



SWANLAND PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER JUNE 2011

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1. LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

After the local council elections, the Parish Council now starts on a new period of four years. Voting did not take place as there were fewer people putting their names forward and standing for election, than places available. There are nine members in the full council and we now have a full complement of members.

The Parish Council says goodbye to Helen Gilmour and Lindsay Fairburn who have provided valuable service and input to debates in the Council. Their places have been taken up by Paul Hopton and Graham Lancaster and we look forward to their contributions in the future. Helen will be continuing as the Ward Member at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council with Julie Abrahams and so we will continue to see her at meetings. All the Parish Councillors are contactable through our website and we publish details so that we can be made aware of problems (and praise) in the village. It is good to see that once again we have been able to maintain a younger age profile than many Parish Councils and not just rely on those who are retired to give of their time.

This is also true of the Playing Fields and the Village Hall Management Committees where the volunteers put in many hours of work on behalf of the community. As with all these committees, you can only sustain this level of commitment for so long and changes are inevitable. We have new faces on both of these important village institutions and it bodes well for their future and activities.

The Council has concerns about anti-social behaviour growing in the village and have asked our Police Community Support Officer Jess Watts to keep an eye on what is happening. After our experience at the end of the Father Christmas event we have had further incidents where the lettering on the front of the Village Hall was damaged, reports of youths cycling in the pond and removing the cages protecting the plants. It has

been some time since the last period when we had this sort of behaviour in the village. The Parish Council at that time had an alcohol banning order implemented around the pond area. This is still in force and I would ask parents to make their children aware of this and the heightened police presence if they are congregating in that area during the lighter evenings.

We were disappointed to learn that we had been unsuccessful in our bid for funding for the footpath down Dale Road. We have not given up on this project and will be applying elsewhere for support for a project that the village has previously demonstrated has wide acceptance as a benefit to all who want walk without the problem of fast traffic and to access the network of paths that surround Swanland.

CHAIRMAN GEOFF CHAPMAN



2. KEEPING SWANLAND TIDY - Most will remember the Wombles keeping Wimbledon Common free of litter, but do you know that there is a band of volunteers doing a similar job around the centre of Swanland? Approximately forty people take it in turn to clear the litter in Main St. between the Post Office and pub and the area around the pond. Around two hours per week is requested and all equipment is supplied so, if a few more volunteers can be found, it would become a once a year occasion for everyone on the rota. **Should you wish to become a 'Swanble' of Swanland, please contact Linda Mitchelson on 632957**



3. POND - The pond area is looking really good this year, the flag irises have been a picture. The reeds are maturing and the whole area has improved. Recent lack of rain has kept the water level down and we are able to see just how many fish, large and small, occupy the pond. Many people are often seen leaning on the fence watching them. Swanland Wildlife Group is asking for data about the wildlife around the pond and the village. Carol Ledgard, secretary of the group would welcome any information about the wildlife in the village. **Please telephone her on 01482 632178.**



4. SWANLAND IN BLOOM group have done an excellent job planting around the pond. A team of volunteer Swanlanders take turns to water the plants during the year thus making sure our village stays looking good. The flower boxes by the Swanland signs on Tranby Lane and Mill Road and the troughs at the back of the pond are watered on a regular basis by local individual volunteers. Over 700 plants have been donated by Coletta & Tyson. Visitors from other areas all remark on how well the village looks and this is down to the dedicated volunteers in our village.



5. TREES - There have not been too many applications to fell trees in the village although one or two of the applications have given great cause for concern. Once again we ask residents to take care of their trees and try to keep Swanland a "green and pleasant land".



6. LITTLE WAULDBY FARM ROAD – Parking on the access road to the farm by walkers and dog owners is causing consternation to the farmer and the residents. The farmer has great difficulty in getting his large farm machinery up the road when cars are parked on both sides of the access road. Please take care where and how you park. Dog owners are also asked to consider the residents and their children who live at the top of the lane by picking up behind their animals and please don't throw the dog bags in the hedge.



7. VILLAGE HALL - The Village Hall Trustees have applied for the next step in the Hallmark Quality Standard award. They already hold the first award. The Village Hall is owned by Swanland Parish Council but the organising is done by a dedicated team of Trustees who organise a multitude of events for the benefit of the village and people from all areas enjoy the benefits. By purchasing the Village Hall the Parish Council has supplied the village with an outstanding venue for the whole community. Our thanks are extended to the Trustees for their hard work and support of a very important village asset since the purchase was made.



8. DOG FOULING



9. BROWN BINS - All households in the East Riding will be receiving a food waste caddy somewhere between March and July 2011. This will enable residents to dispose of all types of food waste, as well as cardboard in the brown bin. The aim of this new collection scheme is to prevent this biodegradable waste from going into the green bin, which would then be sent to landfill. Instead the food waste and cardboard, along with garden waste will be composted to create a useable product. If you have any queries please contact the waste and recycling officers by calling **01482 395586** or emailing wastewatchers@eastriding.gov.uk.



10. VILLAGE SEATS – There will soon be two new vandal proof seats in the village. One donated by the daughter of Rear Admiral Branson and the other by donations from Swanland Village Association, Swanland Festival and The Women's Institute, topped up by money set aside by Swanland Parish Council. Our thanks to all those who have helped purchase the seats. The seats have arrived and will be installed very shortly.



11. POLICE – There has been an increase in crime in the village particularly vehicle damage. Police ask that residents please keep a watchful eye and report any suspicious behaviour.
Email: Richard.eglen@humberside.pnn.police.uk
Or call **0845 60 60 222**

DOG FOULING IN THE VILLAGE
THIS IS A FINEABLE OFFENCE
(Fixed penalty £75 Prosecution £1000).

Police and dog wardens will be patrolling the village and can impose fines on those owners who do not clean up after their animal and take it away.
