

SWINTON & LADYKIRK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 2 October 2024 at 7.00pm in the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Swinton

PRESENT:

Iain Woolley (IW) (Chair), Bill Purvis (BP), Tim Morris (TM) , Meg Reid (MR), Kenneth Morton (ML) , Michael Lawrence (ML) Treasurer, Fiona Wilson (FW).

APOLOGIES: None

Minutes taken by: Fiona Wilson

Next meeting: 6th November 2024

Welcome: The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: John Cochrane

Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting on the 3rd April 2024 were read and agreed.

Proposed: MR **Seconded:** ML

Matters Arising: Concerns voiced about increase in dog fouling. Additional posters are required. Incidents should be reported to 0300 100 1800 with details of offender, dog, time and place.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance £1899.45
- It was agreed to look at providing benches on north side of right of way and at Ladykirk on banks of Tweed
- It was agreed to make a donation of £30 to Duns Men's Shed for Christmas Lights poles

Police Report: Recent report not yet received.

Planning Applications:

- Ladykirk Estates application to build two houses at Swinton Hill has been turned down by SBC. Swinton Hill residents have thanked the CC for its support

Update from Regional Councillors: No Councillors in attendance

Community Amenity Land: It was agreed that the CC will apply to SBC and Ladykirk Estates to take over the Community Amenity Land as shown within the Everley Meadow development and as provided in the Planning Agreement. This should be levelled, graded and fenced by the developer. Working with the community, this could provide allotments, community orchard, Forest School area and additional green play space for our children.

Swinton Hub Group: A surveyor and architect are providing a concept for use of the church, but we understand it is to go onto the open market at £60K. Wellfield site looking increasingly unlikely.

Speeding:

- Speeding sub-committee to consist of Meg Reid, John Cochrane and Kenneth Morton tasked with looking at all options to slow traffic in village working with Councillor Greenwell
- Will request double faced speed signs
- Any ideas to JC/MR/KM

Trees in Wood and Duns Road wall:

No further action

Ash trees over right of way: TM has contacted Natasha Stockman as SBC Tree Officer has not yet responded.

New Initiatives and Public Engagement:

- FW suggested working with the School and local residents to research the history of village buildings
- FW to produce an Autumn/Winter Newsletter

Correspondence as previously circulated:

A.O.C.B.:

- There are a number of unsung heroes who mow, strim, plant and weed to keep Swinton looking lovely. This includes the unknown person who mended the latches on the Core Path gates, Swinton School children who did a litter pick, Bob Cockburn who mows a large stretch of the north right of way and Moira Mathewson who maintains our beautiful planters. Our thanks to all of you.
- The remains of SEG have planted bulbs by the School, the Besom Davie bench has been restored by the Men's Shed and gravelled underneath and the bench on the south side of the village has been gravelled
- Christmas Lights will go up either 21/22/23 or 28/29/30 November depending on weather and will be switched on, on 6th December.
- Rotary -to be contacted and Santa to be booked
- Consider additional food like sausage rolls/music
- MR to price potted trees and battery powered lights for entrances to the village

.All business concluded, the meeting closed at 8.30m.

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