

NEWSLETTER

Swinford Parish Council

October 2021

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Welcome to our latest update. As you will be aware the Parish Council had been continuing to meet via Zoom during the pandemic and all agendas and minutes are on the Parish Council website:

www.swinfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

However, the legal position has now changed and for the foreseeable future the Parish Council will be meeting in the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month (apart from January and August).

EIGHT PARISHES WINDFARM GRANTS 2021

For the year 2020/21 we had just over £25,500.00 in the fund. Based on the applications received the windfarm committee made the following recommendations to the Parish Council:

1. Swinford 2000:

£1,500.00 – minibus replacement fund.

The Committee recommended payment in full.

2. Swinford Village Hall:

£1,047.32 – 24 x chairs and 4 x 5' rectangular tables.

The Committee asked for an inventory of the furniture already in the village hall and what state it is in. An inventory has been supplied which is being reviewed.

3. Swinford Village Hall:

£1,354.20 – flooring and curtains for the small hall.

The Committee recommended payment in full.

4. Rowland United Cricket Club:

£1,800.00 – refurbishment project.

The Committee recommended payment in full with the caveat that the cricket club engages with the village during the season with an open event.

5. Swinford C of E Primary School:

£20,000.00 – playground equipment.

The Committee recommended deferring the application and asking for a more detailed application to be submitted.

The Committee also recommended that £7,500.00 of the fund for 2020/21 should be set aside for the glebe land project, this will be added to the £3,892.00 allocated in 2020/21 which will give a balance of £11,392.00 for this project.

With the approval of the recommendations outlined above the balance of the fund carried forward for 2021/22 will be £9,453.00 with the 2022 instalment to be received in the first quarter of 2022.

GLEBE LAND PROJECT

The Parish Council has now secured the lease of the land behind the play area which runs until September 2027. The land will be used as a village amenity and to that end the Parish Council has commissioned an environmental survey and the drafting of a management plan. Once the plan is agreed and in place the Parish Council intends to make the space usable for the village. The Parish Council would very much like to engage with a representative group of parishioners to determine how best the space can be developed (within the terms of the lease) to meet needs. In particular, we would like to hear from families and younger people about what their priorities might be. If you would like to join the action group, please send your details to Katherine at:

clerk@swinfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

We look forward to creating something that will be a real asset to the village, and which will be well used and value.

CASUAL VACANCY

Our Parish Council normally has five members. Recently, Brian Clapham tendered his resignation. On your behalf, we have thanked Brian for the work he did for the village both on the Parish Council and on the Neighbourhood Plan, we will miss his contributions. This means we have a casual vacancy on the council, and we are now able to co-opt a Councillor. We would like to invite anyone who is interested to contact Katherine for further information:

clerk@swinfordparishcouncil.co.uk

This is an interesting and rewarding way of serving your local community, if you look at the Parish Council website you will see the kind of activities that the Council is involved in. We need someone with energy and commitment who will help to sustain and develop our village community.

SPEEDING CONCERNS

The Parish Council have now received the outcome of the speed surveys undertaken by Leicestershire County Council around the village earlier this year. Full details can be found on the Parish Council website:

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The Parish Council will now discuss what the next course of action will be.

MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

If you wish to make any comments or ask any questions about any of the items in the newsletter, please contact the Parish Clerk using the details below or speak to any of the Councillors.