



**Notes of the Swallow Parish Council meeting held in  
Swallow Village Hall on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7.15pm.  
Preceded by the Open Surgery at 7.10pm**

Present: Cllr. G L T Baxter, Chairman. Cllrs. B Gould, G Metcalf, Mrs K Stoneman, Miss C M Turner & R A Wallace.  
Clerk to the Council & Responsible Financial Officer: Mrs H. Pitman.  
West Lindsey District Councillor A Caine, Lincolnshire County Councillor A H Turner and one member of the public.

Prior to commencement of the meeting a vote of thanks was given by the chairman to the retiring clerk, Mrs Veronica Hewins and gifts were presented in gratitude of her sterling service to the community for the last 19 years.  
The new clerk, Mrs Helen Pitman was welcomed.

1. Apologies. Cllr J. Walgate and West Lindsey District Cllr Mrs A.Lawrence.
  2. **Members' Declarations of Interests.**  
Cllrs. G Metcalf & Mrs K Stoneman declared a personal interest in Item 11, the former as a village hall committee member, the latter as chairman.
  3. Notes of meetings **held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and 17<sup>th</sup> December.** The minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> November: item 11a amended "to defer to next meeting ". These were then signed as a true record. Minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> December signed as a true record.
  4. **Lincolnshire County and West Lindsey District Council Councillors' reports.**
    - a) Lincolnshire County Councillor Turner outlined areas where there are to be cuts to LCC services and those which are safeguarded. He provided further information for council which is available to view via the clerk. He confirmed there will be no increase in council tax over the next three years.
    - b) West Lindsey District Councillor Caine informed council that no cuts to services are planned. Due to the last 2 years lean working, staffing cuts have already been dealt with. WLDC has voted for all out elections, the first of which is to be 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011. The Boundary Commission review, which has still to be decided, will come into force in 2015.
- Police Matters**
- a) **Police Matters & Neighbourhood Watch.** No police present. The clerk gave a brief overview of the letter from Chief Inspector Community Safety Lincs Police. This was duly noted.
  - b) **Neighbourhood Watch Report.** Nothing to report.
5. **Clerk's Report.**
  - i) Condition of grounds of 4 Grimsby Road. Enforcement has inspected the grounds. Large piles of hedge cuttings are to be burnt as soon as possible and the file is now closed.
  - ii) Hill Holt Wood. Unable to attend rescheduled meeting. Council asked clerk to write letter of thanks but feel there is insufficient work around the parish and not to pursue at this time.
  - iii) Swallow Christmas Tree 2010 – Letter of thanks sent 17<sup>th</sup> December. Thanks was also given by the chairman to all who were involved.
  - iv) Parishioners were regularly informed of updates from WLDC. Cllr Wallace asked thanks to be recorded and letters of thanks to be sent to local farmers at Swallow Vale, Mike Kendall, Graham Hunt, DT Thompson, Garry Metcalf, Janice and Linda McKay and S. Manning and various other members of the community for snow clearance around the village.

- v) December newsletter has been distributed to all households. It was agreed that the next newsletter be produced and distributed after the May elections.

**6. Responsible Financial Officer's Report.**

- a) **Balances and update on income and expenditure.**
- i) **Approval for accounts paid at November meeting:** **all per Precept 2010/11**  
Caistor First Responders: £50 donation.  
Victim Support: £50 donation.  
West Lindsey Citizens Advice Bureau: £50 donation.
- ii) **Accounts to be paid:**  
Mrs V. Hewins: salary & expenses £506.17

Resolved to pay.

Internal auditors report was read out. There were no problems identified.

**7. Swallow and Cuxwold Village Hall & Playing Fields Association Report**

- a) Cllr Gould reminded council that it has adopted the Parish Plan. Cllr Mrs Stoneman read out the proposal as agreed by the village hall committee regarding the separation of the playing fields from the association and for the parish council to take on full responsibility. The chairman gave an overall view of how different communities and parish councils work and their responsibilities. He then gave his views on the matter which he saw as the community relinquishing a valuable asset to local government. After further discussion it was proposed that Swallow Parish Council takes on the responsibility for maintenance of the two playing fields and the play equipment in both Swallow and Cuxwold. Proposed, Cllr Wallace. Seconded, Cllr Miss Turner. Resolved. The chairman asked for it to be minuted that he had voted against the proposal.
- b) Cllr Mrs Stoneman gave the Village Hall Treasurers report. Electricity bill of £68.42 and Anglian Water of £15.63 were noted.
- c) Cllr Metcalf informed council that the multi activity centre has been dismantled. Sutton Estates will remove the concrete in the spring and a general tidy up will be undertaken when the weather improves. £500 has been requested from the West Lindsey Local Councillor Initiative Fund for remedial work on the swings.
- d) Children Playing signs at Cuxwold are still awaiting installation by LCC.

**8. Parish Plan Action Committee Report.**

- a) Cllr Gould gave a progress report and said that it is imperative to apply for grants for new play equipment, particularly now the old has been dismantled.
- b) Still no response to letter from Suttons Estates. Council consider the matter to be now closed.

9. Wolds Area Forum. No date as yet. Cllr Mrs Stoneman to attend.

10. **Planning Matters.** Notes from meeting with Mark Sturgess, Head of Planning, WLDC have been circulated.

11. **Correspondence.** As advised to council.

Chairman and Cllr Metcalf to investigate a possible fire in the bus shelter on Grimsby side of road.  
The meeting closed at 9.28pm

**12. Date, time & place of next meeting: -**

Tuesday, **8<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in Swallow Village Hall**

**Open Surgery 7.10pm**

**Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairman**

**Date 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011**