



MEETING OF SWIMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
THURSDAY 11th JANUARY 2024 at 7.30 PM SWIMBRIDGE JUBILEE HALL

MINUTES

Public Session

Guest Speakers

Cllr Henderson reported that he had a meeting with Richard Sables as they are keen to look at the parking situation in Landkey and Swimbridge. There is a concern that when the new link road is occasionally closed due to roadworks or accidents, the traffic will once again need to be re-routed through the villages which causes backlogs due to large lorries attempting to negotiate the road narrowed by parked cars. The Council is considering ways to reduce this problem – one way may be to install some double yellow lines. Cllr Henderson is also meeting with Griffiths to discuss why they are still closing the link road most nights – he considers that the residents of Landkey and Swimbridge have had enough disruption, and this really should not still be happening. The works are scheduled to finish this summer, but this is not looking likely at the moment – the new Landkey footbridge should be completed by Easter.

Highways are dealing with a huge number of potholes on the road network, and have 28 teams out doing patch repairs. Recently £6.6million was allocated to DCC from the HS2 monies, however none of this was allocated to North Devon.

Cllr Lane reported that he still has some grant monies available, applications will need to be in very quickly. It was suggested that £400 be requested. Cllr Lane also reported that the Summermoor planning application was refused.

Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that Barnstaple Bus Station will have a new café and toilets this year – hopefully these will be open by Easter.

At the planning meeting yesterday, the Case Officer recommended the Summermoor application be refused. This may now go to enforcement, however, the application may still appeal again.

2024.01 Apologies and attendance – No apologies received. In attendance Cllrs Knill, Wadsworth, Haworth-Booth and Ackland, District Cllr Lane and County Cllr Henderson.

2024.02 Declarations of Interest – none received

2024.03 Minutes of previous meeting – these were agreed and signed

2024.04 Correspondence
DALC -notice of subscription increase.
Joe Grammer – request for dog bin at Dennington Hill. This has been discussed previously, however a request was received to re-think the decision. Cllrs felt that we already have adequate dog waste bins for a village of this size, and that the cost of collection of the waste was not budgeted for. It was decided that we would inform Ms Grammer that we cannot install a new dog bin at this present time, however we will keep the request under review in case additional requests are made.

- 2024.05** **Speed consultation/Community Speedwatch** – any update. Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that there are 9 members of the Community Speedwatch Group and regular sessions are being held. Fortunately no speeding has been detected!
- 2024.06** **Telephone Box** – any update. Cllr Wadsworth reported that he is still waiting for quotes for the work to be carried out.
- 2024.07** **Shed/Container for Field** – LW has received a couple of quotes for a 20ft container
Titan Containers – £1850 for a refurbished container

Portable Space - £2425 for refurbished container and £4000 for Grade A condition

Knill suggested asking Nick Sampson for a quote.
- 2024.08** **Insurance Renewal** – LW reported that Zurich had offered an online insurance deal which worked out quite a bit cheaper – she will contact them to discuss this.
- 2024.09** **Committee Reports**
1. Planning – Welcome Farm, Barn Conversion. No issues with this application

2. Finance – LW reported that £1400 has been received from SWWater.
Bank Balances are :
Current a/c £7042.06
Reserve a/c £10670.58
Glebe Field a/c £1,29
- 3. Community Engagement/Glebe Field/Green Team**
Thanks to Susie Hinds who has been doing a fantastic job with the Green Team and reporting regularly to the Parish Council. Cllr Haworth-Booth asked if river water testing will be carried out?
The hedges will soon need to be trimmed, Cllr Knill will contact Paul Bulled to organise this.
- 4. Media.** – nothing to report.
- 2024.10** **Payments for approval**
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| Clerks Salary | £301.69 x 2 |
| Ian Rowsell | £60.00 |
| A&M Contractors | £420.00 |
| DCC (Printing) | £93.75 |
| Jubilee Hall Rental | £157.50 |
| NDC (Dog Bins) | £156.00 |
- All payments agreed
- 2024.11** **Items for discussion at next meeting**
Tender for grass cutting
Installation of mirror at Hannaford Lane junction