

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF TEAMS MEETING

Date of Meeting: 8/03/2021 at 7.30pm

Venue: TEAMS

PRESENT

Bill Purvis (Chair) BP, Jim Brown JB,

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Robert Sloan (RS), Meg Reid (MR), Kenneth Morton KM

and Fiona Wilson (FW). Councillor Donald Moffat DM.

Two members of the public

APOLOGIES

Councillors, John Greenwell and Mark Rowley

Minutes taken by Fiona Wilson

Next meeting: 10 May 2021 7pm

MINUTE

ACTION

Minutes of last meeting 1 February 2021

Proposed by MR, seconded KM

Matters Arising

None

Treasurers Report:

Balance as at 2/02/2021

£1921.60

24/02

SBC Insurance Premium

£145.89

Balance as at 8/03/2021

£1775.71

Police Report

Two received 14 January and 1 March. No issues of note.

Update on new public notice boards

Ladykirk and Swinton boards to be erected by 31 March and bill presented before end of this financial year.

Planning Applications

21/00230/FUL 8 Swinton Mill Barns. No issues for CC

28, The Green. Application for tree work at rear of property.

Update on Wellfield Site

JB reported that an agreement had not been reached between Hudson Ladykirk and the owner of the land to the East of the Haulage Company depot through which the drainpipe carrying the surface water from the potential development of The Wellfield Site would have to be routed. Development of The Wellfield Site will not now be taking place. This will have implications for any village hall as it was indicated that a larger and more suitable and accessible site would be available on a Wellfield development.

Bus Shelter

It was suggested that like Leitholm our bus shelter could become a “swap stop” for books and games, plants and seeds. Jonathan Jones at SBC was contacted and paid a site visit. Contractor will come out to cost the work of boarding across half the stop with a Perspex window and creating shelves. This will leave access for transport users, push chairs and wheelchairs. Funding for this is still to be determined. FW is awaiting a response from Jonathan.

SBC 20mph speed limit trial

Discussion on general lack of driver respect for 20mph through village particularly by villagers themselves. We have been offered a single illuminated speed sign. This works within 100 metres and solar powered so needs an open location and must not be outside someone’s home. No decision yet as to best location but KM suggested east of Wellfield on that open stretch. MR said speeding is also a problem at west end of village. KM suggested we ask Hudson Hirsell to fund a second sign. When the development is ready for occupation a Traffic Order will be needed to move the 20mph sign beyond the entrance to the new Everly Meadow development on B6112.

State of roads at east end of village

KM reported that some poor quality temporary repairs had been made of the worst potholes but a proper resurfacing is required. DM reported that a new Roads appointment at SBC is much more sympathetic to proper repairs.

RS reported potholes on the Horndean road and some very bad overhanging greenery on the road south from Horndean village. DM asked for images and would make a Members request for speedy action.

Updates from Regional Councillors

Councillor Moffat reported an upsurge in quad bike thefts from local farms and asked that anyone seeing suspicious vans driving around should contact 101.

Correspondence as previously circulated

A.O.C.B.

The CC has seen a proposed sign to be erected by Hudson Ladykirk beside the core path near to the school entrance which shows the developer contribution of £40,392 to education, £6,600 for play facilities and two affordable homes. It also reads, in addition to the above Ladykirk Estates are making available amenity land for the school and green play space and made donations to Swinton Primary School. Hudson Ladykirk has also responded to a CC request on clarity on the “affordable housing” with the following statement.

There will be a total of 4 affordable houses at Everly Meadow which are to be mixed tenure whereby two of the houses will be mid-market rent (ie. discounted rent) and two will be shared ownership (i.e. whereby purchasers would buy 75% of the purchase price and Ladykirk Estates retains the balance). These tenures meet with the requirements of Scottish Borders Council. The above approach has been taken as not all can afford to buy homes even on a shared ownership basis.

DM reported that Scottish Borders one of the lowest median wages and there is a lack of family homes for rent.

FW asked if the community would have some input into the plans for a £6,600 spend on play facilities.

Broadband

A member of the public asked if broadband in the village will be upgraded as has Ednam. Swinton is not shown on the Digital Scotland 2021 site. Councillor Moffat suggested he contact Paul Wheelhouse who is currently the appropriate Minister.

Cemetery

There has been an audit of graves in Borders cemeteries and some gravestones have been laid over flat without notification of families.

Families are responsible for making them safe. A member of the public is concerned about his family's graves and was given the SBC officer in charge of cemeteries Diane Munro to contact with his concerns

All business concluded and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting (hopefully in person) Monday 10 May with normal CC meeting at 7pm followed by the CC, AGM.