

# SNITTERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



## Minutes of the Meeting of Snitterfield Parish Council Held Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2025 at Snitterfield Village Hall

Present: P. Ingram, C.Elliott (Chair), G. Norris

Public: 2 WCC: Penny Anne O'Donnell SDC Duncan Parker

Clerk: Jane Carter

MINUTE		ACTION
250414/1	<b>Apologies or not present:</b> Cllrs A Brettell, P Smith, J. Kelsey	
250414/2	<b>Declarations of interest and dispensations:</b> None	
250414/3	<b>Approval of Minutes of Meeting held March 10th 2025:</b> these were approved and signed by the Chair	
250414/4	<b>Public Forum:</b> Residents asked for the council's support in dealing with flooding risk outside Horseshoe Cottage, Snitterfield. The drains had not been cleared correctly and heavy rainfall had caused the house to be flooded back in January. The residents asked for the council's support in lobbying Warwickshire Highways to get the drains cleared and to Severn Trent to get the culvert dredged. Cllr Parker agreed to raise with ST. The clerk would raise with WCC to understand if they were aware of the issues.	Cllr Parker  Clerk
250414/5	<b>Warwickshire County Councillor Report:</b> Cllr O'Donnell said residents of Woodward Court had raised concerns about the brightness of the new solar light on the path to Woodward Court from the pub and one of the 4 streetlights on Woodward Court was not working. The Chair confirmed that the 4 lights in Woodward Court were due to be turned off for a trial period of 12 months & then reviewed as agreed during the village consultation. This had been shared with all residents via the Link Magazine and Snipe. Cllr O'Donnell agreed to raise with Highways the installation of Welcome to Snitterfield signs. Points for the Kings Lane speeding assessment had been agreed. She would check when this had been planned for. The Community Highways Action Fund would be opening after the elections.	
250414/6	<b>Report from Stratford District Councillor Duncan Parker</b> <b>Community Climate and Nature Fund (CCNF)</b> Grant applications are now open for the £150,000 Community Climate and Nature Fund. The fund will provide opportunities for Parish Councils, Constituted Community Groups & Sports clubs to apply for grant funding. More at: <a href="https://www.stratford.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-fund.cfm">https://www.stratford.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-fund.cfm</a> <b>Even more can be recycled!</b> You can now recycle plastic bags and wrapping in your blue lidded bins; please just make sure the bag is empty, clean and not within another bag. This also includes foil lined bags like	

	<p>crisp packets and coffee packets, bubble wrap, confectionary wrapping, cling film and fruit and veg net bags.</p> <p>Stratford-on-Avon District is rising up the ranks and now has the third highest household recycling rate in England (2023/24) according to figures published by Defra. The addition of plastic film recycling should help further improve the situation.</p> <p><b>Free membership of leisure centres for people living with Parkinson's and their carers</b></p> <p>Leisure centres across Stratford-on-Avon District are offering free memberships to people living with Parkinson's providing access to gym, swim and group exercise, as well as online Synergy Dance classes.</p> <p>A free membership can be given to up to three carers to provide additional support, if needed.</p> <p><b>No Mow May</b></p> <p>No Mow May is an important environmental initiative that reduce the global decline in pollinating insects.</p> <p>Research has revealed pollinator numbers are declining in the UK, which will have a serious effect on biodiversity, food supply and even human health. One of the main causes of pollinator decline is habitat loss, which the District Council can help prevent by engaging in the No Mow May initiative.</p> <p>No Mow May encourages landowners to reduce their mowing frequency during the month, which will allow plant species to flower and provide a vital source of pollen and nectar.</p> <p>Through May main road verges will go uncut, however, verges adjacent to main road junctions and roundabouts will be cut as normal to maintain sight lines and visibility for road users.</p> <p><b>South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP)</b></p> <p>Following the "preferred Options" consultation I was delighted that there was plenty of engagement with a total of 6,084 submissions.</p> <p>In terms of the next steps, once all the information has been logged, the team will be reviewing the responses in detail to help inform the next stage of the South Warwickshire Local Plan.</p> <p>A consultation summary statement will also be prepared later on in the year which will provide more information.</p>	
250414/7	<p><b>Snitterfield Village Hall:</b> The grass need cutting. Cllr Ingram would speak to the contractor to arrange to get this done. Once a month had been agreed.</p>	Cllr Ingram
250414/8	<p><b>Playing Field Management Committee:</b> new quotes were being obtained which significantly reduced the cost of the build to a more manageable level. It was hoped to bring the project in under £250k. Grant applications had been submitted. The bucket swing and the zip wire were the preferred items to start the playground refurbishment</p>	Cllr Brettell
250414/9	<p><b>Attey's Field:</b> the lease had been received. The clerk would confirm how monies were to be paid to the council. Funds would be used initially to fence and mow the field in</p>	Clerk

	accordance with the agreed WCC management plan. More than 130 new trees had also recently been planted by STAG.	
250414/10	<b>Highways (Standing item)</b> The welcome to Snitterfield signs in Wolverton Road had been noted.	
250414/11	<b>Infrastructure Group:</b> the parish online subscription was proving useful in mapping the culvert through the village. Progress was being made in creating a map of the Culvert, Bearley Brook and flood areas. Cllr Parker hoped to finish the design of the new trash screen on the Bearley Brook before the end of August.	Cllr Parker
250414/12	<b>Cemetery:</b> nothing to report	
250414/13	<b>Street lighting:</b> The solar lights were working satisfactorily. EON still had to fit 2 more solar lights on the path from Highfield Close to Duttons Close. The bills from the supplier, Tomato Energy, were being queried due to some inaccuracies.	Clerk
250414/14	<b>Play areas inspection:</b> Inspections had taken place. Nothing to report	
250414/15	<b>Parish Meeting:</b> this would be held prior to the May meeting of the parish council starting at 7.30 p.m. on Monday May 12 <sup>th</sup> . A short report would be read by the Chairman. The floor would be opened to residents to raise issues or ask questions. Parish organisations would be invited to present a report by the Clerk. The May meeting of the PC would follow immediately afterwards.	Clerk
250414/16	<b>Finance:</b> <b>To note and approve payments and receipts:</b> these were noted and approved. <b>To note and approve bank reconciliation:</b> noted and approved	
250414/17	25/00397/FUL The Saddlers Park Lane Snitterfield Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 0LS. Construction of 1no. detached two storey dwelling and formation of new vehicular access. The council agreed to support the application. Comments would be submitted via the portal 25/00537/LDP Snitterfield Playing Field Wolverton Road Snitterfield. To construct: i) a self-binding gravel path (item 1), ii) timber climbing structure (item 16), iii) two mounds for items 17-24, iv) a half-pipe skate park (item 25), v) a scooter and bike track (item 27) and a community shelter (item 30) This was noted and supported by the council	Cllr Elliott
250414/18	<b>Observations from Parish Councillors:</b> None	
250414/19	<b>Next Meeting Date:</b> The meeting was closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting would be on Monday May 12 <sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7.30 p.m. This would be the annual Parish Council meeting preceded by the parish meeting.	

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