

SWANTON MORLEY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of Swanton Morley Parish Council was held in Swanton Morley Village Hall on Monday 19th November 2018. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr R. Atterwill (Chairman), Mrs B. O'Dowd, Mr S. O'Dowd, Mr B. Marsham, Mr G. Curran, Mr S. Westbury, Mr J. Rodrigues, Mr J. Keen and Mr K. Tidman. Also in attendance was Mrs F LeBon (Clerk).

Matters Raised Under Time Allocated to the Public.

None raised.

The Meeting Went Into Session

1. To Accept Apologies for Absence

None.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interest

None.

3. To Consider Response to Breckland District Council on Planning Application 3PL/2018/1300/F – Hill House Barns, Mill Street - Erection of Entrance Gates

Mr Rodrigues proposed that there should be no objections to this application, seconded by Mr O'Dowd and carried.

4. To Consider Response to Breckland District Council on Planning Application 3PL/2018/1301/F – Hill House Barns, Mill Street - Erection of Two Detached Garages

Mr Rodrigues proposed that there should be no objections to this application, seconded by Mr Keen and carried.

5. To Agree the 2019/2020 Parish Council Budget

The draft budget had been sent to councillors.

Income and expenditure for the remainder of 2018/2019 was discussed. Additional expenditure was put in the 2018/19 budget for Chairman and Clerk to visit Westminster to put their concerns about planning and the localism agenda directly to the housing minister. Staff salaries were discussed with a provision for overtime for the work associated with the community car and supporting the new clerk.

Mr Marsham queried whether any further funding could be obtained from Breckland District Council to support the community car scheme. The clerk advised that this would not be possible.

The 2019/2020 budget was then discussed. £3000 was moved from the proposed 2019/2020 budget to 2018/19 for legal fees associated with any purchase of amenity land.

£1000 was added to support the Swanton Morley Festival, as previously agreed.

Funding for communications was agreed, as was funding for subscription services, donations and auditing services. A training budget was agreed to support the new clerk, the admin assistant and any new councillors who may join the council as a result of the May elections.

A budget for the open spaces in the village was agreed, as was a budget for the cemetery and churchyard. The clerk is to clarify whether the prospect of losing the general power of competence on a temporary basis will affect spending on the spending committed to the church. In the absence of the general power of competence, £2000 was added to the budget for spending under s137 of the local government act 1972.

A budget was included for permissive pathways after the 2019 agreements expire. Mr Marsham raised objections to this as the permissive pathways were not all used by local people. It was

agreed to include the amount in the budget and make a decision on whether to progress with this project in the future. Mr Westbury and the clerk are meeting with the landowner on 21st November to further discuss this project.

Additional funding was allowed for in the budget for the May elections, should there be a contended election.

The budget for grass cutting was agreed based upon the tender prices received and the contract agreed at the meeting on 12th November.

All parish assets were discussed and a budget agreed for their maintenance and repair.

A budget of £88,051.36 was agreed after a proposal by Mr Atterwill and a second from Mr Curran.

6. To Agree the 2019/2020 Parish Council Precept

It was noted that the tax base for the village had decreased, therefore even with a precept equal to last year, the cost to a tax paying household would increase.

The precept for 2019/2020 was agreed at £83,714.68 after a proposal from Mr Atterwill and a second from Mr Westbury. This equated to an increase in council tax to a Band D property of £10.16 per annum (85p per month).

Further Time Allocated to the Public

No matters raised.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

_____ (Chairman) _____ Date