



MEETING OF SWIMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 10th August 2023 at 7.30 PM SWIMBRIDGE JUBILEE HALL

MINUTES

Public Session

Cllr Knill suspended standing orders so that this could be discussed as an agenda item:

Mrs Susie Hind gave a presentation regarding the Green Team (notes attached as they are in Powerpoint format)

It was resolved that Mrs Hind be appointed to organise the Green Team, and that applicants for the Snow/ Road Warden and Parish Paths Representative be sought.

Standing orders resume.

Guest Speakers

Cllr Henderson was pleased that meeting dates have changed as he should now be able to attend more often. He is pleased that we are actively seeking a Road Warden as there is funding available to support this initiative.

He reported that the mobile library service has now been completely withdrawn. He also reported that the Homeless Grant was carrying on for a further year and advised that if there are any families or individuals in our Parish who are struggling, there is plenty of advice and support available from the Council – check the DCC website for this.

The drains at Road Lane should be sorted out soon – Cllr Henderson promised to follow this up.

Cllr Lane has nothing to report.

Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that he will be out and about working with the Green Teams and is very happy to see it being resurrected in Swimbridge.

He reported that Himalayan Balsam was becoming an issue for riverbanks and parklands, and asked if it was known to be a county-wide problem.

Cllr Haworth-Booth also advised that the Bridge Trust is giving Samaritan grants for people on Universal Credit.

2023.58 Apologies and attendance- apologies received from Cllrs Ackland and Wright. In attendance County Councillor Henderson, District Cllrs Lane and Haworth-Booth. Cllrs Knill and Wadsworth

2023.59 Declarations of Interest – none

2023.60 Minutes of previous meeting – these were agreed and signed

2023.61 Correspondence

SWW – works to be carried out to pumping station. Cllr Knill reported that they are replacing the holding tanks to reduce pollution. They are paying the PC £100 per week to rent space on the car park area and will leave the hard standing they have formed when they leave.

Builders Rubbish on Station Hill – this has been reported and dealt with.

2023.62 **Speed consultation/Community Speedwatch update** – Cllr Henderson will email the link to the questionnaire. The application can be continued whilst consultations are still ongoing. Cllr Henderson will ask the Police to carry out a speed monitoring exercise. Cllr Hawoth-Booth reported that there are 8 people in the Community Speedwatch group having final training followed by monitoring in the village at the school layby and Kerscott Hill.

2023.63 **Bench on square** – The clerk reported that she has obtained 2 quotes for benches. It was agreed that an order should be placed with Glasdons, but check with them first if they have any packing available to level up the bench.

2023.64 **Water Testing on Venn Stream** – Cllr Wadsworth suggested that this should be a bacterial test – he will contact the Environment Agency to enquire about this. The clerk will also chase up the EA about cleaning out the silting on the stream in the square as they had promised it would be done late summer.

CW/LW

2023.65 **Green Team** – this was discussed under suspended standing orders in the Public session

2023.66 **Telephone Box Update** – Cllr Wadsworth reported that he has met with a ne Company after the demise of Blue Orange and they are putting together a quote for 5 perspex panels printed and installed. It was suggested that 2 items could include Swimbridge walking maps and information (via Pete Christie) that the Tannery had the first telephone line installed in North Devon.

2023.67 **Committee Reports**

1. Planning

77447 – Demolition of garage and erection of single story extension at 3 The Orchards, Swimbridge No problem with this application – Good Design.

77474 – Erection of new stable block at Wrimstone Farm, Cobbaton The planning committee visited this site – it is tucked in out of sight from the road

77449- Replacement hardwood windows at Mill Cottage, Mill Court, Swimbridge No problem – no loss of heritage.

2. Finance the clerk reported that she has purchased the new laptop and associated equipment. Cllr Wadsworth reminded that capital depreciation should be considered when setting the next budget.

3. Community Engagement/Glebe Field – Cllr Wadsworth contacted Touchwood concerning the comments from the inspection. They have suggested that a survey is required so that they can determine what work is needed. It was suggested that it may be better to find another company to carry out the work. The fencing has been completed, the gates will be installed shortly.

4. Media Committee – no report

2023.68 **Payments for approval :**

Clerks Salary	£301.69 X 2
Ian Rowsell	£60.00
Currys	£906.17
NDDC – Dog Bins	£156.00
Parish Council Websites	£170.00
K J Snooks	£225.00
DCC Printing	£93.75
EDF Energy	£175.77
DALC	£227.61
Colin Wadsworth Cloud	£50.00
A&M Contractors	£870.00

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A&M Contractors costs were discussed and it was agreed that this contract should be re-negotiated.

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Items for discussion at next meeting

It was suggested that on-going items are retained in the agenda until resolved.
Cllr Haworth-Booth asked if the Churchyard Maintenance grant could be paid.

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