

## SWABY GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020

Present: Cllrs Bailey (Chair); Start; Powis; Leonard; Gibson; Cooper; Dransfield; Millburn  
Mrs J. Cooper (Parish Clerk)

LCC Cllr H. Marfleet

#### 51 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Daniels and Challis were absent

#### 52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

#### 53 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the Chairman sign the minutes of the meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 as official minutes.

#### 54 UPDATES

During this item the Chairman invited Cllr Marfleet (LCC) to give the Council any updates on LCC matters. Cllr Marfleet advised on the appointment of Highways Officer for this area (R. Cruxford). Discussions on potholes and the state of roads in general followed, Cllr Marfleet advised a new contractor would be starting in April and he hoped improvements would follow.

#### 55 POLICING ISSUES IN THE AREA

The Clerk had contacted Spilsby Policing Team for information on the area and incidents and asked the PCSO to attend the meeting, unfortunately she was unable. The area is split between Spilsby area (covering the Parishes in the Group) and Louth rural (covers Walmsgate area). Cllr Powis attended a meeting in the Village Hall organised by members of the community who were concerned at the burglaries in the area over the last year. He has also joined "Lincolnshire Alert" to receive information on any incidents in the parish. It was felt that if the community were active in setting up meetings there was no need for the Parish Council to duplicate this. Cllr Dransfield volunteered to contact the lead member of the community to relay the Parish Council's actions to date and to suggest the setting up of a "Whats App" group for the area.

#### 56 FINANCE

##### a) Accounts for payment:

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

Clerks salary & PAYE (Dec/Jan) £254.00

(Cllr Marfleet left the meeting at this point)

##### b) Budget – before discussion on the budget the agenda item no: 8 was brought forward and discussed. The Clerk had received a quote from local joinery company of £790 for a double door notice board including fitting. She also advised that currently the AONB Lincolnshire Small Grant fund was committed until April.

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to:

a) Ask the joiner to give a full quote for an oak notice board to replace the one on Church Lane, Swaby, fitted to existing legs and made of oak timber.

b) Ask the joiner to take the notice board from South Thoresby away and repair it. With this in mind the budget/precept was discussed for the financial year 20/21. It was agreed not to increase the precept by the probable full amount needed for the works to the notice boards, but to increase by 3% and either use reserves or grant funding to cover the difference. It was therefore proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the precept request would be **£3069**, representing a charge of £27.64 per Band D property in the Group (111 Band D properties).

**c) Swaby Fund**

The Clerk confirmed having written to Mrs King and sending a copy of the bank's letter regarding the freezing of the account. Only cheque signatories can resurrect the account, request a new up to date cheque book and up to date bank statements. Cllr Bailey agreed to take the files and contact the Bank to see if he could assist as he was also a cheque signatory and then to contact Mrs King and Mrs Traves to ascertain whether they both wished to retire as Trustees with Cllrs Gibson and Daniels replacing them as previously discussed.

It is probable that the Village Hall Committee will make application for some funding towards a Village Hall open evening shortly.

**d) Village Hall Annual Report and Accounts 2019**

These were circulated to members of the Parish Council and noted. Members wished to record their congratulations to the Committee for the good sound financial footing the hall was now on, and for the improvements made to date.

**57 CORRESPONDENCE**

- E mail cc from M. Davy LCC to J. Stockdale relating to damaged fence at South Thoresby Warren Nature Reserve
- LALC – update on Clustering of parish councils. Survey carried out relating to the benefits of cluster working between parishes, small councils find it useful mainly in information sharing or collective responses to planning applications affecting more than one parish; those clustering with larger towns felt swamped by the larger towns; LALC obtaining funding to develop this further.
- LALC Training Scheme – it was agreed not to join
- Clerks and Councils Direct – circulated
- Swaby Village Hall – letter of thanks for grant
- Lincs Wolds Facilities Guide asking if there were any update to listed facilities, there were none.

**58 PLANNING**

Application N173/2076/19 – High Barn Cottage – Extension had been circulated to members via e mail for comments (Cllr Daniells declared an interest at the time). Planning decision received for this – Conditionally approved – to be in accordance with the plans; external render, tiles and tile hanging to match existing.

**59 ANY OTHER MATTERS/NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

There were none

**60 DATE AND TIME NEXT MEETING**

This was noted as 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7pm

**61 TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION**

This was agreed and the council procedures noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm