Hall
29 October 2019	Tittensor Village Hall	19 November 2019	Swynnerton Village Hall
17 December.2019	Hanchurch Village Hall		

The Clerk explained an additional payment that had been made to Glasdon was for VAT which had not been included on the original quotation.

Date

Cllr K Ong, Chairman

19/66 Financial matters

19/66.i May accounts for payment

The following accounts were considered –

Clerk's salary and expenses	560.96
BKV Gardening vouchers (Swynnerton, Tittensor)	600.00
Glasdon, VAT on traffic gates	899.00
Mr E Challinor, moving speed sign, gates, swing	240.00
John Green landscapes, grass cutting	576.00
Total payments for May 2019	£2,876.81

RESOLVED – That the accounts for May 2019 should be approved for payment

19/66.ii Approval of end of year governance and accounting statements

This was moved forward to the June meeting.

19/66.iii Payments to village halls

Councillors approved the payment of £500 to Swynnerton, Tittensor, and Hanchurch Village Halls as an effective means of supporting local communities

19/67 Traffic issues in the Parish

19/67.i Report on application for grant towards additional flashing speed sign equipment

The Clerk reported that an application had been made to Safer Roads Staffordshire for funding towards a permanent site for a solar powered unit in Trentham. Councillors agreed that the flashing speed signs and local Speedwatch teams worked together effectively. Cllr Butler was investigating the collection of data from the units and would report to the next meeting.

19/67.ii Installation of traffic calming gates in Swynnerton

One gate had been installed and the second gate would be installed shortly. The delay had been caused by the delivery of the wrong gate for the right hand side of the road. The correct gate had now been received.

19/67.iii Chevrons and signs to warn of a concealed entrance on Whitmore Road, Trentham

Cllr Adams would provide photographs and provide a map to illustrate the problems near the junction with the A34, which would be forwarded to Cllr Pert and SCC Highways. **Action: Cllr Adams**

19/68 Ward matters

19/68.i Swynnerton, issues raised by residents

The village had worked hard for its entry in the Best Kept Village competition. The gullies had still not been cleared although the clearance was scheduled for this month.

19/68.ii Tittensor, issues raised by residents

Problems with blocked gullies had been reported. It was agreed that quotes for clearing gullies should be obtained from local companies. Cllr Pert had offered to match fund the cost of the clearance of gullies in the Pariah. **Action: Clerk**

19/68.iii Trentham, issues raised by residents,

Issues had been covered under 19/67.iii.

19/69 Local facilities to address loneliness in the community

Councillors discussed the difficulties in involving isolated and potentially vulnerable members of the community and agreed to include as much information as possible about events and groups in the next Parish Council newsletter. Much activity centred on the village halls, although in Trentham there was no identifiable centre of the Ward.

19/70 HS2

Full details of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill would be available at Stone and Eccleshall libraries in June. Local residents from Swynnerton and Trentham had achieved sympathetic consideration from the Parliamentary Select Committee and significant agreements with HS2 towards addressing their concerns; the SPC Petition had been well received by the Parliamentary Select Committee with commitments made to safeguard Ferndown Nature Reserve, agreement reached on the proposals regarding the junction of the A51 and the new access to Swynnerton village from the north, and support for the consideration of the concerns raised over the M6/A500 junction, and it had therefore been decided not to attend the Select Committee. Councillors were reminded that although assurances had been received, the concerns over Hanchurch especially were still there despite markers having been put down for the future.

19/71 Parish Council Newsletter

Date

Cllr K Ong, Chairman

Councillors were asked to provide details of local events and facilities in each Ward to Cllr Ong. **Action: All.**
Councillors were asked to forward any photographs taken in the Parish to Cllr Bickerstaffe for inclusion on the Parish Council's website.

19/72 Neighbourhood Plan

Swynnerton Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan had been placed on hold whilst the new Parish Council of Yarnfield and Cold Meece was established and their decision on whether to continue as part of SPCs Plan or create a separate Neighbourhood Plan for Yarnfield & Cold Meece Parish Council was awaited.

19/73 Correspondence and circulars received by the Clerk

The Clerk reported the receipt of SBC Members Digest 255; Glasdon, information on street furniture; confirmation from HS2 that information will be distributed to libraries etc for public referral.

19/74 The next meeting of Swynnerton Parish Council will be held at 7.15 pm on Thursday 27 June 2019 at Hanchurch Village Hall. There being no other business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and declared the meeting closed.