

ZOOM MEETING OF SWIMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
TUESDAY 16th MARCH 2021 at 7.30 PM
MINUTES

Public Session

Guest Speakers

- 2021.15 **Apologies and attendance** - Apologies received from Cllrs Dodd and Haworth-Booth, District Cllrs Luggar and Lane and County Cllr Edgell.
- 2021.16 **Declarations of Interest** - none
- 2021.17 **Minutes of previous meeting** - one action to carry over to the next meeting as Cllr Haworth-Booth is not attending this meeting. The minutes were agreed and signed.
- 2021.18 **Correspondence**
Draft Resource and Waste Strategy for Devon and Torbay – circulated
Driving Change – the road to Net-Zero - circulated
Small World – Playground Inspection App – circulated
Quote from Western Power for electrical connection in Glebe Field – to be discussed in Community Engagement.
Parking obstructions in Church Lane. This is a report from a resident who is concerned that cars parking in Church Lane are causing the roadway to be so narrow that his house is being damaged by vehicles attempting to pass. This matter was considered, and after lengthy debate regarding a likely solution it was decided to pass on his concerns to the Highways department for investigation. Action LW
- 2021.19 **Committee Reports**
1. Planning
71395 – Daysprings, Swimbridge. Conversion of loft space – **APPROVED**
72371 – Jack Russell – Discharge of Condition 14 – **APPROVED**
72992 – Dennington Park, Bydown – erection of machinery Store. The Planning Committee will visit this application Action GD/CW
- 2. Finance**
To appoint the internal auditor for accounts 2020/21. It was agreed that the Parish Council will appoint Mrs Julie Snooks.
- Account balances :
Current a/c £2526.35 Deposit a/c £2169.11 Glebe Field a/c £5190.00

3. Community Engagement

Cllr Knill has obtained a quote for the installation of a socket box (in the sum of £230 + VAT) It was proposed and agreed that this quote should be accepted. Planning permission has been received for the erection of the lightpole on the Air Ambulance landing site, however the permission has been granted on a temporary basis – this is a probationary period in the event of the site causing any detrimental effects. It is not certain that the Air Ambulance would wish to continue with the site with this restriction in place. CW will liaise with Toby Russell to approach the Planning Officer. Arrangements were discussed for the completion of the boundary hedge works on the Old Orchard site.

Cllr Knill reported that there was a problem with one of the bolts on the zip wire on the Play area – the threads on the bolt have stripped and the bolt will not tighten. The contractor has checked the site and will make a repair – they have agreed that their work will meet the inspection criteria. Cllr Wadsworth will get written confirmation of this and also confirmation that it will not affect the warranty.

Action CW

It was agreed that Cllr Morrish will replace Cllr Skinner on the Community Engagement Committee and that Cllr Mahoney will sit on Finance Committee.

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Meeting schedule 2021/22 and elections May 2021

The clerk reported that the Council's regular meeting schedule had become disrupted by the necessity to meet by Zoom, but that it was possible to return to meetings being held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month after the May elections. It is not clear at this time what arrangements will be in force, as the legislation allowing remote meetings will expire on 6th May and the meeting will not be due until 11th May. The clerk has circulated details of the Electoral Commission website which will give Councillors election information.

Schedule of Meetings for 2021

13th April, 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 14th September, 12th October, 9th November.

2021.21

Payments for approval :

Clerks Salary	£160.72
Skyline Tree Surgery	£210.00
All payments agreed	

2021.22

Matters for further discussion

Cllr Knill advised that Council was continuing to sort out the football field and goalposts, but that it would probably be necessary to purchase a white lining machine, probable cost in the region of £400 - £500. Cllr Newnham will carry out some research on the best type of machine. Cllr Knill will seek advise from Wayne at Landkey Football Club. Work is proceeding on the site, Cllr Morrish will identify a possible storage site for the woodchippings, Cllr Knill will spread chippings on Monday. There was a discussion about the water supply on the field. This is an old agricultural installation, and will not be suitable for a general water supply. Council will need to arrange a new supply.

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