



Swimbridge Parish Council
THURSDAY 8th AUGUST 2024

MINUTES

Public Session

Guest Speakers

Cllr Henderson was concerned that Griffiths use of the site at Starcross Farm meant that heavy lorries and machinery were travelling through Landkey. However, the site should be winding up soon as the works are due for completion late summer. Once the works have been finalised, funding has been allocated for patching and top dressing the old road, with temporary repairs until next spring.

Cllr Haworth-Booth reported on self-build national targets, and that consideration is being given to building a new town on the link road.

2024.76 Apologies and attendance -apologies received from Cllrs Ackland and Wright. In attendance Cllrs Knill, Wadsworth, Haworth-Booth and Brown, District Cllr Lane and County Councillor Henderson.

2024.77 Declarations of Interest – none received

2024.78 Minutes of previous meeting
It was agreed to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2024

2024.79 Any matters arising from the minutes

2024.80 Policy Review and approval : Code of Conduct
The proposed new policy had been circulated with the agenda, with all Councillors in agreement that this should be approved and adopted.

2024.81 Speed consultation/Community Speedwatch – Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that there is now an extra monitoring site in Newport, and the Police have approved 4 more sites on Newport Road. There are now 6 volunteers, which is enough. Swimbridge was monitored and out of 93 vehicles, 1 was speeding.

2024.82 Telephone Box – Cllr Wadsworth has contacted Nigel Dennis and he will supply a quote.

2024.83 Grass Cutting Tender- the tenders are due in by 30th August, these will be considered at the next meeting, and a decision made.

2024.84 Provision of Rubbish Bins in the Park. The main stumbling block is the emptying of the bins. It was decided to ask Andrew Moulton if his department would be able to take this on. Cllr Henderson offered £600 grant funding for this project.

2024.85 Neighbourhood Development Plan – after some discussion it was felt that it would be wise to wait until the direction of the new government is clear on this. The clerk will forward the slides from the presentation.

2024.86 Committee Reports
1. Planning – Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that he had reported, along with photos, the illegal digging of a quarry at Summermoor. The Planners visited the site, but the hole had by then been filled in. This is now with planners at County Level. Visits being arranged for Marsh Plain and Tordown.

2. Finance

Accounts balances at 29TH May 2024:

Current account £7240.09 Reserve account £10494.58 Glebe Field account £1.29

3. Community Engagement/Glebe Field/Green Team

Mechanical Scythe training is required so that we can borrow the machine from Landkey.

The shelving for the storage unit has arrived.

At the last Parklands meeting, it was agreed that the equipment will be moved away from the fence, in order to comply with the safety requirements. The Parish Council, as the owners of the equipment, will order Outdoor Play to carry out the work, which will be paid for by Parklands.

The Gate post on the main road access has rotted and the gate will not close. The clerk will ask the school if they can get this repaired.

The Environment Agency has cleared the stream but have done an extremely poor job. Cllr Wadsworth approached the workers and asked them to clear away the bank they have left, but they had been instructed to leave a section of silt as an environmental reservoir. They have suggested contacting the Asset Performance Team at Exeter Head Office and ask to meet someone on site to request re-evaluation.

There has been rubbish dumped at the LiveWest housing site on St Honorine Du Fay Close. The clerk will contact LiveWest to have it removed.

4. Media. – nothing to report.

2024.87

Payments for approval

NDC - Clerks Salary	£321.60
Ian Rowsell	£60.00
A&M Contractors	£1070.00
NDC _ Dog Bins	£164.11
Scribe Accounts	£331.20
Town and Parish Council Websites	£180.00
Rapid Racking (Visa)	£490.50
Toolden (Visa)	£38.95
Wickes (Visa)	£12.00
Amazon (refund to Mrs Hind)	£33.98
St Johns Garden Centre	£250.00
Brought forward from July	
NDC – Clerks Salary	£321.60
Ian Rowsell	£60.00
DALC	£318.79
Jubilee Hall	£150.00
Amazon – extension reels	£101.55

All payments approved.

2024.88

Items to be added to agenda for the next meeting.

Keep Neighbourhood Planning on the Agenda.

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