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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Swine Parish Council held on 18th July 2023
at St Mary's Church Vestry, Swine

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

07/2023/01 – Public Participation:

No members of the public were in attendance

07/2023/02 – Apologies:

None

07/2023/03 – Finance:

(A) 2022/23 Audit:

- (i) The certificate of exemption from a detailed/national audit was considered and approved unanimously, and signed appropriately.
- (ii) The annual governance statement was considered and approved unanimously, and signed appropriately.
- (iii) The accounting statement was considered and approved unanimously, and signed appropriately.

(B) The Clerk explained to the Councillors that clarification from East Riding of Yorkshire Council had been sought regarding the significantly higher invoice for maintenance of salt bins for the past winter (£324 rather than £154.80). This was attributed to extra visits having been made to all bins (not just within Swine Parish) due to the particularly cold winter. Councillors did not consider that there had been an unduly cold winter and felt it was unfair that all Councils should be charged for visits they had not necessarily requested. Councillors felt that this additional expense formed a significant part of the Parish Council's small budget and asked that the Clerk challenge this with East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

(C) The expenditure of £65 in respect of the Clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks was considered and agreed unanimously. A cheque for the amount was drawn.

07/2023/04 – Update on signpost/stile issues:

The Clerk updated Councillors on responses received following the attendance of Cllr Amanda Talbot (East Riding of Yorkshire Council) at the Parish Council meeting in May. Proposals have been made that the arms on the “Angel of the North” could be made smaller with proposals for amended wording on the right hand arm. However, Councillors felt that the order of the amended wording should read:

Church
Abbey Garth Farm
Hill Farm
Woodhouse Farm

It had also been proposed that the post at the junction leading to Hill Farm and Woodhouse Farm could be reduced in size by removing reference to “no through road” on one or both arms due to there being a “no through road” sign at the junction with Dancing Lane. Clerk to respond appropriately via Cllr Talbot.

The Clerk informed Councillors of the response regarding the stile. The email refers to a cul-de-sac footpath and a sign to this effect being installed, but Councillors believe that the stile leading to the footpath is not a cul-de-sac. This needs clarifying with East Riding of Yorkshire Council. When Councillors were informed that East Riding of Yorkshire Council consider that maintenance of the stile to be the responsibility of the landowner (Cllr Hunter) this was disputed. Cllr Hunter was not happy to bear the cost of maintenance, even though 25% could be reclaimed from East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Neither were Councillors happy with the proposal that an alternative access such as a kissing gate being installed. Cllr Thompson suggested that he construct a replacement stile and that Cllr Hunter claim 25% of the cost back from East Riding of Yorkshire Council. This was agreed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Signed:

Date: