

**MINUTES OF SWAFFHAM BULBECK PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING NUMBER 412**

Held in the School on Tuesday 5th August 2014 starting at 7.00pm

Present: Ian Woodroffe (IW) Chairman; Margaret Chadwick (MC); Gordon Reid (GR); Lynn Reed (LR); Sharyn Robinson (SR);

Quorum 3

Members of the Public:

In attendance:

Clerk Mrs Diane Bayliss

Meeting opened at 7:36pm

3575 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Robin Sewell (RS); Mrs Mary Smith (MS);

3576 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

3577 OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

3578 PLANNING MATTERS

14/00737/FUL Replacement dwelling. Garage and outbuildings to be retained at 32 Quarry Lane, Swaffham Bulbeck for Mr & Mrs Simon Bethel and Suzy Ashworth – no objection.

CARRIED

14/00556/FUL Single storey extension to front and increased roof height to allow for rooms in roof at 16 Pound Way, Swaffham Bulbeck, for Mr & Mrs Holland.

NOTED

3579 GUTTERBRIDGE WOOD LEASE

The Gutterbridge lease was approved and signed by the chairman and vice chairman of the council with an amendment to the start date from January to 5th August 2014 to 4th August 2039.

Public Liability Insurance needs to be arranged from this date – the clerk will contact the insurance company to inform them that the council have taken over the lease of the Gutterbridge Wood and to confirm that as per a previous conversation there is no additional charge on the insurance premium. The Clerk will swear the statutory declaration at a solicitors before the document is sent back.

3580 FINANCES INCLUDING APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

a)

PAYMENTS

a)	Clerk's Salary	£353.01
b)	HMRC	£88.20
c)	Clerk's Expenses	£18.90
d)	Herts & Cambs Grass Cutting	£262.80
e)	Herts & Cambs Grass Cutting	£100.80
f)	Herts & Cambs Grass Cutting	£130.80
g)	Cambridgeshire County Council	£17.56
h)	Impress Express	£18.00

It was proposed by LR and seconded by MC that the accounts are approved and paid.

CARRIED

3581 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Highways department have written to the occupants of number 4 & 5 Station Road about the position of the zebra crossing

Margaret has been monitoring the playground – the plastic seats were wobbling but they have all been re-set by Fenland Leisure. The old gate to the play area is sunk on its hinges and is in need of repair. MC will continue to monitor the play area during August.

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SR – There are still problems with dogs on Maryland Avenue – the RSPCA, the dog warden, the police and Sanctuary are aware of the problem but there is no resolution at the moment.

The fence along the front of Maryland Avenue most likely belongs to Sanctuary – a meeting will be arranged with Sanctuary to discuss who is responsible for what. The hedge along ‘The Drift’ between Green Bank Road and Maryland Avenue needs to be cut back.

SR asked why the granite blocks cannot be re-laid on the corner of Green bank Road – an email will be sent to Matthew Pickering for clarification on this.

IW noticed that the contact number on the playground gate is still MC’s – she is happy for this to remain.

IW updated the council following a conversation with Sue Romero about the two items of equipment that should have gone in the wood but will not do so; what will happen to those items? The tyre hopscotch sits either to the left or right of the playground – to be confirmed by Fenland Leisure who will do some costings and report to the working party. All matters need to be settled and paid for by December.

3582 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

2nd September 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 8.26pm