

# SWANLAND PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held in Swanland Village Hall Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007

27 Members of the public attended the meeting.

- 1. Present:** Mr C Hotham (Retiring Chairman), Mr M Burman (Vice Chairman), Mrs H Gilmour, Mr G Chapman, Mr M Frankish, Mr J Stead, Mrs J Richardson, Mr M May, Mrs L Fairburn
- 2. Apologies for Absence:** Mrs Y Dumsday
- 3. Minutes of meeting** held on Tuesday 2nd May 2006. Agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. The Chairman read out the contents of the minutes for the benefit of the public.
- 4. Chairman's Report:**

This is the last meeting of the present Parish Council. There are several members stepping down this year, The Chairman, Mr Hotham, Dr Portal, Mr Frankish and Mr Gaze.

The Chairman stated that the committee had always done their best for Swanland and thanked everyone for their unstinting support. The problems of the village had all been looked very seriously. Mr Burman has been a tower of strength. Addressing the public the Chairman reminded them that if they had anything they felt the Parish Council could help them with please come and tell them about it and they would try their best to be of assistance.

The present Parish Clerk, Mrs Barker is retiring from the Council this year. The Chairman stated that Mrs Barker had been delightful to work with. Nothing had been too much trouble and she had been an asset to the community. After speaking to her husband, the Council have given Mrs Barker a cheque in order to purchase an item of her choice and was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Mrs Barker said that it had been a pleasure working with everyone and was very pleased with the presentation.

Mr Burman thanked the Chairman for his involvement in the Parish. He mentioned that the Village Hall would not have been such a part of the Community without the Chairman's support. A plaque is to be made commemorating the names of all the Chairmen and placed in the Village Hall. Mr Hotham replied that it had been an honour to be Chairman and had met some good friends during the time of his office.

### Area development

An investigation was done last year to see what villages could support more development. It was found that 37 villages could come into this category. Swanland came out as the 38<sup>th</sup> village. This means that if the consultation paper goes through then Swanland will be classed as a village in open countryside. This would bring very stringent conditions with regard to the development boundaries. Developers are trying to pre-empt this by buying up properties for building. Several properties in the village have already been bought for this purpose.

The Chairman stated that he was dissatisfied with the amount of information supplied by East Riding. A letter has been sent to the Information Office regarding Freedom of Information and the Council is waiting for a reply. Residents who have an interest could go to Beverley to look at plans. It was noted that there are more people taking an interest.

School footpath - No further progress has been made and the debate will have been ongoing for some considerable time.

Pond - Steps have been taken regarding the algae in the pond but more time is needed to see further results from the introduction of a sonic device.

## **5. Open Forum:**

Several members of the public expressed their appreciation to the council for their hard work over the past years.

### Planning

Concerns were expressed by several members of the public regarding lack of openness between East Riding Council and the Parish Council regarding planning. Protection of trees and habitat was high on the list of concerns as panels/fencing had been moved prior to the completion of building works. The developers had removed more trees than was originally indicated and no replanting had been done. It was requested that replacement trees to be planted for future generations.

The Chairman stated that after the original plans are drawn up the agent approaches the planning officer with amended plans incorporating changes that are not seen by the Parish Council. There were many discrepancies in plans for West End and for Ashcroft. It was suggested that everyone needs to be more vigilant with regard to planning and work carried out by developers.

Councillor Abraham stated that very few building checks were done and that it is up to the residents to inspect and inform herself or Councillor Gilmour. Councillor Gilmour is to arrange a meeting for further discussion on the matter.

### Parking

There are still disputes and concerns regarding parking. There is a question regarding the extensions of double yellow lines along Kemp Road and a written response from ER had been requested. Extension of zigzag lines/flashing sign also suggested but there had been no decision made despite several letters.

Presentation to be done regarding School Safety Zone 17<sup>th</sup> May 3pm – 6pm at St Barnabas Church, Swanland. The Chairman urged members of the public to attend.

## **6. Police Report:**

Police Officer PC Eglen joined the meeting and it was suggested that he give his report first in order that he could carry on with his duties.

### Reported Crime –

Several domestic incidents took place at Dale flats and the offender cautioned and fined.

Damage to a vehicle in Main Street.

Burglary Beech Hill Road – gardening tools stolen from Shed/Garage.

Theft on Westfield Lane – offender identified.

Burglary on Manor Road – cycle stolen from shed/garage.

34 calls for service received in the period (12 months). As a comparison Cottingham had 90 reported crimes and the whole of South Hunsley and Dale wards had 78 in the same period.

A speed check was carried out in Swanland on Kemp Road, 113 vehicles passed through, all driving within the speed limit. A member of the public suggested that checking at peak times could bring more results.

## **7. No further business.**

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