

# Swanland Parish Council

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF SWANLAND  
 held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 commencing at 7.00 p.m.  
 in Swanland Village Hall.  
 Followed by the Annual Meeting of Swanland Parish Council  
 and the monthly meeting of the Parish Council.**

<p>1. <b>Present:</b> Chairman Chapman, Vice-Chairman Burman, Councillors Stead, Dumsday, Richardson, Fairburn, May.</p>	
<p>2. <b>Apologies for absence:</b> Ward Councillors Abraham and Gilmour. Councillor Sanderson.</p>	
<p>3. <b>Minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2007:</b> Agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
<p>4. Chairman's Report:          The Chairman stated that this is was meeting for looking back and learning from what has happened before. These are a few of Chairman Chapman's reflections:-</p> <p>There have been many changes within the Parish Council during the last year. Long standing members retired or left the Parish Council and new members joined.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the new members for taking up the work of councillors as it is very difficult to take on new work and the associated responsibilities. He also thanked the Parish Clerk for taking the training that contributed towards some of the changes.</p> <p>A major change was through communication in the form of email correspondence. The Chairman recently archived 1200 emails, and emails between members have now become customary.</p> <p>The Parish Council now has a website which gives access to a range of information including agendas, minutes, planning and a map of the parish boundary.</p> <p>The Newsletter covering four publications per year is in need of improvement and a volunteer to carry out this project is requested.</p> <p><u>Areas of work to highlight:-</u>  <u>Environment</u> – The pond has featured very strongly in the past year.  <u>Streetscene</u> – Pavements down Main Street have been improved and potholes are in the process of repair.  <u>Highways</u> - There have been a number of concerns over the last</p>	

<p>twelve months.</p> <p><u>School safety zone</u> – The Parish Council are disappointed that East Riding Council didn't take up suggestions as it was felt that there could have been a better scheme.</p> <p><u>Great Gutter Lane fatal accidents</u> – This is quite a difficult road in view of camber, dips etc. and an answer to the problem has not yet been resolved.</p> <p><u>Planning</u> - Changes have been forecast. As a Parish Council we have been arguing for years regarding the status of the village. There is a need to see where Parish Council stands with regard to the varying degrees of development allowed.</p> <p><u>Standards Board</u> – It came as a shock to all with regard to the charges made against the previous Chairman Colin Hotham considering the vast contribution he made to the community during his term of office. Through this the Parish Councils are to bring the standing orders into line and form a structure for dealing with planning applications.</p> <p>The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish for 2008 will be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting instead of the following year as has been done in the past.</p>	
<p>5. Open Forum: Number of public present: 8</p> <p>A resident once again raised a query in view of the Standards Boards investigation of the previous Chairman Colin Hotham and his personal costs incurred in clearing his name of the accusations. There has since been an accusation against Councillor Dumsday which was found to be unsubstantiated. Chairman Chapman explained that the question of insurance had been investigated but cover for this criteria is not an insurable risk. Insurance can be taken out as an individual but doubts if employee's behaviour can be insured. Standing Orders are being studied and changes are forecast. At present if no view of a particular site is possible without going onto the property then an officer from East Riding is requested to attend. The Chairman stated that as a result of the case against Chairman Hotham was that the practice is going to change throughout the Parish Councils. The resident stated that as Councillors represent the village then they should have protection to cover situations such as these.</p> <p>Mr Latter (Parish Council Website) informed the meeting that the Great Gutter Lane safety petition has been very well received and that considerations are to be discussed in June this year. Mr Latter also asked whether the Council would be considering a Parish Plan. It was felt that the Design Statement was sufficient and the Chairman inquired if this could be put onto the website. Mr Latter agreed to carry this out. Councillor Dumsday informed the meeting that the number of copies of the Design Statement were low.</p> <p>A query was raised as to the position of the appeal by the Ramblers Association for the school footpath. Resident drew the meetings attention to the fact that it has now been closed for two years. The Chairman replied that they were waiting to hear from Government and if there is a case to answer then it could go to a public enquiry.</p>	

<p>Vice-Chairman Burman commended the Chairman for all the hard work he had put in over the last year and this was endorsed by all. Carol Ledgard of the Wildlife Group praised the Parish Council and the Clerk for their work and commitment for the community.</p>	
<p>6. The meeting closed at 7.35pm</p>	

Date 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008

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