SWETTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at The Swettenham Club on 17th March 2025

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Present:	Councillors Shaw, Andow, Kirk, Sturrock, French & Millward; Clerk & RFO, Mrs P Sturrock				
ltem	Detail	Action			
1	Apologies: None had been received. Cllr Keen not in attendance. Councillors were reminded of the importance of giving apologies for non-attendance so that there would be no issues with a quorum.				
2	Declaration of interest. There were none				
3	Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th January 2025 The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 20 th January 2025 were accepted. . Proposed: Cllr Kirk Seconded: Cllr French Carried Unanimously				
4	Public Forum: There were no questions from members of the public. Maria Hay, a local resident was in attendance and had brought some Parish Council paperwork from the time that her grandfather had been Clerk to the Parish Council which she handed to the Clerk.				
5	Matters Arising: A planning application (25/0512/FUL) had been received after the Agenda was published. This was in relation to the field (formerly part of Cloud Hill Farm) which borders Messuage Lane. The application was for an agricultural Building but no exact location was shown on the Cheshire East Planning website nor were any dimensions shown. The Clerk was asked to request further information from CEC. Subject to that information there were no objections in principle.	Clerk			
6	 Finance: a. Finance Report to March 2025 The RFO had produced a financial report for the period to 17th March 2025 showing balances of £741.06 in the current account, after approval of payments on the agenda, and £12107.07 in the reserve account. The Clerk had transferred £10000 from the current account to the reserve account on February 1st. 	Clerk			
	b. Payments				
	 Payment of Clerk's salary – February/March 2025 BACS £725.96 Clerk's Expenses - October 2024 to March 2025 BACS £74.97 HMRC PAYE BACS £154.40 Swettenham Club Room Hire Nov, Jan Mar f105.00 WaterPlus cemetery water charges 30/01/2025 DD £6.79 03/03.2025 DD £6.79 Vi HMD Registry Services legal fees (incl VAT) BACS £900.00 All payments Proposed: Cllr Shaw Seconded: Cllr French Carried unanimously 	Clerk			
7	Village Social Cllr Sturrock had had a meeting with the Swettenham Arms and had circulated the proposed menu and costings. The date was set for 31 st October 2025 and the event will be held in the Lovell Suite at the Swettenham Arms. He had also produced a draft flyer and ticket. Cllr Kirk said that the flyer should ask for any dietary requirements to be made clear on requesting tickets. The start time was set at 6.30pm. Tickets should be restricted to residents of Swettenham and Kermincham and will be priced at £25. Cllr Shaw will ask his daughter who works in marketing to look at the flyer. Ancillary costs will be the room hire (£150) and ticket printing. The Clerk was asked to check with ChALC about using Parish Council funds for these payments. There will also be a raffle on the night.	Clerk Cllr Shaw			

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8	Cemetery & War Memorial	
	 a. The Clerk reported that the Consecration of the remainder of the cemetery had taken place on Sunday 23rd February. The Consecration had been carried out by the Bishop of Stockport Rt Rev Sam Corley and the Solicitor/Registrar was also in attendance to complete the legal formalities. Although it was a very windy day the ceremony was well attended by Parish Councillors and local residents. The Chairman had discussed the provision of hardwood gates with the contractor (Silktown Group) who had provided the initial quotation. He had said the hardwood would be considerably more than soft wood and it was agreed to continue with pre-treated softwood gates and posts. Cllr Andow reminded the Council that a telephone wire runs underneath the gate posts and care must be taken not to cut through it. It was agreed to proceed as soon as possible with the gate replacements as the existing gates are rotten and posing a risk of injury. Proposed: Cllr French Seconded: Cllr Sturrock Carried unanimously b. There had been no new applications for memorials. The application for a memorial for Mr A Riddell had been approved by email at the end of January. 	Clir Shaw
9	Highways Maintenance & Footpaths/Bridlepaths	
	 a. The potholes are getting worse. Whilst some of them have white lines around them indicating that CEC Highways would be patching them, many do not. Everyone is asked to keep reporting them. The motorcycles seem to be coming back to the Swettenham Arms on a Thursday evening despite being encouraged to go to the Waggon & Horses in Eaton. There is still no contact phone number or email which had been promised by Robinsons at the meeting last year. b. The Clerk had received a thread of emails from Geoff Leech regarding the current situation between United Utilities and the Swettenham Arms. The Clerk was asked to forward these to Cllr Shaw. The tractor and tanker continue to make daily visits to the waste water plant. 	Clerk
10	Review of dates for meetings 2025/26	
	The clerk had, pre-meeting, submitted suggested dates for meetings in 2025/2026. Following a discussion, the following dates were agreed as most suitable: Monday 19th May 2025 Monday 28th July 2025 Monday 29th September 2025 Monday 17th November 2025 Monday 19th January 2026 Monday 16th March 2026 Monday 18 th May 2026	
11	Correspondence Correspondence, received since the date of the last meeting, appended to these minutes (but not displayed on notice board), was noted by the Council.	
	Date of next meeting. Resolved: to note the date of the next scheduled Council meeting (Annual Meeting) as Monday 19th May 2025 following the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7:30pm	