

SWINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Swingfield Parish Council held on
31 May 2022

PRESENT: Councillor David Monk, (in the Chair), Councillors Tim Allard, Andrew Harmer, Vic Harmer, Tony Hutt, Steve Notley, Les Palliser and Nigel Stevens (minute 6243 -end)

Officer in Attendance: Mrs Tina Wiles Parish Clerk and RFO

6236. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

Proposed by Councillor Les Palliser

Seconded by Councillor Vic Harmer and there being no other nominations it was;

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor David Monk as Chairman for 2022/23.

6237. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN**

Councillor David Monk signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

6238. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Proposed by Councillor Tony Hutt

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Harmer and there being no other nominations it was;

RESOLVED: To appoint Councillor Vic Harmer as Vice-Chairman for 2022/23.

6239. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Harmer signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

6240. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declaration of interest.

6241. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 26 April 2022 were submitted and approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6242. **CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR**

The Council considered an application from Nigel Stevens.

Proposed by Councillor David Monk

Seconded by Councillor Tony Hutt

RESOLVED: To appoint Nigel Stevens as Parish Councillor for the remaining term of office.

(Voting: For 7; Against; 0, Abstentions; 0)

Councillor Nigel Stevens signed the declaration of acceptance of Office and took his place at the meeting.

6243. **PROJECTS UPDATE**

The Council received the following updates;

Tree planting at Swingfield Minnis: The Council noted sponsorship received to date and the costs set by the Council on 25 January 2022, minute 6199 refers. Some debate followed during which the Chairman reminded the Council of its decision to meet any shortfall which may arise due to the costs of planting and watering.

Folkestone and Hythe District Council Paly Area Strategy

The Chairman reported the lease had been received from FHDC in accordance with the Parish Council decision made on 30th November 2021, minute 6203 refers to take the open space and play area land at Densole Way. He asked the Council to make a formal resolution to receive the land at and sign the lease.

Proposed by Councillor David Monk
Seconded by Councillor Tony Hutt

RESOLVED: To accept the land at Densole Way and authorise the Chairman to sign the lease.

(Voting: For 6; Against; 0, Abstentions; 2)

The Queen's Green Canopy Project and maintenance of the Tree planting project at the Minnis

There was a debate regarding a potential need to change the maintenance specification ie specifically the mowing of the football pitch item since the planting of approximately 1000 saplings had taken place on the site. The Council agreed that a site visit would be held to discuss the matter and review the planted windbreaks at the site and the outcome would be reported back.

Councillor Tony Hutt asked the Council to consider purchasing a commemorative plaque for the Queen's Green Canopy Project.

Councillor Harmer agreed that he would circulate options for the Council to consider.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Hutt
Seconded by Councillor Steve Notley and

RESOLVED:

- 1. To receive and note the update reports.**
- 2. To hold a site visit at the Minnis to be attended by Councillors Tim Allard, David Monk, Nigel Stevens and to invite the Council's maintenance contractor.**
- 3. To purchase a commemorative plaque for the Queens Green Canopy.**

(Voting: For 7; Against; 0, Abstentions; 1)

6244. **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

REPORT: The Council considered the schedule of payments which had been circulated with the agenda.

Proposed by Councillor Vic Harmer
Seconded by Councillor Tony Hutt and

RESOLVED:

1. To receive and note the schedule of payments attached at Appendix 1.

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

6245. **SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES 2022/23**

The Council considered a schedule of meeting dates circulated with the agenda.

Proposed by Councillor Les Palliser
Seconded by Councillor Vic Harmer and

RESOLVED: To receive and adopt the schedule of meeting dates at Appendix 2.

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

6246. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2021/22**

The Council considered the appointment of representatives to the outside bodies detailed in the report which was circulated with the agenda.

There were no nominations to KALC.

Proposed by Councillor Vic Hamer
Seconded by Councillor Les Palliser and

RESOLVED: To make the appointments as set out in the Appendix 2 to these minutes.

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

6247. **PLANNING MATTERS**

The Council noted one planning application was circulating for comments.

6248. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

REPORT: Councillors debated a response in respect of its request for white lines in Stockham Lane where the school is located. Councillor Nigel Stevens said that in his experience it was traffic passing through or visiting the area that caused problems. He suggested the Council ask KCC for signage appropriate to a rural school in a rural location this included signage from East to West giving notice of the school when travelling towards the

A260 junction as there was poor view when coming down the hill on the approach.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Hutt
Seconded by Councillor Vic Harmer and

RESOLVED: To ask the Clerk to write to KCC requesting a review of the school signage and to provide signage set out above.

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

6249. **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

Councillor Tony Hutt asked if the Parish Council if it would consider granting approval for the setting up of two beehives by a local resident in St Peter's Church Yard. The Council asked the Clerk to notify the Canterbury Diocese, the PCC and the Council's maintenance contractor.

Proposed by Councillor David Monk
Seconded by Councillor Tony Hutt Vic Harmer and

RESOLVED: To approve the request for the setting up of two beehives in St Peter's Churchyard.

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

6250. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None reported.

Appendix 1

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – MAY 2022

Staff costs	1250.48
March 2022	
Clerk Exp for	113.68
March 2022	
Reimb Cllr Tim	87.58
Allard	
Irrigation	
Internal Audit	200.00
Fee LRAvory	
Staff costs	1031.44
April 2022	
FHDC Legal	250.00
costs	
DensolePA	

Appendix 2

SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES 2022/23

The Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month as the business requires
28 June 2022
26 July 2022
27 September 2022
25 October 2022
29 November 2022
31 January 2023
28 February 2023
28 March 2023
25 April 2023
31 May 2023

The Council does not meet in August and December.

Appendix 3

SWINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES 2022/23

1. **Kent Association of Local Councils**

No nomination made

2. **Swingfield and Acrise Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity**

Councillor D D Monk	(appointed May 2020 for 4 years)
Steve Notely	(appointed May 2021 for 4 years)
Councillor V Harmer	(appointed May 2020 for 4 years)
Tony Hutt	(appointed May 2020 for 4 years)

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Qu1: from Shaun McFaddon 330 Canterbury Road: Spoke of the accident on A260 on 17th May 2022 during which his daughter was injured and hospitalised. He said there was no safe place for local residents to cross, had there been this accident could have been prevented. He said there were no speed cameras which would help reduce traffic speed and drew attention to the fact there were in Hawkinge. He said he felt as if he was not being listened to and asked the Council if it help resolve the situation.

Response: Councillor T Hutt said he had contacted the MP in January and hadn't received a response. The Chairman said the Council acknowledged the issues he had raised and had been campaigning KCC over a prolonged time to come forward with safety measures. Councillor Vic Harmer said it had been a priority for the Council over many years and the Council had recently asked for speed camera and had been refused, it then asked for the relocation of the one in Hawkinge to Swingfield and had been advised if it were to be moved there was no guarantee where it would be moved to and therefore could be lost. Councillor Harmer also mentioned the site visit with the police at which the Council drew attention to the lack of visibility at the Black Horse corner.

The Chairman concluded by advising the Council will write to KCC and put the Council's weight behind the other parties also lobbying for action on the A260.

Q2: What does it take to get something done?

Response: Unfortunately statistics and fatalities.

Q3: From Marianne Ancel, Swingfield Street: What is the procedure for applying to the Council for a grant.

Response: Chairman: Write to the Clerk with details of the application, it will then be put on the agenda and considered by the Council.