

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF TEAMS MEETING

Date of Meeting: 11/11/2021 7.00pm

Venue: TEAMS

PRESENT

Bill Purvis (Chair) BP, Jim Brown (JB),

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

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

APOLOGIES

Michael Lawrence

Minutes taken by: Fiona Wilson

Next meeting: 10/01/2022 7pm

MINUTE

ACTION

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies for Absence: Michael Lawrence

Minutes of last meeting 13/09/2021

Proposed by JB, seconded KM

Matters Arising: None

Treasurers Report:

Scottish Power bill has been moved to a Direct Debit of £22.67 per month from September. Treasurer warned that this means, some but not all upcoming bills may not be able to be paid until the SBC Annual grant arrives in December.

Balance as at 10/05/2021

£623.44

Scottish Power

£1.43, £22.67, £22.67

Blachere transformers for Christmas lights

£261.42

Flowers Moira Matthewson

£22.76

Balance as at 8/11/2021

£292.49

Police Report:

Received 29 October. No issues of note.

Planning Applications:

21/01593/FUL and 21/01626/TCA No issues for Community Council. Tree work has already been cleared by SBC and actioned.

Everly Meadow:

All Phase 1 houses other than two affordable homes will be occupied by end of this month. Road in Phase 1 to be tarred and new access road for construction traffic created as Phase 2 begins. As all electrics are in place, pavement at side of school will be restored by Christmas. It was agreed that it was not necessary that the village "Swinton" stone be moved.

FW has contacted the School, to ask that parents with the School come together to ensure the £13,000 play element of the developer contribution comes to the village. Councillor Moffat said it is not usually paid until works are complete. Any bid for the funding would have to come from a properly constituted group.

Updates from Regional Councillors:

DM has been asked to feed back to Phillipa Gilhooley on the change on the Duns Road from 20mph to 30mph. DM said it was clear to him that the 30mph was not acceptable to residents. The list of persistent speeding offenders given to him at the last meeting will be discussed with Community Police at the next meeting of its Oversight Group. There is some evidence that drivers have been slowed by the 20mph limit.

There was some discussion on what Community Councillors felt about the 20-mph limit generally. Some felt it was a waste of time, but general agreement that it should be persisted with throughout all Borders settlements and there should be some overt and strong enforcement. DM said that in Preston where there was a real problem, it was helped by a second speed indicator, and we could request one as well as considering 3-2-1 signs as in Westruther.

2021 Christmas Lights:

Lights will be put up on Friday 19th November at 1pm and switched on at 6.30pm December 3rd. MR to check that Santa is able to come. Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions, we may not be able have Santa stop to speak to the children or have wine and mince pies, but we hope to have the Choir and distribute wrapped sweets to the children.

Fence on roadside of Green:

It has been agreed by all our local elected councillors that the fence, be replaced through the Small Schemes fund at a cost of £5,562. Contractor will have to work with an electrician to transfer the electricity plugs fixed to fence onto the new posts.

Flower tubs and dead cherry trees:

JB will organise to move shrubs and soil into skip at the end of village.

Finlay Mitchell has very kindly agreed to replace the two cherries on the Green at no cost.

Large flower boxes:

These have all been removed as the timber they were made of was rotting and breaking up.

Update on Bus Stop:

Jonathan Jones was contacted and hoped that the contractor would start work today, the 11th, but unfortunately this has not happened. FW will contact Jonathan again

Correspondence as previously circulated.**A.O.C.B:**

- MR reiterated the issue of potholes on the Norham Road which is extremely bad with long stretches of verge completely degraded. It was agreed that the large size of vehicles using what are B and C roads is a problem. Councillor Moffat told the meeting that SBC having trialled a JCB machine that makes a permanent repair and hopes to purchase one.
- The Community Council wants to thank Lynn Blythe and Moira Matthewson, and children at the School and all the other volunteers for the wonderful display of Remembrance poppies around the village.
- As this is our final meeting of 2021, the Chair wished all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

All business being concluded, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting (hopefully in person) Monday 10 January 2022 at 7pm.