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Swine Parish Council

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Minutes of the of Annual Swine Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2023

Attendance: Cllrs Y Wilkinson, E McMullen, A Hunter, A Thompson, J Mackereth and G Bloom

Apologies: Cllr D Oliver

1. Chair's review of 2022/23:

Cllr Wilkinson summarised the past year:

- ⑩ First face-to-face meetings after Covid restrictions
- ⑩ Grant of £1000 accepted from Withernwick Wind Farm Community Fund and used to repair the village war memorial (remaining balance of £31.60 returned)
- ⑩ No reported crime in Swine, although still need to be vigilant as there is crime happening in neighbouring villages
- ⑩ East Riding Stages Rally came through the village in February and there are plans for this to become an annual event
- ⑩ Solar farm at Turf Carr is going through the planning process
- ⑩ Parish grass cutting remains on a 15 working day cycle from March to October
- ⑩ Grant of £500 applied for and granted from the King's Coronation Fund which will be contributed to the replacement of the church clock at St Mary's, Swine
- ⑩ Precept of £550 applied for from East Riding of Yorkshire Council

2. Public participation:

Cllr Amanda Talbot (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) in attendance

Meeting closed at 7.05pm

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05/2023/01 – Attendees: Cllrs Y Wilkinson, E McMullen, A Hunter, A Thompson, J Mackereth and G Bloom

Cllr Amanda Talbot (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) remained in attendance to offer assistance on issues raised where possible.

05/2023/02 – Apologies: Cllr D Oliver

05/2023/03 – Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the meetings held on 21st February and 14th March 2023 were read and approved unanimously as prepared, and then signed by Cllr Wilkinson.

05/2023/04 – Election of Chair:

Cllr Bloom proposed Cllr Wilkinson to remain as Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Hunter and voted on unanimously.

05/2023/05 – Election of Vice Chair:

Cllr Hunter proposed Cllr Thompson to remain as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Bloom and voted on unanimously.

05/2023/06 – Police Crime Report: Crime reports received since the last meeting had been circulated to Councillors on email or hard copy prior to the meeting. There appeared to have been nothing reported within the Parish, although Councillors did note the high number of petrol thefts locally.

05/2023/07 – Clerk's Report:

Clerk was welcomed back after previous decision to resign. However, had no issues to report.

05/2023/08 - Finance:

(A) Clerk reported a bank balance of £712.10 as at 14th April 2023 (the precept has yet to be received)

(B) Clerk reported that the application for the grant from the King's Coronation Fund had been successful but not yet received. Clerk also clarified to Councillors that as the clock replacement project is a village project to which the Parish Council is contributing via the grant money (rather than a Parish Council project) there will need to be formal approval by the Council of expenditure to whoever is dealing with the finances for the project. There will also need to be a completion of work statement prepared and returned to East Riding of Yorkshire Council. However, it is unlikely that the work will be completed before the deadline for this so Clerk will contact East Riding of Yorkshire Council to clarify how to proceed.

05/2023/09 – Humber Talking survey:

Clerk asked whether similar responses to the last survey should be submitted. The only real concern was off-road motorbikes riding in fields. Cllr Talbot said she would ask at East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Safety and Security Committee regarding responsibility for dealing with this issue.

05/2023/10 – East Riding Stages Rally:

Clerk confirmed that the rally will take place on the weekend of 24th/25th February, with competitive racing taking place on 25th (Sunday). The email received from the organisers states that, unlike this year where the timed stage ended just outside Swine village, the 2023 stage will race through the village (not Main Street) and on to Gravel Hill Farm. This means that the village will be cut off on that date, with the exception of emergencies. The email also states that "we gave £2,000.00 to local charities and are helping with the restoration of Swine Parish Church". No one has contacted the Parish Council in this regard, however it may be that the Church Council has been contacted.

05/2023/11 – Audit:

Clerk advised that an extraordinary meeting will be necessary to approve the audit paperwork before sending to the external auditors once the internal audit has been completed. Date to be advised in due course.

05/2023/12 – Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 15th August 2023 at 7pm, in St Mary's Church Vestry

Any other business:

Mention was made of the culvert works. Work had started several weeks ago but suddenly ceased and nothing has now happened for approximately 3 weeks. Local landowners have had no requests for access, although it is believed that the works are being carried out by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Cllr Talbot was asked if she could look into what the current situation is, and she asked for photographs to be sent to her.

Cllr Mackereth raised the long-standing issue of the village finger post signs and the style. The following have been raised with East Riding of Yorkshire Council on several occasions over a number of years:

- ⑩ Sign at Hill Farm/Woodhouse Farm "T-junction" is in very poor repair
- ⑩ Style where the public footpath enters Park Field remains in a dangerous condition
- ⑩ The "Angel of the North" signpost at the junction by the bus stop is falling into poor repair but has never been considered to be in keeping with the style of the village

There is also now a loose/dangerous manhole cover on Dancing Lane. Cllr Talbot was asked to raise these issues with the appropriate departments on behalf of the Parish Council. She asked for photographs where possible, and also copies of any correspondence.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm