

SWETTENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Swettenham Club on
18th March 2019

Present:	Councillors Andow, Platts, Shaw, & Mrs Thorpe; Clerk & RFO, Mrs P Sturrock;																						
Item	Detail	Action																					
1	Apologies: Cllr Mrs Martin sent apologies due to illness																						
2	Declaration of interest: There were none																						
3	<p>Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 January 2019 The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 January were accepted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proposed: Cllr Andow Seconded: Cllr Mrs Thorpe Carried Unanimously</p>																						
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 2019 The RFO had produced a financial report for the period to 18 March 2019 showing balances of £2758.45 in the current account, after approval of payments on the agenda, and £2029.66 in the reserve account.</p> <p>b. Payments</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%;">i.</td> <td style="width: 85%;">Payment of Clerk's salary – February, March 2018 -</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">£357.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td>Website staffing costs -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£61.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£418.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii.</td> <td>Payment of Clerk's expenses to 31st March 2018 -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£95.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iv.</td> <td>Swettenham Club – Room hire for meetings November 2017 to March 2018 -</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£105</td> </tr> <tr> <td>v.</td> <td>WaterPlus Ltd – Water Charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">- £8.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">All payments</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Proposed: Cllr Shaw Seconded: Cllr Platts Carried unanimously</td> </tr> </table> <p>c. Asset Revaluation The Asset Register had been circulated to all Councillors for review. The Governance and Accountability for Local Councils advice document states that once recorded on the asset register, the recorded value of assets must not change from year to year until disposal. It was resolved to approve the Asset Register with minor amendments to replace the word 'Revaluation' with 'Additions and Disposals'. The Clerk was asked to try to obtain a valuation for the cost of replacing the war memorial in case of irreparable damage</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proposed: Cllr Platts Seconded: Cllr Andow Carried unanimously</p>	i.	Payment of Clerk's salary – February, March 2018 -	£357.10	ii.	Website staffing costs -	£61.80			£418.90	iii.	Payment of Clerk's expenses to 31 st March 2018 -	£95.99	iv.	Swettenham Club – Room hire for meetings November 2017 to March 2018 -	£105	v.	WaterPlus Ltd – Water Charges	- £8.71		All payments	Proposed: Cllr Shaw Seconded: Cllr Platts Carried unanimously	Clerk
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7	<p>Cemetery & War Memorial</p> <p>Review of Cemetery rules and regulations The rules and regulations were discussed and it was resolved to approve them with an amendment to clause 13.3 by the addition of the words 'Any variation to such allocation due to ground conditions shall be at the absolute discretion of the Parish Council'</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proposed : Cllr Shaw Seconded: Cllr Platts Carried unanimously</p>	Clerk																					
8	<p>Highways Maintenance & Footpaths/Bridlepaths</p> <p>a. The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Cheshire East concerning Sandy Lane Swettenham. Sandy Lane will remain closed due to carriageway failure. It is anticipated that works will be carried out between Monday 18th March and Monday 8th April and the notice of closure may be extended by a further 21 days if necessary.</p> <p>b. Cllr Shaw reported that the road surface of Congleton Road by the bridge at Daffodil Dell is falling away and needs to be reported to Cheshire east. In addition, the road surface of Messuage Lane close to Pinfold Farm is in a very poor state of repair</p>	Clerk																					

Signed..... RS Andow Chairman

	<p>c. The Clerk reported that she had received an update on the M6 Smart motorway works which have now been completed between Junctions 17 and 18. The entire 18 mile upgrade is on schedule to be completed by the end of March 2019.</p>	
9	<p>Planning</p> <p>A planning application 19/0838C in relation to new pathways at the Quinta Arboretum had been received. It was resolved that the Parish Council had no comments to make on this application</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proposed: Cllr Platts Seconded: Cllr Mrs Thorpe Carried unanimously</p>	
10	<p>Local Elections 2nd May 2019</p> <p>The Clerk had attended an election briefing by the Cheshire East electoral team on 20th February at the Municipal Buildings in Crewe.. The Clerk had distributed Nomination forms for the Local Elections being held on 2nd May and requested their return completed and signed as soon as possible so that she could deliver them to Cheshire East before the 3rd April. Cllrs Platts and Mrs Thorpe indicated that they would not be standing for re-election. Two people had expressed an interest in standing for election and would be given nomination packs. The Chairman expressed his thanks to Cllrs Platts and Mrs Thorpe for their service to the Parish Council over the last 8 years and Cllr Platts thanked the Chairman for being a steady hand on the tiller.</p>	Clerk
12	<p>Review of dates for meetings 2019/20</p> <p>The clerk had, pre-meeting, submitted suggested dates for meetings in 2019/20. Following a discussion, the following dates were agreed as most suitable:</p> <p>Monday 15th July 2019 Monday 23rd September 2019 Monday 18th November 2019 Monday 20th January 2020 Monday 16th March 2020 Monday 18th May 2020</p>	
13	<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 20th May 2019 following the Annual Parish Meeting which will commence at 7:45.pm.</p>		

Signed RS Andow Chairman