



## **Swimbridge Parish Council**

THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 at 7.30 PM SWIMBRIDGE JUBILEE HALL

# **MINUTES**

### **Public Session**

#### **Guest Speakers**

Cllr Haworth-Booth thanked Cllr Henderson for the interesting talk he had given in the Church. The Gambling Act is being reviewed – members of the Licensing Committee were asked to confirm that they would not wish to have a casino in North Devon – this motion was agreed. With regard to the car which has been abandoned in the hedge on the bend towards Landkey, Cllr Haworth-Booth confirmed that this belongs to a visitor who had no insurance. He is trying to get the police to move it.

- 2024.36**      **Apologies and attendance** – apologies received from Cllr Wright and County Cllr Henderson. In attendance Cllrs Knill, Wadsworth, Ackland and Haworth-Booth and District Cllr Lane
- 2024.37**      **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Wadsworth declared an interest in Item 2024.44 and did not take part in the discussion.
- 2024.38**      **Minutes of previous meeting**  
Approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 -these were agreed and signed.  
Cllr Wadsworth is concerned that any items requiring actions or updates are not being picked up. It was agreed that an agenda item 'Matters Arising' will be added.
- 2024.39**      **Correspondence**  
Call for EV sites – Cllr Wadsworth will follow up and report at the next meeting.      **CW**
- 2024.40**      **Speed consultation/Community Speedwatch** – Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that they are still concentrating on Landkey as there is a shortage of Swimbridge Residents in the group.
- 2024.41**      **Telephone Box** – It was proposed and agreed to accept the quote which has been received.      **CW**
- 2024.42**      **Grass Cutting Tender** – A new specification was discussed and agreed. Cllr Wadsworth will update this ready for sending out to prospective contractors. Agreed updates :  
Change performance requirements.  
Add the new nature area.  
Details of the proposed new school building.
- 2024.43**      **Storage Depot on Marsh Plain** – Complaints have been received about this depot being used late in the night and causing disruption. Cllr Haworth-Booth will contact Tracey Blackmore to check that it is following planning rules.
- 2024.44**      **Legal Advisor to be appointed re new school building.** It was agreed that we should wait until the development begins before seeking legal advice.
- 2024.45**      **Play Equipment** – recommendations from monthly inspection reports. The clerk has received details of 2 contractors who may be interested in the work. They will be contacted.
- 2024.46**      **Building issues :**  
Allotments – The clerk will report this to Planning.

Welcombe Farm – The clerk will report this to Planning and cc the Rating Value Officer.

**2024.47**

## **Committee Reports**

### **1. Planning**

**78504** – West Irishborough. Change of use from Agricultural to Dwelling.. Visit arranged

### **2. Finance**

Accounts balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024:

Current account £2373.83 Reserve account £8950.95 Glebe Field account £1.29

The annual Governance Statement was considered and all items were agreed and ticked on Section1 of the AGAR

The accounts were considered and it was agreed that they should be signed by the Chairman and submitted to the internal auditor.

It was agreed that £1500 should be transferred to the Reserve account and earmarked for Repairs and Replacement of the play equipment.

The clerk will submit all year end paperwork to the auditor on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**3. Community Engagement/Glebe Field/Green Team** – Cllr Haworth-Booth reported that the paths to the benches have been mown and chippings laid down.

Susie Hinds has submitted a report from The Green Team which was rad out by Cllr Wadsworth.

Cllr Knill reported that the next Party in the Park will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, from 1pm to 10pm. He is arranging meetings for volunteers.

**4. Media.** – nothing to report

**2024.48**

### **Payments for approval**

NDC - Clerks Salary	£321.60
Ian Rowsell	£60.00
DALC	£277.00
Amazon	£150.33

All payments agreed.

**2024.49**

### **Items to be added to agenda for the next meeting.**

Co-option of Laura Brown to the Parish Council.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_