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Minutes of the of Meeting of Swine Parish Council held on 6th February 2024

02/2024/01 – Attendees: Cllrs Y Wilkinson, E McMullen, A Thompson, A Hunter and G Bloom.

02/2024/02 – Apologies: Cllr J Mackereth

02/2024/03 – Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2023 were read and approved unanimously as prepared, and then signed by Cllr Wilkinson.

02/2024/04 – Police Crime Report: Crime reports received since the last meeting had been circulated to Councillors on email or hard copy prior to the meeting. Councillors had no particular comments to make on these, other than some ongoing issues with motorbikes.

02/2024/05 – Clerk's Report:

(A) Clerk informed Councillors that there are 2 agreements in place relating to the additional Parish Council salt bins. One relates to the bins at Woodhouse and Gravel Hill Farms, the other to the bin close to Kelwell Farm. Clerk explained that there would be a total cost of £262.80 if East Riding of Yorkshire Council were asked to remove the bins. Councillors agreed unanimously that East Riding of Yorkshire Council should be asked to remove the bins.

(B) Clerk advised Councillors that a new Resident Liaison Officer has been appointed in relation to the East Riding Stages Rally and that a residents' handbook would be sent out in mid-February

02/2024/06 - Finance:

(A) Clerk reported an bank balance of £881.10 as of 15th January 2024, although 3 cheques (totalling £568) had yet to be presented for payment leaving a potential balance of £313.10

(B) Clerk advised Councillors that the deadline for completion of the new church clock face project, for which a grant of £500 had been received from the King's Coronation Fund, could only be extended to 31st March 2024 (end of the current financial year). As it was unlikely that this could be achieved Clerk advised that the £500 would need to be repaid.

(C) Given that there is a potential bank balance of only £313.10 after all cheques have been presented for payment there was a discussion as to Parish Council finances generally with a view to deciding on the precept demand. The Parish Council will have to repay the £500 grant mentioned above, plus £262.80 for the removal of salt bins, and also an unknown amount for the usual winter maintenance of the salt bins prior to the request for removal. As a result,

Councillors were in agreement that the precept demand needed to be significantly increased to £850. Clerk to check that this increase would be possible, and if so then to complete paperwork.

02/2024/07 – Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 7pm, in St Mary's Church Vestry

Any other business:

The replacement bridge over the culvert was discussed, with the general consensus being that it was not liked and didn't really keep with being in a conservation area. Cllr Wilkinson has spoken to Phil Smith at East Riding of Yorkshire Council, who is supposed to be emailing the Clerk. Clerk to chase.

Cllr Mackereth was concerned about the lack of a path between the village and the disused railway. However, it is believed that there never has been and the other Councillors were of the opinion that wagons would run over (and damage) any kerb that may be installed as part of a path.

Concern was expressed regarding overhanging brances and brambles at the junction near the disused railway. Clerk to chase the issue with East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

There was general concern regarding parking by walkers/dog walkers on the grass verge at the corner leaving Swine village on Dancing Lane. This causes difficulties for drivers and a knock-on effect on the opposite verge. It was suggested that some kind of bollards on the verge may help. Clerk to write to East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm