



MEETING OF SWIMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2023 at 7.30 PM SWIMBRIDGE JUBILEE HALL

MINUTES

Public Session - There was some discussion about a possible planning application in the fields at the back of Skyline, Dennington Hill.

Guest Speakers – Cllr Lane had nothing to report. Cllr Wadsworth asked him to report back to the elections office about the delays in processing the election nomination papers at the Council offices.

2023.27 Apologies and attendance – apologies received from Cllrs Darch and Dennis and District Cllr Nel. In attendance Cllrs Knill, Wadsworth, Ackland and Haworth-Booth and District Cllr Lane.

2023.28 Declarations of Interest - none

2023.29 Minutes of previous meeting – these were agreed and signed

2023.30 Correspondence – none to be discussed

2023.31 Speed consultation/Community Speedwatch
8 volunteers have joined the Community Speedwatch Group. All names have been sent to the Police Authority and are awaiting training before identifying sites for the speed check camera. Cllr Wright will have the online responses.

2023.32 Safety Checks on Park Equipment – The contract has been received from the Andrew Moulton. Cllr Knill has signed this and it will be returned to North Devon Council. Cllrs Knill and Wadsworth will now cease their weekly checks.

2023.33 Committee Reports

1. **Planning** – nothing to report

2. **Finance**

Approval of annual accounts. The clerk has prepared the accounts – these were approved and will be passed on to the internal auditor.

3. Community Engagement/Glebe Field

The additional see-saw has been installed.

Griffiths have delivered the planings for the path – there is more to come when planing is finished on the link road. Top soil is also due to be delivered, a site should be identified for storage. Griffiths have confirmed that they will carry out all of the works for the path.

2 potential dates have been suggested for the Swimbridge Music Festival - 9th and 16th September.

A chipper should be hired to deal with the brash from the hedge clearance. Logs will be made available to the village for collection .

One of the young villagers is doing the Duke of Edinburgh award, litter picking around the river and water testing above the village at Riverton and in the Glebe Field. Cllr Wadsworth had been asked to look into testing for sewage contamination – this is a service that needs to be bought in, although tests can be purchased at £8 each. It was decided that this testing should be carried out 4 times per year. **Cllr Wadsworth** will pass on to Cllr Haworth-Booth the details of the tests to be purchased.

The grass in the field needs cutting, as it has been too wet up till now. **Cllr Wadsworth** will liaise with Andrew Hutchings to arrange for it to be done as soon as it is dry enough – the wildflower meadow will be mowed when dry also.

4. Media Committee – nothing to report.

2023.34

Payments for approval :

Clerks Salary	£301.69
Ian Rowsell	£60.00
Outdoor Play	£1026.60
Rhino Contractors	£514.14

All payments agreed

2023.17

Matters for further discussion

Reported to the Parish Council – large amounts of mud on the road where garden renovations are being carried out on Station Hill. The clerk will report to Highways.

Can some chicken wire be attached to the bottom of the gate in the dog walking area to prevent small dogs and puppies from escaping.

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