



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SWIMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 15TH MAY 2023 at 7.30 PM SWIMBRIDGE JUBILEE HALL**

MINUTES

Public Session

Guest Speakers – Cllr Knill offered congratulations to District Cllr Lane on his re-election

2023.36 Apologies and attendance – apologies received from Cllr Haworth-Booth. In attendance Cllrs Knill, Wadsworth, Wright and Ackland

2023.37 Declarations of Interest - none

2023.38 Minutes of previous meeting – these were agreed and signed.

2023.39 Chairmans Report

Great progress has been made on the Park – all toddler equipment is now installed with just the fencing to be completed. The Whitton family carried out some fantastic fund-raising activities and these funds were used to purchase a see-saw. The planings for the path have been stored on site just waiting for Griffiths to start the work which should be later in the summer. The ASDA grant has a cutoff date to be used by, Julie Whitton (Park committee secretary is going to apply to have this deadline extended). The Park open day was a huge success and raised approximately £4000 – these funds will be allocated to projects later in the year. Many people asked if this event could become an annual event. Plans for this year will have to fit in around the installation of the perimeter path, so possibly will be delayed until next year. The hedgerow between the school field and the Old Orchard was re-laid – just waiting for the brash to be burnt. Unfortunately we have lost a couple of our Councillors due to work commitments, thanks to Mel Darch and Brett Dennis. Also I would like to personally thank all Councillors for the hard work and commitment throughout the year. Finally I would like to mention the death of John Bartlett. John was a parish councillor for many years and chairman for some of those years. He was a long time supporter of the Park, being the committee treasurer for some time and will be sadly missed in the village community. The Park Committee finances are being looked after temporarily by Mike Mansell

At the conclusion of his report Cllr Knill stood down as Chairman

2023.40 Election of Chairman
Cllr Knill was nominated, seconded and elected unanimously

2023.41 Election of vice-chairman
Cllr Wadsworth was nominated, seconded and elected unanimously

2023.42 Appointment of representatives on Committees – it was agreed that at the moment membership would remain the same, but would be re-considered later in the year.

2023.43 Correspondence – all correspondence has been circulated by email

2023.44 Meeting dates for 2023-24 – it was suggested that meeting be moved to 2nd Thursday of each month. The clerk will check with the Jubilee Hall booking clerk that these evenings are available and confirm the next meeting date.

2023.45 **Speed consultation/Community Speedwatch update** – this was postponed to the next meeting.

2023.46 **Committee Reports**

1. Planning

77036 – Summer moor – see attached report from Cllr Haworth-Booth. It was agreed to comment that although there was no reason to refuse the current application, notice should be paid to the history of planning at this site.

73160 – New House, Swimbridge - **application withdrawn**

76598 – Willows, Dennington Hill – **APPROVED**

2. Finance

The accounts were presented by the Clerk. All agreed and the AGAR was approved and signed.

3. Community Engagement/Glebe Field

Still waiting for Griffiths to give a start date for the path works, now probably early to mid summer.

The football field has been cut. The rest of the field and the banks are awaiting cutting under the A&M contract.

It has been suggested that we should re-introduce ducks to the pond on the stream, and £1000 has been offered. It was agreed to investigate this further and to ask the Church committee for their views.

Funding has also been offered for the re-furbishment of the telephone box, but concern is that the paint is old lead paint. The clerk will order a lead paint test to check this.

There has also been a move to regenerate the Green Team.

It was agreed to go ahead and order the fencing materials.

The Chairman signed the agreement for the monitoring and checking of the park play equipment to be carried out by North Devon Council. The clerk will return this to Andrew Moulton.

4. Media Committee – Social media accounts are operating OK – Mel Darch has offered to still post for us.

2023.34 **Payments for approval :**

Clerks Salary	£301.69
Ian Rowsell	£60.00
Play Safety	£115.20
All agreed	

2023.35 **Matters for further discussion**

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