

# SWINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of Swingfield Parish Council held on 26 July 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillor David Monk, (in the Chair), Councillors Tim Allard, Andy Csiszar, Andrew Harmer, Vic Harmer, Tony Hutt, Steve Notley, Les Palliser and Nigel Stevens

**Officer in Attendance:** Mrs Tina Wiles Parish Clerk and RFO

6251. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors V Harmer and A Harmer declared an other significant interest in minute 6255 relating to an amendment to the maintenance contract and did not take part in the discussion or voting on this item.

Councillor T Hutt and Nigel Stevens declared an other significant interest in Minute 6254 as they were members of the Swingfield Street Community Group and did not take part in the discussion or voting on this item.

6252. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 31 May 2022 were submitted and subject to an amendment to minute 6243 increasing the planting of trees to 1400 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6253. **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AND SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

**REPORT PC/22/01** sets out the latest budget monitoring information and schedule of payments.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Hutt  
Seconded by Councillor Les Palliser and

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To receive and note the report and schedule of payments.**
- 2. To authorise the Chairman to sign the bank reconciliation and the bank statements.**

(Voting: For 9; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

6254. **APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**REPORT:** An application for financial assistance by way of a grant from Swingfield Street Community Group to part fund planters on Swingfield Street Village Green was considered.

Proposed by Councillor Steve Notley  
Seconded by Councillor Les Palliser and

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To receive and note the report.**
- 2. To make a grant of £550 towards the project.**

(Voting: For 7; Against 0; Abstentions 2)

Proposed by Councillor Steve Notley  
Seconded by Councillor Les Palliser and

- 3. To authorise the placing of the planters on the Village Green.**

(Voting: For 7; Against 0; Abstentions 2)

6255. **PROJECTS UPDATE**

The Council received the following updates;

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

At its meeting on 31 May 2022 minute 6243 the Council resolved to hold a site meeting with the contractor to discuss amendments to the contract following the planting of 1400 saplings on the football pitch and a circle of hornbeams for the Queens Green Canopy Project.

Councillor Tim Allard advised that 1294 of the 1390 saplings were still alive on the Saturday prior to the meeting. He was concerned about an outbreak of mildew and had purchased some spray to assist with this.

Councillor Nigel Stevens gave an update in which he advised the maintenance was significantly more now the trees had been planted. Details of the amendments proposed had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Clerk reported £680 had been received in sponsorship for QGC Project and a further £100 was awaited. An invoice for the trees had been received at £960 this did not include a charge for labour as this was sponsored by the contractor.

Councillors considered the purchase of a commemorative plaque for the Queen's Green Canopy Project. Councillor Harmer would order this and would install it as part of the sponsorship. The plaque would be paid for by the Council.

Proposed by Councillor David Monk  
Seconded by Councillor Tony Hutt and

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To receive and note the update reports.**
- 2. To amend the ground maintenance contract with immediate effect as set out in the proposals previously circulated.**

Proposed by Councillor Tony Hutt  
Seconded by Councillor Andy Csiszar and

(Voting: For 6; Against; 0, Abstentions; 3)

**3. To authorise the purchase and installation of commemorative plaque for the Queens Green Canopy.**

(Voting: For 9; Against; 0, Abstentions; 0)

**Folkestone and Hythe District Council Paly Area Strategy**

The Chairman reported the engrossed lease had been received from FHDC and the Parish Council was awaiting a transfer date.

**Lych Gate at St Peter's Church**

The Council noted the contactors were on site and the work was scheduled to take approximately two weeks.

The Council noted a quotation for the removal of a dying tree in the Churchyard to the RHS of the Lychgate made by local residents.

**White lines at Selsted School**

The Clerk had been asked to write to KCC requesting modifications to the road markings in Stockham Lane at the school. An update was given that no response had been received from FHDC or KCC following the parish council request.

Councillors debated this along with on-going speeding and safety issues on the A260. It was agreed to hold an Open Community Meeting and invite other Denton Parish Council, other interest groups and local residents to attend.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Hutt  
Seconded by Councillor Steve Notley and

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. To receive and note the update reports.**
- 2. To arrange a Community Meeting in mid September to discuss safety issues on the A260 and other related matters.**
- 3. To authorise the removal of the tree in the Churchyard detailed above.**

(Voting: For 7; Against; 0, Abstentions; 2)

**6256. PLANNING MATTERS**

Proposed by Councillor Vic Harmer  
Seconded by Councillor Steve Notley and

**RESOLVED:** To receive and adopt the schedule of responses sent to the District Council attached at **Appendix 2.**

(Voting: For 8; Against; 0, Abstentions; 1)

6257. **ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

An overhanging tree was reported on the A260; 300 yards south of the nursery by the Chapel.

6258. **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

**REPORT:** It was reported the bus stop on the A260 at Nursery Lane needed cleaning.

Councillor Harmer offered to clean it.

6259. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None reported.

Appendix 1

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS – JULY 2022

Staff costs May 2022	1031.44
BHIB Council Insurance	240.79
KempCarr payroll services	108.00
Staff costs June 2022	1031.44
KALC Annual Subs	499.34
Dolmen-Lychgate 25%	3600.00
Dolmen 25% VAT	705.00

Appendix 2

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS - JULY 2022

**Ref: 22/0964/FH Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension.**

Location: The Cottage, Canterbury Road, Selsted, Dover, CT15 7HL

**Parish Council response: To Support**

**Ref: 22/0915/FH Proposal: Erection of a first floor side extension over garage to include changes to rear ground floor window.**

Location: 8 St Johns Way, Densole, Folkestone, CT18 7DW

**Parish Council response: To Support**

**Ref: 22/0828/FH Proposal: Installation of antennas on existing communications mast and ancillary development**

Location: Communications Mast, Boyington Lane, Swingfield, Kent CT15 7HD

**Parish Council response: To Support**

**Ref: 22/0830/FH Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension and alteration to external materials and fenestration.**

Location: Twin Eagles, The Sstreet, Swingfield, CT15 7HA

**Parish Council response: No objection**

**Ref: 22/0694/FH Proposal: Section 73 application for the variation of condition 3 (submitted plans) for planning permission 21/0666/FH Demolition of a detached garage and outbuilding and construction of single storey side extension with pitched roof and rear extension with flat roof to allow for amended parking arrangements.**

Location: 2 Pay Street, Densole, Folkestone CT18 7DN

**Parish Council response: No objection**

**Planning Application - 22/0915/FH** 8 St Johns Way, Densole, Folkestone,

re-consultation following the submission of additional details or a change in circumstance.

**Parish Council response: No objection**

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Schedule of Public Questions

Qu1: from Shaun McFaddon 330 Canterbury Road: Advised that he had canvassed locally following an accident involving his daughter and had a lot of support to improve speeding and safety issues on the A260. He said that he had research the regulations regarding village status and this could help form

part of a case. He went on to say the lack of footpaths would also support a case.

Q2: From Bob Gilliver; Spoke in support of the above and changes required. Advised that a lower speed limit would make local residents feel safer.

Q3. From Adele Pickering; Spoke in support as having children and being a nurse who had attended previous accidents at the site.

Response: The Chairman advised the Council will investigate a Highway Improvement Plan and part of this process would be to hold an open community meeting with surrounding parishes, other interested groups and local residents.

Councillor Nigel Stevens spoke about some of the issues that should be addressed as part of the meeting such as where speed limits should be focused.