

DRAFT MINUTES
SOUTH WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2020

Present:

Cllr P Elliott (Chair)

Cllr P Ferguson

Cllr M Ferguson

Cllr R Fry (ELDC)

Clerk - S Asquith

Residents' Forum:

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

1 Apologies for absence:

Cllr D Challenger – unable to attend

Cllr M Edmundson – unable to attend

2 Declarations of interest in any items on this agenda:

None.

3 To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2020

The minutes were agreed as a true record and would be signed by the Chair at the next meeting.

4 Matters arising from the meeting held on 16 September 2020

The vice-Chair's signed declaration of acceptance of office had been returned to the clerk.

5 Financial matters

The financial report had been circulated by email and the bank statement was shown to the meeting. These were both approved.

All cheques had cleared and no new cheques had been issued.

Cllr P Ferguson said that the grant money from the bid to ELDC for the funding of a solar light in the bus shelter should be received shortly. The cost would be around £200.

6 Agreement of precept

Cllr Elliott asked for ideas for possible expenditure for the coming year. He wished to avoid too much money being carried over. Cllr P Ferguson said that he expected all the scenic improvement money for the current year to be used in maintenance and additional planting of the planters.

Discussion followed regarding raising the precept to account for the maintenance of items established in the current year. SWPC had benefited from grants from ELDC this year and such money might not be again available so it would need to be funded via the precept. Looking at budgeted expenditure and carry over it was agreed that a precept of £900 would be appropriate; an increase of £300. The was agreed.

Action: Clerk to complete and return the form to ELDC.

7 Revival of Covid-19/lockdown support group

It was agreed not to repeat leaflet the village. Councillors said that the group had not been used much and that residents seemed to have their own support networks. Cllr Elliott said that the group was still extant and would be willing to help if approached. The DVD and book exchange is still in operation at the parish hall.

Cllr Fry commented that there were several cases of Coronavirus in Binbrook currently.

8 Dates of meeting for 2021

These were agreed as the following Wednesdays:

20 January	14 July
17 March	15 September
12 May	17 November

Public forum to begin at 6.50 pm followed by the meeting at 7.00 pm.

9 Risk management (standing item)

Cllr P Ferguson said that the area around the phone box and bus shelter was slippery as a result of falling leaves and that it would need to be kept free from ice. There was grit in the bin by the bus shelter but Cllr Elliott said he would order more if required.

The road at the T-junction had been repaired but the Highways operatives had told Cllr M Ferguson that they had not been instructed to do any further repairs elsewhere.

Action: Cllr Elliott would contact Cllr Bradwell to ask about the other pothole repairs.

10 Planning matters

None had been received.

11 Parish Council initiatives

Planters: Cllr P Ferguson had contacted Jo Rouston, the landscape gardener, who had agreed to further planting of the containers. She would carry out the work as soon as she was available.

Phone box: The light had been replaced in the phone box and it was working correctly. Roland Asquith had fitted a board internally to the back of the box ready for display items. The History Group had not yet met to discuss possible content. Shirley Asquith had cleaned the outside of the box and painting would be done in the spring with the help of Woodbine Cottage. Shirley Asquith suggested scenic improvement money could be used to replace the perspex in the phone box with glass.

Bus shelter light: Cllr P Ferguson had costed a solar light for the inside of the bus shelter to be movement sensitive and operate in the hours of darkness with a cut-off timer. Grant funds are awaited.

12 Correspondence

No items of note had been received. The Clerk said that she circulated relevant items from the council and LALC newsletters when she received them.

Cllr Fry was asked about developments in the Lincolnshire devolution debate. He said that there was no document giving a simple explanation of the situation but that he thought that it was now 'on the back burner' as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak. He explained that a bid for a devolution package had been put in by Cllr Martin Hill which did not involve the district councils who, as a result, had themselves created a district council leaders group to fight their corner. ELDC was playing a lead role in this possible alliance.

13 Items for next agenda

No additional items.

14 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 20 January 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.40

Signed:

Date:

Chairman: