

# SWINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Swingfield Parish Council held on  
27 July 2021

**PRESENT:** Councillor Tim Allard, (in the Chair), Councillors Andy Csiszar, Andrew Harmer, Vic Harmer, Tony Hutt, Ken Mitchell, Steve Notley and Les Palliser.

Apology for absence: Councillor David Monk.

**Officer in Attendance:** Mrs Tina Wiles

6159. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Vic Harmer and Andrew Harmer declared an other significant interest in minute 6168 - FHDC Play Area Strategy as they undertook maintenance on behalf of the Council and did not take part in the discussion and voting on this item.

6160. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 27 April 2021 were submitted approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6161. **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AND SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

**REPORT PC/21/01** provides the latest budget monitoring information and schedule of payments.

Proposed by Councillor Les Palliser

Seconded by Councillor Vic Harmer and

**RESOLVED:**

1. **To receive and note Report PC/21/01.**
2. **To authorise the Chairman of the Council to sign the bank reconciliation and statements in accordance with best practice.**

(Voting: For 8; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

6162. **PROJECTS UPDATE**

**REPORT:** The Council received the following updates;

Defibrillator; Councillor Vic Harmer advised the installation at the Black Horse Public House was imminent. The electrician had been to inspect the site and arrangements were in hand for the connection to be made.

Tree planting at Swingfield Minnis; Councillor Tim Allard advised this had been successful and the percent loss of tress was approximately only 3%. The Chairman thanked Councillor Harmer for the provision of water bowers at no cost to the Council which helped during the dry period earlier in the summer season. The Chairman said that he had made a provisional order for a further 400 saplings for the Autumn and this had been included within the original budget set for the scheme by the Council.

BMX Track repairs; Councillor Harmer said that he and the Clerk had contacted the supplier but that they had not returned the calls or expressed interest in undertaking the repairs. The next step is to contact a tarmac contractor, in the meantime the membrane would be cut and trimmed.

The Council noted that since the lock-down had been lifted the use of the track had decreased significantly.

Broadband improvements in Swingfield; The Council noted the Clerk had contacted County Councillor Susan Carey regarding this and made enquiries via the KCC website. The outcome is there are no planned improvements to Swingfield broadband services at the present time.

The Chairman advised the Council that Wootton Parish Council had made similar enquiries and these had not been successful.

Proposed by Councillor Vic Harmer  
Seconded by Councillor Andrew Harmer and

**RESOLVED:**

1. **To receive and note the updates.**
2. **To advise Wootton Parish Council it would support any actions taken by it in relation to broadband provision.**

(Voting: For 8; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

6163. **PLANNING MATTERS**

The Council considered the schedule of planning matters attached to these minutes.

Proposed by Councillor Les Palliser  
Seconded by Councillor Ken Mitchell and

**RESOLVED: To receive and endorse the response sent to the District Council on the schedule of planning matters.**

(Voting: For 8; Against; 0, Abstentions; 0)

6164. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

Councillor Less Palliser advised that he was the new co-ordinator of the Speedwatch Project and would shortly be out and about with the new group.

Councillor Tony Hutt gave information relating to the locations and sites that had previously been approved for the setting up of the scheme along the A260 in Swingfield.

Councillors discussed the relocation of the speed camera in Hawkinge to a location in Swingfield on the A260 and asked the Clerk to make enquiries with KCC to see if this was possible.

Proposed by Councillor Vic Harmer  
Seconded by Councillor Les Palliser and

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To receive and note the updates given.**
- 2. To ask the Clerk to write to KCC requesting the relocation of the speed camera in Hawkinge to a location in Swingfield on the A260.**

(Voting: For 6; Against; 0, Abstentions; 1)

6165. **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

No items were raised.

6166. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None reported.

6167. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

Proposed by Councillor Tony Hutt  
Seconded by Councillor Ken Mitchell and

**RESOLVED: To exclude the public and press from the meeting for the following items of business by virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

(Voting: For 8; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

6168. **FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL PLAY AREA STRATEGY**

**REPORT:** On 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021, minute 6157 refers, the Clerk with the Chairman was asked to explore and obtain further information regarding the transfer of the play area at Densole Way to the Parish Council as part of the above strategy.

The Council considered some exempt information which had been received from FHDC.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Hutt  
Seconded by Councillor Les Palliser and

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To receive and note the report.**
- 2. To advise FHDC that the Council was interested in taking on the play area but was dissatisfied with the offer made.**

(Voting: For 6; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

6169. **LYCHGATE AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, SWINGFIELD**

**REPORT:** On 27 April 2021, minute 6158, the Council resolved to commission Dolmen Conservation and Joinery to undertake a survey of the condition of the Lych Gate at St Peter's Church.

A copy of the survey had been circulated with the agenda and was considered at the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Tim Allard  
Seconded by Councillor Les Palliser and

**RESOLVED: To commission Dolmen Conservation and Joinery to proceed to the next stage and create an outline of the works from the survey and conclusions and accompanying applications for the works at a cost of £960.**

(Voting: For 8; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

## SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

From 1 April to 19 July 2021

E1,2,3	Staff costs April	1013.95
E4	David Buckett IA Fee 20.21	250.00
E5	KALC Annual subs	493.80
E6	KALC Intro to chairmanship	60.00
E7,8,9	Staff costs May	1013.95
E9	Dolmen Carpentry	720.00
	KempCarr Payroll service	
E10	20/21	324.00
E11	Harmer and Sons - St Peters	144.00
	KempCB payroll 1/4/21-	
E12	30/6/21	108.00
E13,14,15	Staff costs June 2021	1013.95
E16	BHIB Insurance	240.64

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Schedule of Planning Applications

The below sets out the responses sent to FHDC.

**1. Ref: 21/1326/FH**

Proposal: Rear conservatory to be demolished and replaced with ground floor rear extension. Loft conversion to include one new bedroom and en-suite.. Re-submission of planning application 21/0598/FH.

Location: 7 Minter Avenue, Densole, Folkestone, CT18 7DS

**The response from Swingfield Parish Council is no objections.**

**2. Planning application at 2 Pay Street, Densole, Folkestone, CT18 7DN.**

**This is a re-consultation following the submission of additional details or a change in circumstance.** These are detailed below:

Change of proposal description and revised drawings added 27/05/21

**Re the reconsultation - the response from Swingfield Parish Council is to support.**

**3. Ref: 21/0774/FH**

Proposal: Change of use from a grass field to a dog walking field.

Location: 1 St Johns Cottages, Stockham Lane, Swingfield, Dover, CT15 7HG

**Response from Swingfield Parish Council: No objection.**

**4, Ref: 21/0952/FH**

Proposal: Change of use of the garage to provide a dog grooming service and installation of side door and window to side of garage.

Location: 27 Pay Street, Densole, Folkestone, CT18 7DN

**The Council response is as follows: To support**

**5. Ref: 21/0892/FH**

Proposal: Erection of side extension to form a kitchen, study and entrance to replace the existing garage and porch.

Location: 30 Minter Avenue, Densole, Folkestone, CT18 7DS

**The Council response is: No objection**