

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SWEFFLING PARISH COUNCIL
Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7:30pm, taking place at the Sweffling Village Hut, Low Road,
Sweffling.

1. Attendance and apologies:

- **PRESENT:** John Stanley in the Chair
- **COUNCILLORS:** Julia Kinsey (JK).
- **IN ATTENDANCE:** Erika Spall, Temporary acting Clerk to the Council.
- **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Members of the Hut Committee
- **APOLOGIES:** Jude Chin (JC), Audrey Lummis (AL), John Tesh (JT), Debbie Smith (DS), both Cllr Stephen Burroughes and Maurice Cook were both unable to attend as they were each attending other meetings. All apologies were accepted.
- Note: The Parish Council is not quorate so no decisions regarding anything put forward can be taken.

2. To receive declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations:

- There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.

3. Minutes of the previous meetings

- The previous minutes from 12/10/21 were voted as correct but amending the date for the November meeting highlighted in the October minutes. These were signed on the basis of representing a true and fair record of that meeting and accordingly the Chair was authorised to sign the same as amended.

3.1 Matters Arising

- It was suggested that the council tries to get help from District Councillor with regard to persuading Flagship to come and deal with the sewage from the old sewage treatment tank.
- Cheque for the memorial wreath, signed by Cllr Stanley (JS). The council would like it to be laid at the hut after the remembrance service. Cllr Stanley (JS) will talk to Cllr Tesh (JT) about this.
- Thank you's have been received from Mike and Maureen for the gifts recently given.
- Jill Abbott has said she will try to organise funds and bench in memory of Keith.
- Cllr Kinsey (JK) has received emails from Andy Franklyn, as he is trying to contact highways and environment people about uncleared ditches opposite Townland Meadow.
- Cllr Spall (ES) reported the Cllr Smith (DS) is not going ahead with Christmas event in hut.

4. Public participation incl. Police, District and County Councillors/ reports.

- The Clerk reported that reports has been received from both District and County Councillors and each has been posted on the village website.
- Stephen Burrows report: Sweffling PC would like more consideration of new bus routes to benefit our village. We would also like more details of the proposed lorry routes. We are surprised there was no mention of apparent links with Sizewell and the area immediately behind Snape.

5. Village Matters

5.1 Jubilee Field

- Cllr Spall (ES) states that there is £2,226 available for Jubilee Field and that she is awaiting final confirmation from Maurice Cook to receive the funds. Cllr Spall

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(ES) will source quotes from various companies for outdoor equipment. It was noted we can claim back VAT.

- Cllr Stanley (JS) reports money is readily available from Adnams for a second goal on the field.

5.2 Dog Fouling

- Dog fouling of local paths and road edges is noted to be a problem again. JS stated when 'The Bridge' went out monthly it was easier to remind people of their responsibilities. Cllr Spall (ES) wonders if Highways or Footpaths at District Council might be willing to put up signs around village. Cllr Stanley (JS) will find contact number for Cllr Spall (ES).

5.3 Sweffling Village Hut

- Cllr Stanley (JS) asked to bring up the issue of the HUT. Several members of hut committee present. Cllr Stanley (JS) explained at the recent Hut AGM, no one on committee wanted to take on senior roles. Therefore the committee proposed to ask the PC to take on running the Hut. It was suggested that if this were to go ahead the Hut committee would be a subcommittee of the PC with one councillor on the committee. Cllr Kinsey (JK) asked who owns the land the Hut sits on. Apparently the land was given to 'the village' many years ago. In more recent years a solicitor has looked at deeds etc. The trustees (committee) own the hut and land. It was thought that there might need to be a document signed to turn over legal ownership to the PC. Further discussions are required.

5.4 Other Matters

- Two members of the public (JC and AW) are concerned about the large puddle/flooding that occurs across the road at bottom of 'dogs off' lane, when there is heavy rain. Cllr Stanley (JS) reports that apparently it is on Highway's list to clear. But we have no idea when

6. Planning Matters

- No planning applications to consider.

7. Finance:

- £285.01 Former Clerk's final payslip
- £37 to Cllr Spall (ES) for printing costs.
- Purchase possibility of new printer with document feeder function
- Memorial Wreath cheque mentioned previously.

8. Correspondence

- From previous matters arising from the minutes it was suggested that the Clerk approaches UKPN with an update regarding our previous power cuts, the following response was received.

"Further to below, our lead field engineer has advised that they are currently looking at various options to try and resolve the outages which have been occurring. Unfortunately at present we cannot provide a definitive answer or timelines until the best course of action has been agreed. If you can please reassure the residents that our engineers are aware of the outages and they will try and find the best solution to remedy the situation ASAP.

As soon as we receive further updates we will revert back to you".

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9. Questions to the Chair

- There were no questions.

10. Date and time of next meeting

- The chair gave confirmation that the next Parish meeting would take place at the Village Hut on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7:30pm as the Parish Council does not meet in August and December.

There being no other competent business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8:25pm.



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Julia Kinsey, Vice Chairperson