

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

- Present:** Cllr K Ong (Chairman)
Cllr D Butler (Vice Chairman)
Cllr N Adams
Cllr F Cheadle
Cllr N Leeson
Cllr J Malkin
Cllr E Mateu
- In attendance** Mrs Liz Harrington-Jones (Parish Clerk)
Cllr R James, Stafford Borough Council (SBC)
5 members of the public
- Apologies:** Cllr P Bickerstaffe
Cllr B Price, SPC
Cllr J Nixon, SBC
Cllr J Pert, SCC

19/157 Public Participation Time

Cllr Ong welcomed everyone to the meeting. Swynnerton residents raised problems over poor and illegal parking in the village. The meeting considered different signage in the centre of the village; a proposal had been made for chicanes to be installed at the entrances to the centre of the village and this could be considered during the proposed public meeting to be arranged by SCC Highways to discuss proposals for double yellow lines, there was also a suggestion to enlarge the lay-by in Park View. The Parish Council would consult with local landowner(s) to seek additional car parking spaces; the Village Hall car park was available when the Hall was not in use. Ward Councillors would consult with local residents to ascertain their views on how to solve this longstanding problem; requests to park considerately in the village would be put in the Parish Council newsletter and the church magazine.

Residents raised concerns over the mud on the road outside the soil treatment plant at Cold Meece; a new wheel washer is reported to be on order, and the Parish Council is awaiting a report from SCC Enforcement who were scheduled to visit the site. Details on how to contact the manager of the site were given to residents.

A Swynnerton resident asked what had been done by the Parish Council with regard to traffic calming and was given details of the gates at the approach to Swynnerton, the plans to install further flashing speed signs in the Parish, the Speedwatch group who operate in Swynnerton, and proposals for chicanes in the centre of the village. In the past speed bumps had been installed in the village but were later removed following complaints from residents about noise. The Clerk would request the attendance of the speed safety van. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk would arrange to forward the data available on the past 9 months of traffic captured by the flashing speed sign in the Parish to Speedwatch. **Action: Clerk**

Councillors agreed that the Clerk should write to MoD Cold Meece objecting to the use of painted oil drums to prevent parking outside the site and request a more appropriate method. **Action: Clerk**

The Manager of Groundslow Children's Home introduced herself and a member of staff. The home has opened in Tittensor and is keen to work with the community.

19/158 Reports of County Councillors and Borough Councillors

Cllr James reported that Cllr Price had been voted in as an Alderman of the Borough in recognition of his service to the community. SBC is considering the introduction of a £36 annual charge to empty brown bins of garden waste. Scheduled meetings of SBC had been moved to 2020 due to the election on 12 December 2019.

The Chairman closed the public session of the meeting.

19/159 Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Bickerstaffe and Price, Cllr J Pert SBC and SCC, Cllr J Nixon SBC.

19/160 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.

19/161 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2019

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

19/162 Clerk's Report, Items not on the agenda

The Clerk reported that information had been received from MoD advising of a training exercise with explosives during 6 to 14 December 2019.

Date

Cll K Ong, Chairman

SCC Regulation Team is still processing the Parish Council's concerns about the state of the road outside the soil treatment site at Cold Meece.

SPCA is offering information from NALC for Parish Councils on combating loneliness and a Climate Change Workbook.

19/163 Financial matters

19/163.i November accounts for payment

The following accounts were considered –

Clerk's salary and expenses	522.89
Mr E Challinor, moving speed sign	35.00
Play Inspection Company, inspections of Ferndown & Tittensor play areas	180.00
Eon, Swynnerton street lamp maintenance/energy	92.34
Information Commissioner's Office, Data protection	40.00
SBC Concurrent allowance overpayment	<u>1,300.00</u>
Total payments for November 2019	£2,170.23

SBC inadvertently included the wrong amount of Concurrent Allowance in their calculations for this year's precept etc, and have now requested a repayment of £1,300.

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

19/163.ii. Consideration of precept requirements for 2020-2021

After discussion Councillors agreed that the Clerk should circulate accurate figures on actual and projected expenditure for 2019-2020 before the next meeting, together with suggestions for expenditure projects during 2020-2021, prior to the next meeting.

19/164 Traffic issues in the Parish

19/164.i Update on available speed sign data

Cllr Butler confirmed he would submit information on the flashing speed sign for inclusion in the Parish Council newsletter. Information downloaded from the flashing speed sign would be forwarded to Speedwatch.

After discussion Councillors agreed a long-term plan for the flashing speed sign; permanent poles should be installed at each site in Tittensor and Swynnerton, with permanent solar powered units in Trentham where the volume of traffic was so much higher. The Clerk would confirm the costs prior to the next meeting. SCC funding had now ceased but future funding might be available from the HS2 project should it go ahead. **Action: Clerk**

19/164.ii Reduction in traffic speeds near Hatton Waterworks

Councillors agreed that this discussion should be carried forward to a future meeting, when Cllr Pert would have details of traffic volume and speeds in the area.

19/165 Ward matters

19/165.i Swynnerton, issues raised by residents

Councillors agreed that the Clerk should write to the owner of The Old Post Office and request that the site is tidied up before the start of judging for the 2020 Best Kept Village competition. **Action: Clerk**

Work had been carried out on the footpath south of Swynnerton. The Clerk would contact SCC Highways to try to ascertain who was responsible. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Mateu was hoping to hold regular surgeries in The Fitzherbert Arms and would let the Clerk have details and also Cllr Ong for inclusion in the Parish Council newsletter and local publications

19/165.ii Tittensor, issues raised by residents

A buffet had been arranged for Sunday 6 December 2019, 2 to 5 pm, to celebrate recent success in the BKV competition, and all Councillors were invited.

Councillors agreed that Mr Challinor should be asked to quote for tasks listed in the recent safety inspection report for the play area.

19/165.iii Trentham, issues raised by residents

There were no issues raised by residents.

19/166 Grass cutting arrangements for the Parish

After discussion Councillors agreed that the Clerk should obtain quotes for grass cutting in the Parish during 2020 from John Green Landscapes, Trent Grounds Maintenance, Streetscene, and SCC. **Action: Clerk**

19/167 Neighbourhood Plan, progress on submission of Plan

The Chairman was continuing to update the Plan by removing all references to Yarnfield and checking the validity of the data derived from the questionnaires, and would liaise with Cllr James SBC.

19/168 HS2, update on project

Date

Cllr K Ong, Chairman

No progress was expected until the report of the Review which was due in 2020. Yarnfield Parish Council was negotiating with HS2 to arrange a date for a meeting to discuss their Petition to the House of Lords.

19/169 Parish Council Newsletter

Cllr Ong had circulated a draft Newsletter prior to the meeting, which was approved.

19/170 Items for next Church magazine

This item was deferred to the December meeting.

19/171 Correspondence and circulars received by the Clerk

The Clerk reported the receipt of SBC Members Digest 261; Natwest Bank, information on International Payments Tariffs; SBC invitation to Mayor's Charity Ball; The Clerk Magazine, November issue; SPCA details of AGM, agenda and minutes from 2018 AGM; letter informing SPC of noisy training exercise from 6 to 14 December.

19/172 Date of next meeting

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