

Swanland Parish Council

**THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SWANLAND
Monday 6th October 2008 at 7.15pm**

	<p>Andrew Wilds, a representative of the Local Action Team (LAT), came to the meeting to introduce himself and give information about the work of the team. He informed everyone that LAT had influence to help Parishes to break through red tape in order to resolve issues raised. The LAT had been already been involved in several areas such as graffiti in the tunnel at Melton. It was pointed out to Mr Wilds that the tunnel was the official walking route for children from Swanland to go to South Hunsley School. As the area has become a meeting place for groups of children, youth workers will be visiting the area.</p> <p>The skate park at Brough was another area in which the team is involved where they were hoping to obtain land for development to provide a children's area.</p> <p>Speeding in Swanland was discussed and it was suggested that a survey was needed.</p> <p>The flooding in Northfield, Swanland has been brought to the attention of the LAT. (see Clerk's Report Item 22.1).</p> <p>The Local Action Team hopes to work with communities and develop opportunities for all to become involved.</p>	
	MINUTES	Action by
1.	Present: Chairman Chapman, Vice-Chairman Burman, Councillors Stead, Dumsday, May, Richardson, Fairburn, Sanderson, Gilmour	
2.	Apologies: All present.	
3.	It was resolved to agree and accept minutes from meeting held Monday September 1 st 2008 and to agree amendment to Village Hall Item 13.2 to clarify description of new boiler in kitchen. The boiler is a hot water boiler to supply hot drinks and not a central heating boiler.	
4.	Declaration of personal or prejudicial interests: Chairman Chapman - Allotments. Councillor Stead - School, Swanland Village Association. Councillor Dumsday - Swanland Village Association and Village Hall. Ward Councillor Gilmour – School.	
5.	Police Report: Leaflets were distributed round the village inviting residents to talk to PC Eglen at a Street Surgery and express any concerns. He felt this was a very useful event. <p>Reported Crimes - Normally Swanland's crime rate is very low, but there was an increase during September. There were 12 crimes including burglary, assault, theft of a car and a dog bite. In response to a query, PC Eglen explained that it was not automatic for a dog to be destroyed if it bites someone. This would be down to the court. The Clerk had previously informed PC Eglen of two complaints from resident of parking on paths and verbal abuse.</p>	
6.	Open Forum: There were 9 members of the public present.	
	<p>Residents on Chantry Way are having problems with neighbours who seem to be using their premises as a car repair shop. It was reported that there was a lot of noise disturbance including loud music, banging and deliveries made during the night. The residents were advised to liaise with East Riding Council and Ward Councillor Gilmour who stated that she would take the matter up with the Enforcement Department at East Riding. The residents were able to draw the matter to the attention of PC Eglen.</p> <p>Carol Ledgard of the Wildlife Group reported that they had not heard from Hugh Roberts with regard to the application for a grant.</p> <p>An article stressing the use of grain for feeding the ducks instead of bread has been sent to The Advertiser.</p>	HG
7.	Matters Arising: To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary.	
	7.1 School Safety zone: This is now completed.	LF
	7.2 Wall between Blacksmiths Yard and Swan & Cygnet: No further progress has been made to date. A prospective purchaser of one of the properties was informed that the position regarding the wall repair is between himself, the owner and the Brewery. The	LS

		Parish Council has supported the residents in this matter.	
	7.3	Commemorative plaque to past Chairmen: This is almost completed and will be hung in the corridor of the Village Hall.	GC
	7.4	Community Emergency Plans: Information held is covered by Swanland Parish Council's Data Protection agreement. A meeting to be arranged to discuss.	YD/JR RJJ
8.	Footpaths:		
	8.1	Footpath from Main Street to On Hill: Overgrown plot bordering path. Clerk has contacted owners and has been assured that the plot will be cut in the near future. Residents are reminded to cut back their hedges to prevent obstruction as there are several places in the village where the hedges are encroaching on to paths. Clerk is to write to those concerned.	RJJ
9.	Newsletter and communication:		
	9.1	Items for inclusion in November Newsletter to be sent to Clerk.	RJJ
10.	Ward Councillors report: Information received from Ward Councillor Abraham that the bus service between North Ferriby and Beverley and including Swanland will be operational Tuesday 2 nd December 2008 Service Number is 144. This is a trial service and if it is not used enough it could be discontinued. Ward Councillor Gilmour received reports regarding the Manage, West Field Lane. Residents are raising concerns as the area seems to be in full use. The Parish Council's objection to an application for a development on Tranby Lane was supported by Ward Councillor Gilmour, and with her help was successful. With the coming festivities by the pond Councillor Gilmour will arrange for a letter to be sent parents to inform them that the access to the school will be blocked off on the afternoon and evening of 22 nd December.		HG/JA
11.	Pond:		
	11.1	Key holders for pollution kit: The Parish Clerk and Carol Ledgard of the Wildlife Group are holders of the keys to the box containing the pollution kit held at the Village Hall.	
	11.2	Festivities by the Pond: The Father Christmas on the Pond event will be held 22 nd December commencing at 6.00 p.m. and Father Christmas will arrive at 7.00pm. It was resolved that the lights would be switched on 10 th December. The application for Festive lighting permit has been received and would be submitted with agreed dates. It was resolved that Dove House Hospice and Godfrey Robinson Homes would be the recipients of the charity collections carried out at the event. Clerk will write to Charities to request their authorisation to collect on their behalf. It was suggested that collectors for the charities should wear high visibility jackets. Ex-Councillor John Gaze has agreed to be Father Christmas again. The Steam Organ and roundabout have been booked as agreed and PC Eglen has been advised of the event. Out of School Club and Tennis Club to be informed of blocked access while the Father Christmas on the Pond event is set up.	RJJ
12.	Playing Fields: Swanland Playing Fields Association newsletter and minutes circulated. Basic area has been laid. There are no funds for lighting as yet. Normal use of playing Fields ends at dusk. Lights recommended give minimum light pollution. Suggestions made to charge for use of lighting in order to fund usage. Further discussions to follow. Hedge is obstructing pedestrian entrance and Councillor Richardson will contact East Riding.		JR
13.	Village Hall: The problems with flooring in main hall are improving now that the heating is on. As the floor is sensitive to damp, it was suggested that the heating is put on at other times during the year to keep it stabilised. Gas Safety Inspection record received.		MB
14.	Allotments: Plots 11 & 12 have been sprayed to reduce horsetails and so far this looks to have been successful. Spring will be the time to check and if all is clear there could be two more plots available. Councillor May was praised for his diligence in helping to clear the weed and for his involvement with the upkeep of the allotments. Two more enquiries with regard to the waiting list have been received from outside the village. The allotment hedges have been cut.		MM/RJJ
15.	Parking: Parking complaints have been passed to PC Eglen. There is no solution at present to the problems arising. A parking ticket was issued to a person parking on double yellow lines. Ward Councillor Gilmour reminded the meeting that holders of Blue Badge could park on double yellow lines. Councillor Dumsday suggested that there could be two more parking		

	places formed near the Doctor's Office.																														
16.	Seats: No further action to be taken at present.																														
17.	Tranby Lane Amenity Land: Memorandum of rent review received. The rent will rise from £170 pa to £250 pa in 2010 and payment was agreed. It was resolved that an inspection of the site be carried out to see if it is viable to nurture the trees growing there. Results of the inspection to be discussed at the next meeting.			GC/MM																											
18.	Swanland Settlement Profile: Copies distributed prior to meeting. Closing date was 3 rd October. If there are any further amendments to be made these can be passed to the Clerk or direct to East Riding.			All																											
19	Remembrance Sunday: It was resolved to order wreath for Remembrance Day on Sunday 9 th November.			RJJ																											
20.	Tree Applications: New Planning rules will have an effect on tree preservation. There are concerns regarding new rules and permitted development.			MM/YD GC																											
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	08/04580	Riverview Grange, Tranby Lane	Erection of single storey extension to side.	Circulating 25/9/2008	
	08/04507	Hilston, 5 Mill Road	Erection of 2-storey and single storey extension to rear and single storey extension to front	Approval	
21.2	Planning Application decisions received: The Clerk informed the meeting that a decision had been made with reference to 08/03929 (see below).				
	Planning No.	Address	Details	Decision by ERYC	
	08/03493	Lyndhurst, Chantry Way	Erection of conservatory to rear	Granted	
	08/03427	Park Lodge, 26 West Leys Road	Erection of No. 3 dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling	Granted	
	08/03288	Staddlestones Garth, 46 Tranby Lane	Outline Erection of 2 No. dwellings in area of common character	Refused	
	08/03929	Tarbroek 23 On Hill	Erection of conservatory to rear	Granted	
21.3	Planning Application Appeals:				
	Planning No.	Address	Details	Decision by ERYC	
	APP/E2001/A /08/2082798 /NWF	08/01460 – Ashford North Drive	Erection of No. 4 Buildings consisting of 12 apartments following demolition of existing building	Objections sent to Inspectorate. Meeting informed that sight of Design Statement requested.	
21.4	It was resolved to approve and agree Building Application decisions. Proposed: Councillor Stead. Seconded Councillor Fairburn.				
22.	Clerks Report:				
	22.1	Flooding at Northfield: This was reported to the Local Action Team at a recent meeting. The LAT representative Andrew Wilds has looked at the situation with engineer and East Riding are working with Yorkshire Water to try to remedy the situation. The meeting was informed that a build up of silt in the soak away was the possible cause of the problem.			RJJ
	22.2	Commuted sum: Copy of letter from Commuted Sums Officer with reference to St Mary's Walk distributed prior to meeting. No agreement had been made with regard to the commuted sum and it was resolved that a letter should be sent to Strategic Development Control Manager, Andy Wainwright.			GC/RJJ
	22.3	Making and enforcement of byelaws: Documentation on circulation. Comments to be returned prior to Thursday 20 th November.			
	22.4	Snicket from Main Street to On Hill: Plot overgrown and encroaching onto path: This covered in "Footpaths" – Item 8.1.			
23.	Accounts: Cost Centre Report circulated prior to meeting. The Clerk informed the meeting that a saving could be made in the keeping of the minutes. The cost of a minute book is over £115.00 (Average of 260 sheets) and every page has to be glued in. Another method is to keep in folio order and have them bound into a presentable cover. This could cost in the region of £86.00 (approximately 300 sheets). Documentation in circulation for consideration.				
	23.1	Business Premium and Business Tracker accounts at present date receive 0.95% interest. A better interest could be achieved if the accounts are changed to Instant			

		Access which could gain 3.65% interest. It was resolved that accounts would be changed in order to receive the increased interest. The Clerk to send off the necessary forms and make arrangements for the transfer to take place.																																																																									
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