Swefling Parish Council

Minutes

**Location:** **Sweffling Village Hut, The Street, Sweffling**

**Date: Tuesday 13 Sept 2022.** Started at 7.55pm

1. **Attendance and apologies:**

No apologies, Present John Stanley (JS), Julia Kinsey (JK), John Tesh (JT), Audrey Lummis (AL), Amanda Daniel (AD), Jill Abbott (JA). Jude Chin (JC)

2 members of the public present.

1. **To receive declarations of interest and to consider requests for dispensations**: None declared
2. **Minutes of the previous meetings:**

JS reported that although a new Clerk was appointed at the July meeting, she has now decided to step down. JS feels we need a qualified clerk.

1. **Public participation incl. Police, District and County Councillors’ reports.** None supplied
2. **Village Matters**
3. Sizewell C meeting held just prior to PC meeting was welcomed as informative. Further feedback from them will be requested by JS. JS requested that if anyone knew someone living close to Hinkley Point development; it would be useful to have their thoughts on how the development has gone and what problems they experience. JT said he thought he had such a contact. Action ; JT to follow up on this.
4. AD updated us all on the action she has taken to ensure our website is up to date and easy to use. Current website uses WIX as a base and does not have search engine optimization. One Suffolk supplies a better platform for a website. AD plus Laura Mann are willing to take on moving our website and developing it. This was proposed by JA, seconded by JS, all in favour. Action: AD to work with LM to develop website.
5. JA has had agreement from Stephen Burrows to give parish council some money towards costs relating to the Jubilee Celebrations.
6. JS is wanting to try the ride on mower for use in the Jubilee Field, to see if now it has had a few decent cuts the smaller mower will cope with the ground. Use at Memorial garden also considered again. Action : JS to talk with Andy Franklin who currently houses the mower
7. JA updated us on the village hut committee status. All committee members are happy to have JA as Chair. Hut committee meets Tues 20th Sept to appoint officers.
8. JT reported on his meeting with the Woodland Trust regarding trees for new hedge alongside Jubilee Field. Site will need to be cleared before ‘hedgelings’ planted. Action : JT to approach WT for 400+ small hedge plants, and source someone to clear the area.

**6. Finances**

Two cheques signed for AD for works done on SPC laptop. It was noted that the costs of getting WiFi into village hut, fell to the VH committee. However SPC will help with finding funding.

1. **Planning**

Planning applications checked by JS and AL - Area opposite White House Farm, that is currently old farm buildings, application made to build 3 (4 bed houses). This application is only in outline stage as law would need to change for it to go ahead.

JS reported that Oak Barn may put in application to extend out back.

**8. Correspondence** None

**9. Questions to the chair**

JK has sourced 4 different vexatious complainant policies. She is willing to adapt which ever one is chosen to suit our needs. JK feels it is important to have this in place, particularly with our experience over past 2 years of a particular issue of this nature. JK suggests all read the policies with a view to adopting one next month. This was proposed by JS, seconded by AD. Action JK to produce amended policy.

**10. To confirm the next meeting of the Parish Council as 11th October 2022 at 7.30pm.**

Apologies for this meeting given by JK and JA as both will be away.

Meeting concluded at 8.45pm