

SWINTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE SWINTON READING ROOMS
AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2023**

PRESENT: Councillors V Farrow (Chair), (R Harrison (Vice Chair), A Thomas and R Smith

IN ATTENDANCE: Gail Cook (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer), one member of the Public was present

23.18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr Liversidge

23.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

23.20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION
A resident raised the issue of dangerous parking outside the public house. To enable Highways to address this, they have requested photographic evidence.

Thank you to Paul Cuthbertson for kindly offering to replace the lock on the village notice board door.

23.21 PRESENTATION – RICHARD DARN DARK SKIES PROJECT
The Chair thanked Richard for his informative presentation on the project. It was **agreed** to hold a Community Star Gaze event in the village. Further information to follow.

23.22 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 24th May 2023
The minutes were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as being a true and accurate record.

23.23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) To receive and approve current financial statement
- (b) To note and approve payments

• Clerks Salary (July & August) Standing Order	£250.00
• Clerks salary (September & October) Standing Order	£250.00
• Streetscape (Play Area Inspection) 101081	£240.00
• Autela (Payroll Qtr 1) 101083	£54.58
• Clerk Reimbursed - Gazebo & Weights 101084	£468.69
• Yates Custom No Dogs Sign 101085	£58.99
• HMRC (Qtr 2 Tax) 101086	£93.60

RESOLVED

That six accounts be approved for payment

23.24 PLANNING MATTERS
None

23.25

PARISH MATTERS

(a) STREET LIGHTS

Clerk to report the redundant column on East Street which has not yet been removed.

(b) HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Clerk to report a road issue on West Street to Highways. Clerk to contact Highways as a matter of urgency to collect the redundant highways signs.

(c) VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Cllr Thomas has kindly offered to carry out some maintenance on the steps on East Street and the Clerk to carry out some maintenance on the steps from Lovers Lane to Middle Street.

(d) PARISH COUNCIL SHEDS

All payments up to date. It was agreed to obtain additional quotes to replace the Parish Council shed roof.

(e) PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Thank you to all residents and landowners who have worked hard to carry out maintenance to the public rights of way in and around the village.

Clerk to send a letter to all the residents and land owners concerned asking them to cut back their hedges.

(f) SALT BINS

Clerk to carry out an audit of the salt bins and report back to next meeting.

(g) HARVEST FESTIVAL

It was agreed to hold the Harvest Festival at The Smithy Arms on 15th October 2023 at 7pm. Clerk to circulate a flyer to every household in the village and contact St Helen's with regard to a blessing.

23.26

VILLAGE BONFIRE & FIREWORK DISPLAY

Clerk to contact the Sports Centre to confirm that the bonfire and firework display can be held at the sports centre. Once confirmation has been received, the event planning will begin.

23.27

REPRESENTATIVES

Cllrs Farrow and Smith attended the Reading Room AGM

23.28

MEMBERS QUESTIONS

None

23.29

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Street Lighting
Precept/Budget setting
Christmas Tree

23.30

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 8th November 2023, 7.30pm at Swinton Reading Rooms

23.31

SWINTON IN BLOOM

Village Signs to be planted in spring with low lying planting. Thank you very much to Paul and Mandy Cuthbertson for planting the signs for a number of years. Clerk and Cllr Smith to carry out some winter planting.

23.32

SWINTON PLAY AREA COMMITTEE

Members to close the gate time only during the week. Please open as well on a weekend and in the school holidays. Rota runs from Monday to Sunday.

18 th September	–	Gail Cook
25 th September	–	Victoria Farrow
2 nd October	–	Rob Harrison
9 th October	–	Paul Cuthbertson

Signed

Chair of Swinton Parish Council