

Swilland and Winesham grouped Parish Council
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Minutes of Swilland and Winesham Grouped Parish Council held on Wednesday 17th
September 2008 at Winesham Village Hall.

Present: Mr.Lightfoot, Mrs.Reynolds, Mr.Cotton, Mr.Rush, Mr.Noble, Mr.Tyrrell,
Mr.Nicol, Mrs.Shaw, Mr.Hindle. Councillor Steve Hudson joined the meeting later.
5 members of the public also attended.

1. Apologies: received from Mr.Coe, Mr.Laughlin, Mrs.Camp and Mr.Peter Bellfield.
Mr.Geoff Lea has resigned from the Parish Council and thanks were extended to him for all his work in the past, particularly with the Youth Group.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Declarations of interest: Mr.Cotton re clerk's salary and broadband payment, Mr.Hindle P3 petrol payment. Mr.Rush re: Boundary Commission.
4. District Councillors report: Mr.Hudson had little to report other than his view that a one Suffolk Unitary Council seems to be the most sensible option in his opinion.
5. Police report: this had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting. Crime figures for the villages are relatively low. The Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been altered and are now in larger groupings with our meetings taking place at Kesgrave. In theory this should allow us to have a more dedicated police presence in the village. The next SNT meeting will be on 3.10.08 and Mr.Lightfoot and Mr.Rush will attend.
There are new regulations on stray dogs – these will now be dealt with by the local authorities.
There is a new scheme for Police Community Support Officers with an option for parishes to share the cost of their own designated PCSO – but this is unlikely to be practical for us.
6. Finance: Mr.Cotton had circulated the current cash resources figures to everyone before the meeting. £11,600 in the current account and £1,000 on deposit. Mr.Hindle raised the issue of a scheme for new facilities at the playing field in order to put our funds to good use. It was agreed to put a piece in the newsletter asking for ideas from villagers for any ideas for projects they may have. Mr.Cotton proposed transferring £5,000 to the deposit account.
Recycling: so far this year SCDC have collected 16 tonnes of recycling materials from our two sites and paid us £300.
IT improvements for clerk: it was agreed that enquiries should be made of SBS Computers to see what we could do to update the current equipment.

Payments: Clerk's salary	£365.31
D Cotton Broadband May-August	£ 95.96
J.Hindle petrol costs footpaths	£ 22.40
REJB & Co: playarea inspection	£ 72.42
Suffolk Acre Insurance renewal 08-09	£826.33

To approve retrospectively:

W Archer Bus shelter cleaning Apr-June

£50.00

These were approved unanimously.

7. 1.SORR: Mr.Noble had nothing to report. The next meeting was the following week. There was discussion about the HGV leaflets for recording incidents of disruptions – he would try to get more of these. Mrs.Reynolds asked if she could have one to scan onto the website.
2. Speeding: Mr.Lightfoot said that following his correspondence with SCC about speeding through the village and on Rose Hill in particular, they have offered a site meeting in October.
3. A new repeater 30mph sign has been erected outside Witnesham Saw Mill so speed checks can now start again.
4. Hall Lane Car park – Mr.Rush had emailed councillors with two quotes received for the work. (these were £2,900 and £2,800). There is also a third option, (Holmes of Otley) – this would be for crushed concrete at an approximate cost of £1500. Mr.Lightfoot said that a meeting with the residents affected was needed and he and Mr.Rush would go and inspect the site first. It has already been established that the cost should be shared between the Parish Council and the immediate residents.
8. Footpaths: Mr.Hindle had nothing to report. The issue of Swiland paths and who has the cutting contract has been dealt with (Mr.Elmy).
- 9 Trees/Hedgerows: Mrs.Reynolds had nothing to report.
10. Youth Club. Mr.Lightfoot reported that the club has ceased to operate following the resignation of Mr.Lea and the lack of interest from the young people in the village. There is £100 funds remaining and it was agreed that this should be given to the Witnesham School Association. It was to be hoped that the Club might be revived in the future.
11. Planning: Minutes of planning meetings had been sent to councillors.
Affordable Housing: Mr.Lightfoot reported that the first of two open days for viewing the plans would be held on Monday 13th October 3.0 – 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall. It is hoped to start work on site during November. The second open day will be held in January or February.
12. Playing Field: Minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to all.
The Council have received a letter from Nikki Gavin at the Moon and Mushroom with a strong complaint about the parking problems associated with the Wasps' Saturday morning football sessions. The Saturday trade at the pub has been badly affected because of the anti-social parking of many of those at the training sessions. Mr.Rush agreed that this is a matter for Wasps to address and that failing suitable action the Parish Council might have to take sanctions against the club. It has already been agreed that cars can use the school carpark at the back of the school, but currently there are contractors at work and this may be putting visitors off from using the area. There has also been a complaint from Mr.Colin Webb that people are ignoring the 'no dogs' sign on the field and are allowing them to be on it while games are in progress. This is not satisfactory. Mr.Rush agreed to approach Mr.Colin Richards of Wasps about the problems.
Mr.Rush has been inspecting the play equipment as agreed and will make up a rota.

It was commented that the grass in the play area needs cutting. The clerk would see to this.

13. VHMC: Mrs.Shaw said that Mr.Webb had nothing to report.
14. Website: Mr.Laughlin was not present. Mr.Lightfoot said he wants a procedure that allows the website to be updated more frequently. The One Suffolk site was recommended as being a very good example.
15. SALC: There had been a meeting on 15.9.08 – Sizewell C was discussed amongst other things.
16. AOB: 1) Swilland Bring Site. We had been asked by SCDC to try to find an alternative site for the bins due to the complaints of one parishioner. We can find no alternative site which is suitable, without considerable cost. We have now also received a petition from 20 of those living nearest to the site asking that it remain where it is. We will therefore leave matters as they stand and await developments.
2) EDF: there is to be a meeting with representatives from EDF on 18.9.08 following which there will be report in next months newsletter and on the Website.
3) Payphones: Mr.Lightfoot proposed that we go with the ‘Adopt a kiosk’ scheme. This entails a purchase payment of £1 per box by the PC but with no apparatus. Proposal passed.
4) There has been a letter from some residents in Weyland complaining about a caravan which is parked permanently outside one of the houses, with an electricity lead to it across the public grass area. There is also a great deal of noise, litter, more cars and unacceptable behaviour emanating from the property. Mr.Noble has rung Suffolk Heritage who say the land is not theirs but according to the rules they have to give written permission to park a caravan in the parking bay. Caravans can apparently be parked in the layby for short periods but not long-term.

Suffolk Heritage appear to be unwilling to take any action. Mr.Noble asked the council to adopt his two complaints to SH re: trip hazard and traffic management – this was agreed. Mr.Hindle suggested that we take the matter higher and it was reported to Mr.Hudson after the meeting in the hope that he can do something about it.

It was also reported that the handrail by the steps at the side of the footpath at the bottom of Weyland Road is in need of repair. Mr.Hindle agreed to do this.

Boundary Review: Mr.Lightfoot had sent out a draft letter about the review, due in by 26th September. He thanked those who had replied with their views. There had been a lack of financial information which should have been out on 15.9.08 but had not been issued. Mr.Noble congratulated Mr.Lightfoot for all his exceptionally hard work on this document and following discussion the council agreed to adopt the draft produced by him. This will appear on the Website.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 19th November 2008 at 7.30