

DRAFT MINUTES
SOUTH WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2021

Present:

Cllr P Elliott (Chair)

Cllr M Edmundson

Cllr P Ferguson

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Cllr J Pedersen

Cllr P Bradwell (LCC)

Clerk - S Asquith

Observing – Alice Pedersen

Residents' Forum:

No residents joined the meeting and no issues had been submitted via email.

1 Apologies for absence:

Cllr D Challenger – reasons of work

Cllr R Fry (ELDC) – reasons of work

2 Declarations of interest in any items on this agenda:

None.

3 To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2021

The minutes were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chair. The spelling of Cllr Pedersen's name was corrected.

4 Matters arising from the meeting held on 26 May 2021

All cheques had been posted or delivered by the Clerk.

The Clerk had contacted Cllr Bradwell regarding a visit from the works party. Cllr Bradwell said that she had been informed that they had been to the area but no one

at the meeting had seen them and the work had not been carried out. She said that she would chase the matter up.

The potholes on the Barkwith Road had received no attention and Cllr Elliott's email had received no response.

Cllr P Ferguson had reviewed the available grants but concluded that they were for much larger projects than SWPC would be taking on.

5 Financial matters

The financial report had been circulated by email prior to the meeting and the Chair confirmed that the bank statement tallied. The report was approved. There had been no further financial activity.

The Clerk had received confirmation of receipt of the certificate of exemption from the auditors.

6 Adoption of updated Standing Orders

The Clerk had circulated a model version from LALC and had tailored it to SWPC. Cllr Elliott asked that councillors read through for any amendments they might wish to make. **Action:** Cllrs Pedersen and Elliott, along with the Clerk, would produce a final version for adoption at the next meeting incorporating any comments received.

7 Risk Management

Cllr P Ferguson said that there was a rotten branch on one of his trees above the bus shelter that needed attention. He also said that he had tripped in a pothole and fallen whilst on a run through the village.

8 Planning matters

The Clerk had circulated notice of additional information relating to the Biscathorpe oil drilling application available for £75.

The planning application for a residential building on the site of a pole barn at Granary Cottage had been circulated prior to the meeting for comment. Cllr Elliott remarked on the email forwarded by Cllr Fry, sent by Nigel Spencer, regarding this application, which he had circulated to members. The email expressed criticism of the way that SWPC had responded to the consultation. Cllr Elliott said that the response had been composed after email representation to all councillors, as was usual when planning applications fell between meetings, and that it was based on the observations made.

9 Parish Council initiatives

Cllr P Ferguson had not fitted the solar light on the bus shelter as it was threatened by a rotten overhanging branch that he was going to deal with.

The proposed bike racks, to go next to the salt bin, had been sourced and the cheapest were on EBay with two for approx. £40. Cllr M Ferguson said that there had been several requests recently to use the parish hall lavatories by visitors. Cllr P Ferguson said that this could be a friendly service to offer with a collection box for donations.

Cllr Elliott said that the community orchard was surviving. Discussion around the holding of an 'apple day' with a visit to the trees and a village apple-pressing session for any residents with their own fruit could be included. The purchase of an apple press had been mooted previously and would depend upon funds.

Cllr P Ferguson said that the history group was due to meet shortly and discussion of the display to be created for the phone box should be on the agenda.

Cllr P Ferguson said that the planters needed some attention and asked if anyone had any decking oil he could use to avoid having to buy more. One planter had been slightly damaged by a mower.

An event for the Queen's jubilee was proposed in outline. Cllr M Ferguson said that it would be 100 years next year since the parish hall had been bequeathed to the village and that it would be nice to mark the occasion, incorporating some history of the Heneage family and how the building was donated.

The meeting welcomed Alice Pedersen who was observing with a view to becoming a councillor. There was a discussion about events for the young people in the village including a film club, volunteering to help older residents, and a social evening.

10 Correspondence

The Clerk had received the following:

Request for any areas for Public Space Protection Orders

Three LALC newsletters (already circulated)

A community gigabit project via ELDC

A letter on neighbourhood policing recommitment

11 Items for next agenda

Adoption of updated Standing Orders.

Council initiatives – bus stop noticeboard.

12 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 15 September 2021.

The Chair thanked Cllr Bradwell for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed:

Date:

Chairman: