



**MEETING OF SWIMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2023 at 7.30 PM SWIMBRIDGE JUBILEE HALL**

MINUTES

Public Session

Guest Speakers

Welcome to our new District Councillor Victoria Nel.

Cllr Lane reported that the certificate of lawfulness for Ducklake Cottage has not yet been issued. Planning Department will chase legal.

Cllr Lane also asked where the site was for the new school which is to be built in Swimbridge. Cllr Knill explained that the site is on the existing school field plus the reversion strip alongside it.

2023.01 **Apologies and attendance – Apologies received from Cllrs Ackland and Dennis. In attendance Cllrs Knill, Wadsworth, Darch and Haworth-Booth, District Cllrs Lane and Nel.**

2023.02 **Declarations of Interest – none received**

2023.03 **Minutes of previous meeting**

There were several actions from the previous minutes :

Report from Cllr Henderson. The clerk has provisionally booked the Jubilee Hall for the consultation day.

Report from Cllr Lane. The clerk has checked with Julie Whitton regarding Griffiths and as far as she is aware they will carry out the works as described in their original e-mail. There is to be a meeting shortly to determine the scale of the works being carried out.

2022.59. Cllr Wadsworth has master copies of the check sheets from Touchwood.

2022.60. The probation service are not able to carry out skilled work, so will not be able to work on the phone box.

2022.61. Website – as Cllr Wright was not at the meeting, it is not known if the new website is live yet.

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.

2023.04 **Correspondence**

Richard Halliday – Speed Awareness group initiative for Landkey and Swimbridge. Councillors are happy to support the initiative, and Cllr Haworth-Booth volunteered to represent the Parish Council if a committee is formed. The clerk will reply to Mr Halliday and inform him that we are organising a consultation in Swimbridge to gauge interest in lowering the speed limit.

2023.05 Committee Reports

1. **Planning** – nothing to report

2. **Finance** – nothing to report

3. Community Engagement/Glebe Field

Cllr Wadsworth reported that the Toddler equipment has now been installed and the feedback received so far is that everyone is pleased with the design and functionality. The next step is to install a fence around the area for safety. This should be carried out in the next few weeks at a proposed cost of around £1800.

Sam and Emily Whitton have been fund raising to purchase a see-saw, they have achieved their target, and this piece of equipment will be installed soon.

After a turbulent 6 months, Swimbridge School has been placed on the Capital Building Programme. This means that the reversion strip in the Glebe Field will revert to the Diocese. However, it is felt that there may be some room for negotiation if the Old Orchard could be used, re-locating the dog walking area.

There is to be a meeting next week with Griffiths Contractors to discuss the perimeter path works.

The lower hedge of the dog-walking area needs re-laying. The Parish Council has received 2 quotes

- a. Kevin Toze £850
- b. A&M Contractors £900

It was agreed to accept the quote from Kevin Toze.

4. Media Committee

As Cllr Wright was not in attendance it was agreed that rh Clerk will contact him to find out if the new website is anywhere near ready. Cllrs are concerned that our current website is not being updated and that as such we are not compliant.

2023.06 Payments for approval :

Clerks Salary	£301.69 & £198.97 (November)
Julie Whitton expenses	£34.78
Ian Rowsell	£60.00
Outdoor Play	£10,086.00
A&M Contractors	£715.00
DCC	£75.00
Zurich Insurance	£968.36

All payments agreed

2023.07 Matters for further discussion

After some discussion about the speed consultation, it was agreed that the original date of 3rd February was too close to allow proper preparation, the clerk will see if 17th March is available in the Jubilee Hall. Cllr Haworth-Booth has drafted a questionnaire. Cllr Wadsworth suggested that questions 6 and 7 should be removed, and this was agreed. The clerk will arrange for the questionnaire to be

distributed, and will also ask Julie Whitton to advertise the consultation in the newsletter, and Cllr Darch will put it on the Facebook page. We need to consider how we gauge the results. **This will be an agenda item for the meeting in February.**

Cllr Knill has had complaints about parking on the main road at the bottom of Dennington Hill. **This will also be an agenda item for February meeting.**

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