

Swanland Parish Council

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF SWANLAND
was held on Tuesday 4th May 2010
commencing at 7.00 p.m. in Swanland Village Hall.
Followed by the Annual General Meeting of Swanland Parish Council
and the monthly meeting of Swanland Parish Council.

Minute No.	Item	MINUTES
266	1	<p>Present:</p> <p>6 Members of the public</p> <p>Members of the Parish Council: Chairman Chapman, Vice Chairman Burman, Councillors Stead, May, Dumsday, Richardson, Ward Councillor Gilmour</p>
267	2.	<p>Apologies for absence: Councillors Sanderson, Fairburn</p>
268	3.	<p style="text-align: center;">Chairman's Report</p> <p>The Chairman explained the functions of the Parish Council for the benefit of any new residents. This is his third year of office and the first item to mention was the work of the Clerk. He recommended her especially for her hard work and achievement since becoming Clerk. She was praised for making savings of £220 by doing the yearend figures herself rather than employ the RBS company to do them.</p> <p>The Chairman then spoke of the highlights of the past year as follows:</p> <p>The Pond: Restoration work began in 2009 and a great deal has been achieved. Another phase is to follow.</p> <p>Village Seats: Many seats have gradually been renewed, but as there are 2 still missing the Parish Council is looking to replace them and funds are being set aside.</p> <p>Area of Common Character: This will be an item for further discussion regarding certain areas of the village and the East Riding Council is working on this.</p> <p>Dale Road Footpath: Preliminary enquiries have been made and funding sources are being considered for the formation of the path on the wide verge. This will link in with the paths on the opposite side of Great Gutter Lane.</p> <p>Planning: There was a change in the planning status during the year. The</p>

		<p>Parish had been battling throughout the year to prevent installation of blocks of flats and multiple build following purchase of houses on large plots of land. The changes will mean that East Riding Council will now support the Parish Council in their efforts to retain the ambiance of the area. During the first year of the Chairman's term of office, there were well over 100 planning applications. The last year there were 48. The economic situation has had a marked effect on the number of applications submitted.</p> <p>School Footpath: It is now over 12 months since the Secretary of State issued the order for the path to be reinstated and so far there is no sign of that happening to date.</p> <p>Village Hall: This has been classed as the best village hall in the area. Already it has been awarded the Hallmark Level 1 and is now looking to gain Level 2.</p> <p>Playing Fields: There have been some problems of which the Parish Council are aware. The MUGA has been under utilised and needs to be put into full use as soon as possible.</p> <p>Allotments: Many improvements have been made and all plots are being cultivated to a very good standard. The waiting list is now at 14.</p> <p>Emergency Plan: Councillors Richardson and Dumsday were thanked for their work in compiling the plan and it is now posted on the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Blacksmiths Wall: The fallen wall by the Swan & Cygnet took a considerable time to resolve but that has now been completed.</p> <p>Father Christmas: The event last year was very difficult, but problems were overcome and the event continued successfully.</p> <p>Buses: More buses have been programmed to Beverley and Hessle and the services improved.</p> <p>Road in front of Christ Church: It has not been possible to find out who owns the land and the Parish Council has requested adoption of the road by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. This is still ongoing.</p> <p>This brings all the events during the last year up to date.</p>
269	4.	<p>Open Forum: It was agreed that all priorities previously mentioned by the Chairman should be carried forward. The extension of the conservation area and the formation of Dale Road footpath should also be continued. It was resolved that no items would be removed from the list.</p> <p>Proposed by Vice Chairman Burman and Seconded by Councillor Stead.</p>
		Meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.