

Swanland Parish Council

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 1st October 2007
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SWANLAND
AT 7.30 PM**

Public present: 12 Plus 2 Police Officers

Open Forum

Residents concerned regarding School footpath. See Item 9 Ward Councillors report.

Enquiries made by resident regarding noise from refrigeration units. See Item 5 Matters Arising.

Public concerned with regard to state of allotments. See Item 14 Clerk's report.

Resident expressed concerns in connection with Beech tree at Priory Close. See Item 10 Trees.

1. **Present:** Chairman Mr G Chapman, Vice Chairman Mr M Burman, Councillors J Stead, Y Dumsday, J Richardson, M May, L Sanderson, Ward Councillor Julie Abraham.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor Helen Gilmour. Lindsay Fairburn.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes of previous meeting held 3rd September accepted as true record and signed.
4. **Declaration of personal or prejudicial interest:** Councillor Dumsday - Village Hall, SVA. Councillor Stead - School
5. **Matters Arising:**
 - Village Store:** Councillor Abraham has made inquiries as to progress of investigations regarding noise from refrigeration units on behalf of Councillor Gilmour while she is on sick leave. She has been informed that a visit has been made by the planning officer and that the units are being monitored. Discussions are to take place and Councillor Abraham will keep the Parish Council informed of any further developments. McCall has been asked to submit formal planning application. Question raised as to whether all units covered by planning. Mr Jones (resident) will do a list of events and the Chairman asked for copies to be sent to Clerk. It was stated that Environmental Health is to do another set of recordings to test frequencies. A suggestion was made for replacement of old units.
 - School footpath:** Report from Julie Abraham. Going to Cabinet and the meeting could be 16th October 2007. The cabinet can reject recommendations. The matter could end up with a public enquiry. The Ramblers Association has right of appeal but must be within 28 days. Parish Council needs to see the report. There are still sufficient residents who were here before 1964 when the school was bought and who could confirm that there was a route across the field. The Ramblers made a claim 1992, but legal claim was not established and an extension was built over the path. A resident stated that the footpath had been there for a great number of years and all agreed. She also mentioned that it should have been on definitive map. Councillor Dumsday asked how long the gate to the footpath could remain padlocked. Vice Chairman Burman proposed that a draft statement to be used when further information available, this was seconded by Councillor Dumsday. The Chairman has drafted a letter to the cabinet to be sent when date for meeting is confirmed.
 - Listed Building Status:** Amendment to listing number not confirmed at this date.
 - Area Forum:** Items requested not on Area Forum agenda. Disappointment was expressed regarding content of meeting.
 - Rights of Way:** Nothing to report.
 - School Safety Zone:** No further information received to date.
 - Walking and Cycling Workshops:** Information from Councillor Abraham circulated. Several suggestions for cycle path 1) Between Kemp Road and roundabout at Kemp/Beverley Road. 2) Ferriby to Elizabeth Hotel. 3)

Greenstiles Lane. 4) Request for path along Dale road to link with footway leading off Great Gutter Lane – Clerk to write in approximately a month to query further developments.

Village Signs: No further developments to report.

SVA Village of the Year Competition: Swanland highly commended.

6. Affordable Housing: Roger Jones gave a talk at the beginning of the meeting. Chairman stated that all criteria need to be known and asked that everyone takes time to think about it and consider implications.

7. News Letter and communication: Website approved by all. Commencement September 2007. This will give residents access and contact with Councillors, access to Planning Applications, minutes, agenda and other aspects of the work of the Parish Council. Links on the site to Swanland Village Association.

8. Police Report: Reported Crime 04/09/2007 – 30/9/2007

5/9/2007 Damage – Copper Beech Close

13/9/2007 Theft from vehicle – Dale Road (battery & spanners)

16/9/2007 Theft – Wauldby View (mobile phone)

16/9/2007 Common assault – Beech Hill Road

29/9/2007 Theft – West End, Scruton – 2 boilers from site.

Total 5 (last month 4) – The last month has yet again been relatively quiet with no trends or major offences to report. Each incident is an isolated event. The theft of the mobile phone relates to a “house party” one night and the common assault has a named offender, which is a relative of the victim. This does not mean residents should not be vigilant still. Dark nights are now with us, and opportunists make take advantage of this. When going out leave a light switched on, or use time adapters on your plugs, a house that appears occupied is a less likely target for the would-be burglar!

At a previous meeting Councillor Fairburn reported that she had seen a vehicle in area and people looking at properties in a suspicious manner. No further reports have been received. Chairman suggested residents take car number and report to police if occurrences like this happen in the future.

9. Ward Councillor’s Report: Councillor Gilmour is on sick leave. Councillor Abraham attends on her behalf.

Post Office closures – Swanland Post Office to remain open.

66 Mill Road conservatory – Ward Councillor Abraham has been to visit the resident and asked him to re-submit application. Councillor Dumsday proposed that this is to be discussed at the next meeting and her proposal was seconded by Councillor Richardson. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council hoped for more detailed plans and that the council should keep to the principle and look at what is actually proposed.

Paths

No further news received regarding safety barrier at West End development.

Councillor Abraham reports that footpath repairs to north side of West End are programmed to be completed by the end of the financial year.

10. Committee Reports:

Pond: Hugh Roberts of Pond Conservation Trust will be meeting Swanland Wildlife Group at the pond October 17th at 4.00pm. Sign to discourage people from feeding the waterfowl circulated. Chairman asked for others to attend on his behalf as he will be away on holiday. 100 Flag iris planted in cages. Water lilies seem to be rooting into bottom. Decision to plant was made with previous Chairman, Colin Hotham. Parish Council responsible for the pond. Others have offered more lilies. Monetary donation offered by a resident from Tranby Lane and it was suggested that this money could be used for the pond.

Playing Fields: Discussions are taking place with reference to access required by the scouts when the new extension is completed. There are also queries about funding for the development of the ball court for older children. Chairman and Councillor Richardson will meet to discuss this at a later date and report at next meeting.

Village Hall: Complaints received highlighting difficulties with parking in the hall car park. A letter will be included in the SVA news drawing users’ attention to problems. In next Parish news letter.

Trees: Concerns have been raised regarding a tree in the play area in the West End Development. The problem was reported some time ago regarding its protection but to date there has been no change to the situation. Planting of replacement trees for the dead or dying ones with same or similar species requested to preserve the tree scape. Objections have been raised regarding pruning of trees to provide extra light to dwellings. It is the responsibility of the developer to ensure that the purchasers of these properties are aware that the trees are subject to Tree Preservation Orders. A letter has been sent to ERYC Strategic Development Control Manager expressing The Parish Council's point of view.

Application to prune beech tree at Priory Close causing concern and investigations are being carried out. Resident expressed concerns regarding cracks in pavement and overhanging branches. The Chairman suggested that Alan Hemmingway at East Riding Council should be approached with a view to pruning and shaping of the tree. Decision to come from East Riding Council not the Parish Council.

Concerns with other trees:-

Ashford, North Drive only 3 out of the 4 trees remain.

Dale Road pines – TPO covers only Dale Road end, some have been replaced. Consideration to be given for a complete TPO on the tree belt.

Trees at West Lea, Kemp Road in question and further investigations taking place.

Westfield Farm has agreed retention of ash saplings along Dale Road but suggest that other species could be planted. Query as to whether the Parish Council would take this on. To be discussed further.

Traffic: Swanland Bus Route - Clerk has written to ERYC requesting a meeting to discuss improvements to road markings. No reply received to date. It was suggested that Councillor Fairburn could take this up and Vice Chairman to contact her with this view in mind.

Yellow bus lines painted at the bottom of Dower Rise have now been removed.

Parking on Dale Road/Chantry Way and down to the pond. Cars parked on pavement causing pedestrians to walk on the road, also difficult for fire engines or other emergency vehicles to get through. Various suggestions put forward to alleviate the situation such as double yellow lines/sleeping policeman/extend road width.

Dale Road/Great Gutter Lane – Swanland signpost directing traffic into village via Dale Road, should be removed. Original sign was at Occupation Lane which is a wider and uncongested route into the village. Clerk to write to East Riding.

Website: Swanland Parish Council Website commenced September 2007. This will give residents access to Councillors, Planning Applications and other aspects of the work of the Parish Council.

11. Planning applications:

Planning No.	Address	Details	Recommendations by Parish Council
None received this month			

The Chairman asked the meeting if they were satisfied with the way the planning applications were being dealt with. All agreed that this was a satisfactory arrangement.

12. Planning Decisions:

Planning No.	Address	Details	Position
07/04135	35 Tranby Lane	Erection of two storey extension to side	Planning has been granted
07/04127	15 Mill Rise	Erection of single storey extension to front	Application has been withdrawn
07/04341	66 Mill Road	Retention of conservatory at front	Planning refused
07/02939	Swanland Sports Pavilion, West Leys Road	Erection of single storey extension	Planning has been granted
07/04873	West Lea Kemp Road	Erection of first floor extension to side over existing garage, single storey extension to side/rear, porch to front with access ramp, construction of	Planning has been granted

		pitched roofs over existing extensions, construction of dormer windows to rear and erection of detached garage to front. (Amended scheme 07/01368)	
07/04604	37 West Leys Road	Erection of single storey extensions to front and side and erection of 2.)m high wall to front entrance	Planning refused

13. Appeals:

Planning No.	Address	Details	Position
06/09464	Ashford, North Drive	APP/E2001/A/06/2032817 Erection of 6 detached houses fronting Hall Park, with a block of 6 flats to the rear.	Appeal dismissed
06/07299	Land North of 6 Mill Road	App/E2001/A/07/2043941/WF – Erection of chalet bungalow and garage.	Appeal dismissed

*To consider any other applications, responses and appeals received in the interim.

14. Clerks Report

Training: Clerk has commenced WWYC Training.

Allotments: Three letters were sent out to tenants of unkempt plots. Two of these responded and the plots have been tidied up. The remaining plot has now been re-let. Concerns raised by the public about those still not kept in good condition. A check will be kept and further letters could be sent out to various tenants.

Road Sweeping: Query raised by Councillor Dumsday regarding statutory obligations between ERYC/SVA. No definite information received. Clerk to make further inquiries.

Flood report: Nothing further to report.

Documentation back-up: Memory stick purchased and exchanged (Clerk/Chairman) for security of Parish documentation.

Wall between Blacksmith's Yard and Swan & Cygnet: The Land Registry has been approached and the cost of finding out who owns the properties is £6.00 per property. The Clerk has also had contact with an owner of a property in Blacksmith's Yard which could be informative. All collective information has been passed to Councillor Dumsday who will continue investigations and contact the residents with regard to the wall repair.

Festive Lighting: Period for Christmas lights round the pond to be Monday 10th December 2007 until Monday 7th January 2008. Clerk to obtain license for the period.

Street Collection and Steam Organ: Clerk to obtain permit for street collection. Dove House and Godfrey Robinson Homes have been recipients in the past and it was agreed by all that this should continue. Letter from the Charities required for confirmation of collection on their behalf. Collection tins to be placed in various premises. It was agreed that the steam organ will be booked for Monday evening 17th December 2007.

Poppy Day Wreath: Contact to be made with British Legion to confirm booking of wreath. It was agreed that Vice Chairman Mike Burman will pass the wreath to Rev. Richard Hill as there is to be a ceremony at the war memorial 11th November 2007.

ERNLLCA: AGM, Village Hall Healing. Saturday 20th October 2007. Councillors Stead and Richardson will represent the Parish council and places have been booked.

Precept: Half year precept has been received from ERYC.

Road Closure: Woodgates Lane North Ferriby. Commencing Monday 5th November. Diversion via Mill Road and West Leys Road, Swanland and Swanland Hill and High Street North Ferriby. (Displayed on Notice Board). Closure for 6 weeks.

13 Mill Road: Blue bags and pallets left on grass verge. Clerk has written to resident requesting information but has had no response. Further enquiries to be made regarding removal of debris. Clerk will telephone residents to verify ownership of debris.

Dale Road Sign: Clerk to write to ERYC with regard to request removal/replacement of Swanland sign directing traffic up Dale Road into congested area of village.

15. Accounts:

Payable to:	Item	VAT	Amount	Total
Inland Revenue	Income Tax			74.58
Clerk Salary	Salary £339.00 (less Income Tax £74.58) Expenses: Purchase of Memory stick from PC World on behalf of Parish Council for computer backup and security £21.26 plus VAT 3.72 = £24.98	3.72	285.68	289.40
ERYC	Rent Tranby Lane/Kemp Road for 1/9/07 – 31/8/08		170.00	170.00
Technical Documentation	Set up of Parish Council website (Includes maintenance up to August 2008)		265.00	265.00
Letterbox Distribution	Delivery of Newsletter around Swanland			32.00
SVA	Half year grant – Full amount £730 - first payment £375 balance due £355			355.00
Swanland Playing Fields Committee	Half year grant			5000.00
All Saints Church	Annual grant for churchyard maintenance			500.00
ERNLLCA	Booking for two councillors to attend AGM 20 th October 2007			8.00
Mr C Hotham	Purchase of plastic containers and 100 yellow flag iris on behalf of Parish Council for pond project. Pots £50.00. Mark Grange Fish Farm 100 yellow flags £100.00 plus VAT 17.50	17.50	150.00	167.50

16. **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 6th November 2007 in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.10 pm.