

Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 14th May, 2018, 19:00

The Chairman welcomed a member of the Public.

1. The notes from the last meeting held on Monday 8th May 2017 were accepted by those present and signed as true and accurate minutes of the meeting.
2. The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their hard work over the past year and informed them that Cllr D Hutson had tendered her resignation.
3. Accounts were received from the following Swineshead organisations and charities:

Swineshead Life: The accounts were made available. Cllr KO reported that they were getting close to having problems due to the rising no of residents. It was suggested that they could apply to the charities for funding contributions.

John Butler Charity: The accounts were made available and it was reported that the charity was financially healthy and ticking over.

Poor Charity: Audited Accounts were not yet ready but a summary was presented and Cllr MWS reported that a copy of the full accounts would be made available to the Clerk once they had been received. He reported that the charity is very healthy because of the sale of the Youth Club land and are in the process of buying some more land/property to reinvest the capital. He reported that £50 pensions were available each month to those people who might need it. Donations had been made to the Youth Club, Jubilee Tea, Library, Swineshead Friends and the Education Foundation.

Swineshead Village Hall: Audited Accounts were made available. Funds have again increased with money being raised via dances held. A grant has been applied for to assist with getting a new roof.

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Swineshead Twinning: No accounts received.

Swineshead Enhancement Society:

Audited Accounts were made available. The balance held is currently £1,158.09. It was reported that £450 of last year's donation from the Bicker Trust was paid back as it was not needed. A donation from the wind farm has been received for a noticeboard at Mackays Pit.

4. There was one member of the public present to observe the Annual Parish Meeting

Janet Harper spoke on behalf of the Youth Group – The group is running in to difficulty as they only have six volunteers, five of which are on the management committee and some are looking to step down after serving 5 years. Despite pleas for help there has been no interest. They currently run 2 sessions on alternative Friday evenings with an average attendance of 54. They have been in contact with Steve Stevens, a Boston Youth Development Worker and Francis Porter from Lincolnshire Council for Youth Voluntary Services to gain some assistance. It would be disappointing to the young members if it was to close.

It was resolved that the Parish Councillors would assist in any way they could and that Janet would invite Steve Stevens and Francis Porter to the next parish meeting to discuss how they could help.

5. The following Councillors are elected to the charities:

No renewal of memberships took place

Meeting ended at 19:37