**SWANBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday 22nd April 2020 at 7.00pm

Meeting held remotely due to Covid-19 pandemic

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:**Clive Rodgers, Helen Cleaveley, Deborah Barrow, Mike King, Rosemary Andrew, Vanda Bennett.

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| **17/20** | **Apologies** |  |
|  | Steve French – due to technical difficulties. |  |
| **18/20** | **Declarations of Interest** |  |
|  | CR declared his interest as a homeowner in the parish.  DB declared her interest as a homeowner in the parish.  MK declared his interest as a homeowner in the parish.  HC declared her interest as a homeowner in the parish.  RA declared her interest as a homeowner in the parish.  LS declared her interest as an employee of Swanbourne Estate. |  |
| **19/20** | **Approval and signature of previous minutes** |  |
| **20/20** | Approved and signed off by CR.  **Action points**  Agreed all had been done except postponed/cancelled wildflower proposals. |  |
| **21/20** | **Traffic Feasibility Study** |  |
|  | HC had previously received and circulated the thirty-page Ringway Jacobs report which is complete and thorough, but most options are very expensive.  Options offered were:   1. Speed cushions on Mursley Road quoted at either (a) £100,000 or (b) £158,000. 2. Speed cushions on Winslow Road quoted at either (a) £114,000 or (b) £111,000. 3. Traffic speed reduction signs to 20mph at Nearton End, costed at £8,000.   HC considered the report to be thorough, it being important to aim high. Her wish was for a report to illustrate best practice and what will make a difference to the issues we have here. It’s a clear illustration of what we need to do to achieve what we want – probably over the next couple of years. Lower traffic levels due to the Covid-19 epidemic have highlighted the difference a solution could make to the village.  The report identifies several problems with both Winslow Road options and does not recommend the Nearton End scheme because traffic naturally flows at around 20mph anyway. It most favours a Mursley Road scheme.  Funding is an issue – Community Boards (LAF successors) have not yet met but funding applications for 2020-21 need to be in by 31st August. HC and VB identified Buckinghamshire Council and Wren as other potential sources of funding.  However, partly due to additional lighting required, speed cushion schemes could create a more urbanised environment. HC felt it would not have a hugely urbanising impact, considering Mursley Road Option 1(a) to be preferable. It would be cost less and Mursley Road would be better lit with better signage. CR also prefers option 1(a).  However, Public consultation at the Parish Assembly cannot go ahead as intended on 20th May due to Covid 19. CR suggested using the Newsletter at the end of May and VB suggested using Survey Monkey.  ***Action:*** *HC and VB will collaborate over Survey Monkey questions.*  Another option outside of the report favoured Smiley face signs which are about £2,600 plus VAT. CR suggested that a single smiley face sign/vehicle speed sign might be just affordable with the current budget for the next financial year.  ***RESOLVED:*** *HC/VB to purchase one smiley face MVAS this financial year.*  MK also supported the Mursley Road £100k budget option and the “20 is plenty” signs, similar to those in Stewkley.  ***RESOLVED:*** *Following discussion, provisional unanimous preference for Option 1 Mursley Road - £100,000.*  However, MK highlighted the importance to the public of a full consultative choice for Survey Monkey, and all agreed.  ***Action:*** *HC to provide a simple summary of options by 20th May and send to CR for an entry in the end of May newsletter.*  ***Action:*** *VB to email WREN.* | HC/VB  HC/VB  All  HC/CR  VB |
| **22/20** | **Update on Village Maintenance** |  |
|  | CR has been in touch with Matt Whincup – TfB whole village cut expected by 19th May – just waiting for them to turn up. Discussion ensued concerning various people available in the village to do the verge cutting.  ***RESOLVED*** *– The PC to monitor how TfB (BC) do with the upcoming cuts over the summer before deciding whether to continue with the present arrangement next year.*  **Post meeting note:** A TfB whole village verge cut took place on 23rd and 24th April.  It was agreed that a Playing Field cut can wait for the time being, but some hedges need attention.  ***ACTION:*** *LS will ask Tom about trimming the Smithfield End hedges.* | All  LS |
| **23/20** | **AOB** |  |
|  | Parish Assembly needs to be postponed due to Covid-19 epidemic.  ***ACTION:*** *Newsletter needs to state meeting postponed until October.*  VE day – RA suggested a stay at home street party due to Covid-19 social distancing – perhaps a picnic in front gardens– decorate your houses?  ***ACTION:*** *Proposals to be shared on Swanbourne Facebook page by RA.* | CR  RA |

DATES

Future dates:  13th May 2020 (AGM / PC meeting)

Meeting ended at 8.45pm