

## Swilland and Winesham grouped Parish Council

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### Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 at 7.30pm held at Winesham Village hall

### MINUTES

1. Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. In attendance Mrs Camp, Mr Tyrell, Mr Darell-Brown, Mr Everett, Mr Henley, Mrs Pace, Dr Nicol and Mr Hindle.
2. Apologies received from Mr Lightfoot, Mr Laughlin, Mrs Bartolome and Mrs Shaw and from Parish Clerk.
3. Minutes from meeting 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014 approved as true record  
Proposed by Mr Wilks and seconded by Dr Nicol
4. County Councillor Bellfield absent until further notice but is dealing with e-mail enquiries.
5. District Councillor not in attendance.
6. **Finance** Dr Nicol outlined next year's budget and requested approval of a small increase in 2015/16 precept to £12 500 from £12 250 which was approved.

Mr Wilks reported that Suffolk County Council have requested payment of the half yearly playing field and amenity area rental of £740.00. There has previously been a rent free agreement in place to reflect the Parish Councils investment in the area and the benefits enjoyed by the School. It was agreed that a further rent free period should be negotiated and Mr Wilks will respond to the County Council to review.

7. The following payments were approved:-
  - a. Mobile phone and credit £14.99
  - b. Ink cartridge £6
  - c. Clerk November salary £170.77
  - d. R.E.J.B & Co replacement beam at play area £234.00
  - e. Village Hall hire £20.00
  - f. Clerk December salary £167.92
  - g. Tax £68.60
  - h. Printer ink £58.99
8. **Footpaths** Mr Hindle reports that progress being made on several issues regarding footpath repairs. Footpath at Newton Hall to be reinstated and sleeper repairs to paths at Burgash Hall and Wash Lane areas to be undertaken as soon as ground conditions allow and wire netting will be fitted to those areas which have been reported as missing.
  - a. Mr Rush reported that after several failed attempts through Highways he has met with a representative of the probation service who would be keen to assist in clearing and widening the footpath verges from the Barley Mow to the School. This could be undertaken as part of the Community Service project work for a minimal sum to cover

transportation and likely to take a couple of days to complete. This was supported and Mr Rush will look to make the arrangements asap.

- b. Mr Rush mentioned that the Probation Service are keen to undertake any project work in rural areas particularly those on Community areas and buildings.

## 9. Planning

- a. Mr Rush reported that Ken Donaldson the new Talitha Koum project manager at Whitehouse Farm, has invited Parish Council members to visit the project on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan to see what has been achieved so far and to update on general progress and time scales. He would also like to attend a future Parish Council meeting to give a report and answer questions which was generally welcomed.
- b. Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) for potential housing sites in the Suffolk Coastal District Council area is now out public consultation. Mr Rush confirmed that the Parish Council had already made representations and 3 specific sites in the Witnesham Bridge area were currently included in the consultation as suitable sites. Mr Rush added that questions on housing numbers and alternative sites suggested by the Parish Council had not at this stage been answered and further representation would be made before the consultation ends. Notices would be placed on village notice boards advertising the Consultation and a mail drop undertaken where possible and links would be posted on PC Website ([swillandandwitnesham.onesuffolk.net](http://swillandandwitnesham.onesuffolk.net))

**10. Police Report** PCSO Sally Thomas attended along with Police Constable Abigail and reported that there continues to be thefts from motor vehicles and garages in the coastal area. She advised that in many cases cars and garages had been unlocked and urged residents to be vigilant and remember secure everything. PCSO Thomas also reported that at the request of the Parish Council the Constabularies Safety Camera team had placed a data logging device across the B1078 at Ashbocking which the Parish Council along with Ashbocking Parish Council have long been requesting. In particular it is hoped that this could change the speed limit. Data collected will prove useful to support further to requests to highways around the high volume of traffic. In some cases the camera is logging almost 27,000 vehicles passing in just 7 days.

## 11. Highways

- a. B1078 Mr Everett reported slow signs painted on road were having little effect and additional one near Browngates had been painted in the wrong position. Highways aware and would look to repaint during next phase of road repairs. Speeding still an issue Mr Rush suggests that Ashbocking and Swilland and Witnesham mount a joint campaign and some of the recent data collected would be useful along with a similar survey in the summer months.
- b. B1077 drain repair which is causing flooding across road. Mr Everett has chased and has been advised by Highways this will be repaired in the next 6 months programme and a road closure notice will be applied for shortly.

Mr Everett will report street signs need replacing at Jubys Hill, America Hill and Burwash areas.  
Flooding down Mill Lane onto the Highway from fields at top still an issue during heavy rainfall Parish Council to write to Landowner to request that drainage from the field is diverted into the ditch system if possible.

12. **Recreation Ground** Mr Rush pleased to confirm funding from Suffolk Coastal Play Space has been approved and play equipment and goalpost equipment had been ordered which would hopefully be installed early March.
13. **Playing field Management Committee** Mr Wilks confirmed that Witnesham School had requested that a row of Poplar Trees be trimmed or removed. Mr Henley had obtained a report and quotations for pollarding and removal but it remained unclear as to whom might be responsible for work on these trees and the extent of work that might be necessary. Mr Wilks would have further discussions with School and Suffolk County Council to clarify but general view of Parish Council was that trees should remain.  
Mr Wilks confirmed that temporary repairs had been undertaken by the County Council to the potholes on the school access roadway.  
Mr Wilks reported that the playing field has a mole problem and he was authorised to arrange for these to be attended to.
14. **Allotments** Mrs Camp reported that there had been an issue with Vegetable theft from some of the allotments and users were not keen on supporting the Wildlife area project for the time being which would encourage potentially more visitors to the area.
15. **Tree Officer** Mr Henley reported that the Burwash trees are not Sycamores (at least two are Acers) and they really need thinning out. Mr Rush asked Mr Henley to meet with Flagship Housing asap to ascertain responsibility for trees and agree a solution.
16. **Community Group** Mrs Camp reported that the Community Group are planning a Village Show, Garage sale and a Music festival this year which she hoped would be well supported.  
  
Mr Henley reported Le Panto "The Ghost of Witnesham Hall" had been sold out and a donation of £310 had been made to East Anglian Children's Hospice EACH. He thanked all those who had helped make this possible. Mr Rush on behalf of Parish Council thanked Mr Henley for providing such a fantastic production which was truly a unique occasion for the community to have shared in. Mr Darell-Brown (aka Ma Briggs) also thanked Mr Henley for the huge efforts he had put in to all aspects of the production and for making this such a memorable and enjoyable event.
17. **AOB** Peter Elmy Village Hall Management Committee reported that it was hoped that car park repairs would be completed by end of March. He was still needing to raise further funding to carry out lighting and heating improvements later in the year. Dr Nicol suggested approaching Suffolk Coastal Energy Conservation dept. who might be supportive with grants for improved insulation and possibly other energy saving initiatives.

