

SWABY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Present: Cllrs Challis (Chair); Cooper, Daniels, Start, Leonard, & Gibson  
Mrs J. Cooper (Parish Clerk)

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr Challis took the Chair.

**28 APOLOGIES**

Apologies and valid reasons for absence were received from Cllrs Bailey, Millburn and Powis and these were accepted.

**29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations made.

**30 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2019**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that these be signed by the Chairman as a correct record of that meeting.

**31 UPDATES**

Minute 22 – The Clerk has requested ELDC to send planning applications as paper consultations.

Cllr Gibson advised he had not yet been able to arrange a police meeting, possibly October/November now. There had been another burglary in the parish.

**32 FINANCE**

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the following accounts be paid:

Clerks salary & PAYE (August/September)	£254.00
ELDC Elections (3 “parishes” - £48.50 each)	£145.50

**33 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no further correspondence other than items the Clerk had forwarded through e-mail since the last meeting.

**34 NOTICE BOARDS**

Cllr Start had asked local joiner for quotations, Cllr Challis brought the e mail quotes sent through on the meeting day. Cllr Start felt Church Lane notice board could not be economically repaired, the quote appeared to be for two replacement notice boards at £980 each inc. VAT. The Clerk advised this would take a large chunk of reserves, and it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting to consider alternatives. It was agreed that the Council needed to look at future maintenance to protect the boards.

**35 WILDFLOWER PLANTING/VERGES**

Cllr Leonard advised that she had been approached by several villagers who did not want the verges cut as often, to allow wildflowers to flourish. LCC cut one metre of verge adjacent to the roadside, and local farmers had been cutting the rest to keep the village looking tidy.

Cllr Daniels advised that they would consider planting of wildflowers on verges, “Yellow Rattle” was suggested as an ideal plant. It was agreed that Cllr Daniels would speak to Mr Wharton about reducing frequency and level of cutting.

Cllr Leonard also raised the matter of the pond, which was on private land and although did not look tidy was in its way a haven for other wildlife.

**36 PARISH TREE PLANTING**

This to be deferred to the next meeting.

**37 PLANNING**

There were no applications to consider.

Decisions:

173/938/19 – Jasmine Cottage – vehicular access. Conditionally approved (in accordance with plans, hedge to be lowered to 0.6m)

160/493/19 – Manor Farm, South Ormsby – development to change use to heritage centre. Refused (increase in traffic along access road resulting in significant harm to amenities of occupants of Old Post Office).

160/494/19 – Manor Farm – Listed Building Consent for alterations to farmhouse and stable block. Conditionally approved (in accordance with plans, materials to be approved, details of window frames and doors to be approved).

**38 ANY OTHER MATTERS/NEXT AGENDA**

Next agenda:

Notice boards.

Parish Tree planting.

Church donations

Village hall donation.

1stdraft budget 20/21

**39 NEXT MEETING**

This was set at 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019, with 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 as the following meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm