

SWANTON MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday 3rd April 2006. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr. J.Carrick, Mrs.R.Northall, Mr C. Clegg, Mr R. Atterwill, Mrs M Thomas ,Mr C. Perry and Mrs Q Wood. Nineteen members of the public were also present.

The Chairman welcomed the public to the meeting and proposed that in view of public interest in the planning item, that the Public Participation session be brought forward and taken after item 3. All agreed.

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs I Floering-Blackman.

2. Declarations of Interest

- Mrs R. Northall – Personal interests - Member of Swanton Morley Surgery Patient's Participation Group & Norfolk Wildlife Trust.
- Mr Atterwill – Personal interests in the Clerk's Salary and as a member of the Village Hall Management Committee. Prejudicial interest in the grass cutting contract.
- Mr Carrick – Personal interest as a member of the Village Hall management Committee.
- Mr Clegg – Prejudicial interest in the Old Village Hall
- Mrs Thomas – Personal interest in the Village Hall as a member of the Management Committee & a personal interest in the planning application at Lincoln House.

3. Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting of March 13th to be accepted, initialled and signed.

Item 8 – The name of the applicant for Planning application 3PL/2006/0174/F was corrected to Aldous, following which Mr Atterwill proposed the minutes be accepted. Mr Clegg seconded. Mrs Wood objected to the wording "All agreed" at item 11b), however the vote was 6:1 in favour and the minutes were accepted.

4. Public Participation Session

Mr Atterwill proposed the meeting be adjourned and opened to the public. Mrs Thomas seconded. All in favour.

Mr J Preedy expressed strong objections to the planning application at Lincoln House as did Mr M Barham on the grounds of flooding problems in the Woodgate area and the potential for increased traffic flow. Mrs J Leary endorsed the concerns for increased traffic, as did Mr Farrell stating that lorries already block the road from time to time. Mrs Preedy was concerned that the planning notice had not been in place outside the surgery for the statutory period. Dr Kaushal responded that he was not aware of this and also stated that flooding had already been considered in the planning brief. Other objections included the possible effects on the quality of life and Mrs Leary asked if there would be a direct benefit in terms of patient care, to residents of the village. Dr Kaushal replied that priority for spaces was currently not operated by postcode.

Mr A. Ellis sought assurance that the budget for 2006/7 had been carefully considered. Mr Carrick gave details of the precept calculation including the larger items for which funds had been reserved and not spent before the end of the year e.g. Church Wall, Burial Ground Pathways etc. Mr Farrell questioned the Council's responsibility from the Church wall. Mr Iain Bone, Church Warden replied that the Parish Council voluntarily accepted responsibility for the churchyard 4-5 years ago.

Mr G. Northall asked the Clerk for bank account figures at the end of the Financial Year to be forwarded.

Mrs Wood proposed the meeting be brought back into order. Mr Clegg seconded. All in favour.

5. Matters Arising from the Parish Council Meeting of 13th March 2006

a) Mrs Northall enquired if there had been a response from NCC re: the planting of trees on Ainsworth Close. The Clerk replied there had not.

6. Finance

a) **Income Received** - Receipt of £80 was noted from the P.C.C from upkeep of the Wargraves.

b) Payments for approval – Mrs Wood proposed these be approved. Mr Atterwill seconded. All in favour.

Payment	Amount	Cheque No.	Comments
Clerk's Salary	£281.22	101224	
Clerk's Expenses	£141.66	101225	
E-On	£102.57	D/D	
D Machin – Tree surgeon	£748.94	101220	
Membership of NRCC	£25.00	101219	
NCAPTC Membership	£240.31	101221	
Rates – Burial Ground	£ 85.20	101223	
Rates – Old Village Hall	£290.61	101222	
Total	£ 1915.51		

7. Planning

a) To consider and decide on a method by which the Parish Council can be properly represented in the decision making process regarding Breckland Council's Housing Expansion Scheme

Mr Carrick proposed that the Working Group looking at Planning & Local Development consider and formulate a proposal /plan for housing development within the village which can be submitted to Breckland thus ensuring the village is represented. All agreed. Mr Clegg suggested that he should find out what development is proposed for the village so that public opinion can be sought. All were in favour.

3PL/2006/0336/F – Mrs C Bray, 27, Thompson Close – Two storey rear extension – No objections received
 3PL/2006/0332/O – Dr S Kaushal, Lincoln House – Proposed high dependency care assisted living units, communal hall and 30 bed care unit – No written objections had been received and two councillors had both expressed a desire to see residents of the village given some priority for places within the facility. All Councillors were in favour of suspending the meeting to seek comment from Dr Kaushal who said that this has not been considered so far, but that he would do so. Mr Atterwill was also concerned that access improvements may also need to be addressed. These comments will be passed to Breckland.

8. Highways

a) To receive fault reports/ matters for attention

- A written reports was received from Mrs Wood. The Clerk also reported that a safety audit was to be carried out by Highways to assess the need for the recent request for a footway from the Village Green to the Church.

9. Streetlighting

a) To receive fault reports / matters for attention

- Concrete post on Farrow Close is still in situ and requires removal – the Clerk was asked to send a letter to Cartledge requesting this work be carried out or costs for removal would be sought.
- A day burner was reported opposite the Angel PH.

10. Old Village Hall & Car Park - (Mr Clegg left the room for this item)

a) To receive an update report from Cllr Carrick on deregistration.

Mr Carrick outlined the proposal to offer the land at the Village Hall for exchange instead of land at Gooseberry Hill. He indicated that the Under 5's had agreed that they would not pursue the lease under the provision that a site was offered off the side of the hall for a future development.

b) To consider the proposal to use land at the New Village Hall as exchange land within the deregistration process for the Old Village Hall Car Park

Mr Carrick proposed that solicitors be instructed to prepare a deed of release of the covenant which exists on this land. Mrs Northall enquired as to the likely costs. These were not available and therefore it was agreed to defer a decision until the May meeting.

Mr Atterwill proposed the meeting be adjourned to accept comments from Mrs Walden. All agreed. Mrs Walden enquired if anyone had spoken to DEFRA re: the revised proposal as she believed that similar problems to those already experienced could be encountered. Mr Carrick agreed to look into it.

Mrs Wood proposed the meeting be brought back into order. Mrs Thomas seconded. All in favour.

c) To discuss arrangements for the questionnaire issued to Parishioners regarding the future of the Old Village Hall

Mr Atterwill stated that Councillors should not open any of the questionnaires delivered to them and requested a meeting be arranged to formally open all the envelopes. This was arranged for Wednesday 19th April 2006 at 7.30pm.

11. Correspondance

a) To consider the provision of a Community Car Scheme

Mrs Northall outlined that she had been approached by a nurse practitioner at the surgery regarding this and in view of time constraints suggested that the item be deferred until the May meeting.

12. To discuss and agree arrangements for replacement Clerk.

In view that only five completed applications had been received it was agreed that a shortlisting meeting was no longer needed and that all applicants would be interviewed. Mrs Northall advised that a formal notice must be placed on noticeboards and suggested that candidates be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting.

13. To discuss the points raised by the Standards Officer

This item was deferred.

14. Youth & Playground Equipment

a) To receive an update report from Mr Atterwill on progress of the Playing Fields Sub Committee

Mr Atterwill advised that two grant applications for £7500 and £5000 had been successful. The grant from the Community Fund had been turned down but other applications were being submitted and decisions were still awaited from Breckland Council and the Norfolk Playing Fields Association.

15. Churchyard & Burial Ground

a) Update report from Mrs Thomas (Chairman)

It was reported that the tree felling had been completed and some wood still had to be removed. Mr Broady had also kindly repaired some potholes which had formed on the entrance to the Burial Ground.

b) To consider the tenders for work to the Burial Ground Pathways and agree/ instruct a suitable contractor

This item was deferred until the May meeting

16. Mill Common

a) To receive an update report on progress with management of the Common.

Mr Carrick reported that Cemex were in agreement to the fencing proposal and that he had received a quotation for £2304.00 for suitable fencing. He suggested he obtain at least two alternative prices. All agreed.

Mr Carrick also advised that the Environment Agency had given permission for the grant of £500 which was allocated for a feasibility study to improve access, to be used to carry out works to clear the area. Mr Atterwill and Mr Perry agreed to help to do this on Saturday 22nd April.

17. County/ District Councillors Reports

There were no reports from either the District or County Councillor.

18. Any Item to be Reported for the next agenda

No items were raised.

24. To confirm date and time of the next meeting.

Annual Parish meeting on Monday 10th April, 7.30pm Village Hall and the next full Council meeting on Monday 8th May 2006 7.30pm at the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

_____ (Chairman) _____ Date