

Swanland Parish Council

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF SWANLAND
was held on Tuesday 3rd May 2011
in Swanland Village Hall.
Followed by
the monthly meeting of Swanland Parish Council.**

MINUTES

Minute No	Item	
540	1.	Present: Chairman Chapman, Vice Chairman Burman, Councillors Dumsday, Stead, May, Sanderson, Richardson. PC Jessica Watts, 5 Members of the public.
541	2.	Apologies for absence: Ward Councillor Helen Gilmour, Councillor Fairburn
542	3.	<p>Chairman's Report:</p> <p>Looking back over the last 12 months we would like to express our thanks to Councillor Lindsay Fairburn for her input over the last four years. Considering the previous age profile of the Parish Council, her input as a younger person was valued. Thanks too, were expressed for the support and input that was received from Ward Councillor Gilmour.</p> <p>We also thank the parish clerk who carries out an enormous amount of work behind the scenes and her work is appreciated.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that he felt more involved and connected to both residents and councillors.</p> <p>This year the Parish Council have received 54 planning applications. Four years ago the number was in the 80's and 90's. There are areas that, as a Parish Council, we have tried to bring about some consistency as to the way planning applications are dealt with. With the change in legislation the pressure on houses with big gardens has secured them from "garden grabbing".</p> <p>The Parish Council is responsible for the look of the village, and in that respect we have tried to preserve the area and have also requested an increase in the conservation areas. We have been largely successful, but we cannot win them all. In the past we have managed to stop the development of a block of flats, but that could have meant we were deficient in social housing. The development of Newton Thorpe Cottages will hopefully fill this need. This hasn't at present gone through, but we look for a favourable result. Thanks are extended to Councillor May and Councillor Dumsday for their work in trying to preserve as many trees as possible.</p> <p>The pond has much improved due to funding from the lottery and involved a considerable amount of hard work by a lot of people. The flag irises are just coming into bloom and they look beautiful.</p> <p>There are two areas where we come under pressure. Those being dogs and traffic. Solutions to these problems are not easy. Accidents on Great Gutter</p>

Signed Chairman Chapman6th June 2011

		<p>Lane, which is used as a cut through from Hull, have raised great concerns. Although changes have been made the Parish Council feels that this is not sufficient.</p> <p>School: The application for academic status by the village school could affect the village and bring big changes.</p> <p>The management teams for our two major village facilities, the Village Hall and the Playing Fields both need a vote of thanks for their work and commitment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Swanland Playing Fields Association is now undergoing a change of management. • The Village Hall has been very successful and the bookings and Hallmark standard reflect this. Outside organisations now want to use the facility. <p>Although April this year has been the hottest month ever, December was the coldest. It was the first time that Father Christmas had to travel across the pond being towed in a sledge instead of being rowed in a boat. For the support received during this period, we thank the East Riding Council, everyone who helped to clear the village of snow and Councillor May for his involvement and the use of his equipment.</p> <p>Emergency Plan: Councillors Richardson and Dumsday worked hard to form the plan. The parish is now prepared for an emergency.</p> <p>Although we were turned down by WREN for funding the formation of a footpath, this remains a priority.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRIORITIES FOR 2011 are as follows:- Dale Road Footpath Sustaining the Village Shops Support the Playing Fields and Village Hall Committee Village Seats and Signs Response to traffic problems Production of regular newsletters Pond</p> <p>End of report.</p>
543	4.	<p>Open Forum: A dog walker commented that disposable bags had stopped being available from East Riding. He asked if the Parish Council would apply pressure to reinstate the supply of the bags for dog owners. It was agreed that the clerk would make enquiries. The Chairman said that the worst times seem to be during February. In the summertime the problem does not seem quite so bad. It seems that the younger dog owners are more vigilant. Ward Councillor Abraham did not think that the bags would be free of charge due to the cutbacks. The Chairman asked if there were any other items for discussion. There were none.</p>
544	5.	Meeting closed 7.25p.m.