

SWETTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held
on 15 March 2021 using zoom.us

Present:	Councillors Andow, Shaw, Keen, Kirk & Martin; Clerk & RFO, Mrs P Sturrock; CEC Cllr Wray													
Item	Detail	Action												
1	Apologies: None													
2	Declaration of interest. Cllr Andow declared an Interest in Item 8 a. as a tenant of the applicant and would abstain from the vote													
3	Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 January 2021 The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 January were accepted. . Proposed: Cllr Shaw Seconded: Cllr Keen Carried Unanimously													
4	Public Forum: There were no questions from members of the public.													
5	Matters Arising: There were none													
6	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. Finance Report to March 2021 The RFO had produced a financial report for the period to 15th March 2021 showing balances of £4125.81 in the current account, after approval of payments on the agenda, and £2034.90 in the reserve account. Since the publication of the Agenda the Clerk had received invoices from Stuart Goostrey and Robertson & Partners for work done at Swettenham cemetery to replace diseased hedging and remove waste soil. These amounted to £259.60 and £552 (including VAT of £92) respectively. These invoices had been circulated to the Council and it was resolved to approve payment. Proposed: Cllr Kirk Seconded: Cllr Keen Carried Unanimously</p> <p>b. Payments</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">i. Payment of Clerk's salary – February/ March 2021</td> <td style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">£376.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website staffing costs – February/ March 2021</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>£65.16</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£441.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii. Clerk's expenses (including water charges) - October 2020 to March 2021</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£77.84</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">All payments Proposed: Cllr Shaw Seconded: Cllr Martin Carried unanimously</p>	i. Payment of Clerk's salary – February/ March 2021	-	£376.48	Website staffing costs – February/ March 2021	-	<u>£65.16</u>			£441.64	ii. Clerk's expenses (including water charges) - October 2020 to March 2021	-	£77.84	Clerk
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7	<p>Cemetery & War Memorial</p> <p>a. The Clerk reported that no further progress had been made since the January meeting in negotiations between Peak Associates and Cheshire East regarding drainage.</p> <p>b. The diseased hedging has been removed and replanted. The soil waste has also been removed. A discussion followed regarding sowing grass seed or wild flower seed. It was resolved to not to sow grass seed at this time to allow the hedge time to establish</p> <p>c. A cheque has now been received for the cemetery fees for the memorial for Julia Goostrey deceased, the application having been approved at the Council meeting held on 16 November 2020</p>	Clerk												

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<p align="center">8</p>	<p>Planning</p> <p>a. Planning Application No 21/0202C Country Boarding Kennels Swettenham. Construction of access gateway and car park off Swettenham Road Following a discussion, it was resolved that the Parish Council objected to the application on the grounds that there did not appear to be an adequate explanation in the application for the need for such a car park</p> <p align="right">Proposed: Cllr Shaw Seconded: Cllr Kirk 3 for; 1 against; 1 abstention Carried</p> <p>b. Planning Application No 21/0342C Ash Tree Farm Kermincham : Construction of front porch, ground floor rear extension with balcony & internal works Following a discussion, it was resolved that the Parish Council had no comments to make on this application.</p> <p align="right">Proposed: Cllr Shaw Seconded: Cllr Keen Carried Unanimously</p> <p>c. Planning Application No 20/3429C The Old Forge The Courtyard Swettenham. Appeal against refusal of listed building consent. Following a discussion, it was resolved that the Parish Council did not wish to support the appeal as the proposed works were out of keeping with the Courtyard development</p> <p align="right">Proposed: Cllr Martin Seconded: Cllr Andow Carried Unanimously</p>	
<p align="center">9</p>	<p>Highways Maintenance & Footpaths/Bridlepaths</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had emailed Richard Cooper of Cheshire East Highways and had had an acknowledgment dated February 22nd saying that he would do a site visit and report back thereafter. The Clerk has heard nothing further. CEC Cllr Wray had also contacted Richard Cooper but had heard nothing more. Cllr Wray suggested that the Clerk should contact CEC Cllr Laura Crane who is the Councillor in charge of Highways and the Clerk agreed to do this.</p> <p>Cllr Andow commented how the gritting service during the very cold period had worked well and how much this would be missed if it was withdrawn next winter leading to possible crashes. There is a risk of the village becoming isolated if Swettenham Lane becomes impassable because of ice.</p> <p>Cllr Kirk said that Swettenham Lane, on the section past Folly Farm, has a constant flow of running water and had remained very icy despite the gritting. The drains there are also becoming blocked and need jetting. She had taken photographs and would send these to the Clerk. It is necessary to keep pressure on Cheshire East as rural roads are being neglected.</p> <p>There had been a road closure order for Sandy Lane which had expired on the 31st January 2021. The Clerk said she would try to find out if it had been renewed.</p> <p>The Clerk also reported that she had received a complaint from a resident of Cross Lane about the severe flooding near the junction with Congleton Road. The Clerk had filed a report with Cheshire East and had had an email today saying that the drains were being jetted this week</p>	<p align="center">Clerk</p> <p align="center">Cllr Kirk</p> <p align="center">Clerk</p>
<p align="center">10</p>	<p>Review of dates for meetings 2021/22</p> <p>The clerk had, pre-meeting, submitted suggested dates for meetings in 2021/22. Following a discussion, the following dates were agreed as most suitable:</p> <p>Monday 19th July 2021</p> <p>Monday 20th September 2021</p> <p>Monday 15th November 2021</p>	

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	<p>Monday 17th January 2022</p> <p>Monday 21st March 2022</p> <p>Monday 16th May 2022</p>	
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Correspondence, received since the date of the last meeting, appended to these minutes (but not displayed on notice board), was noted by the Council.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting. Resolved: to note the date of the next scheduled Council meeting (Annual Meeting) as Monday 17th May 2021 following the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7:30pm</p>	