

## PLEASE NOTE THE VENUE AND TIME

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6<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the **Full Council Meeting** to be held at **Meeting Rooms, rear of Baptist Church, Derby Road, Swanwick** on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017** at 7.15pm when the business set out below will be transacted.

Members are asked to sign the attendance sheet for the meeting and to complete the Declarations Sheet (if appropriate), both available at the meeting.

Clerk to the Council

## AGENDA

### 1. Apologies

Members are reminded to give their apologies direct to the Clerk.

### 2. Variation of Order of Business

### 3. Declarations of Interest

Members must fill out the Declaration of Interests Forms for submission. Members are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interest they may have in any item of the evening's business, and to explain the nature of that interest.

Where a member indicates that they have a prejudicial interest, but wish to make representation regarding the item before leaving the meeting, they must do so under item 4(D) of Public Participation.

### 4. Public Participation

**A) Public Attendance & Speaking:** Residents wishing to speak need to book in with the Clerk, preferably prior to the meeting by email/phone or immediately prior to the start of the meeting.

**Whether wishing to speak or not, each member of the public is required to indicate whether or not they consent to have their name and/ or organisation recorded and published in the minutes of the meeting. Minutes are published on the Parish Council website and are available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

At the start of the meeting a period is available for members of the public to ask questions, make representations or submit comments. This is **LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON** – at the sole discretion of the Chair.

**B) Parish Council Members' observations will be taken alongside Reports from any Borough and County Councillors attending.**

### C) Police Matters

Information about the Safer Neighbourhood Team's activity in the area and an interactive crime map are available on the following web pages

[www.police.uk/derbyshire/NR06/](http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/NR06/)

### D) Representations or Evidence from Members Declaring a Prejudicial Interest

Members indicating that they have a prejudicial interest in an agenda item and who wish to make a representation before leaving the meeting shall do so at this stage.

## 5. Minutes of Full Council

### 5.1 To receive the Minutes of the Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## 6. Planning Matters

**6.1 Planning Applications for comment:** All applications can be viewed at [www.ambervalley.gov.uk](http://www.ambervalley.gov.uk) click on Planning and then click on Planning Applications and use the AVA reference number to search.

## 7. Clerk's Report

- 7.1 Newsletter - Village Matters February 2017
- 7.2 Land Registry Issues – Update
- 7.3 Pentrich Revolution Way Board
- 7.4 Date of Annual Parish Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017
- 7.5 Date of Annual Parish Council Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017
- 7.6 Parish Councillor Attendance at meetings (S85 LGA 1972)

## 8. Chair's Report (None this month)

## 9. Councillors' Updates

Website activity  
Well Dressing 2017  
Village Hall Working Group Meeting 16/03/17

## 10. Correspondence & Circulars (copies are available on the website)

- 10.1 DALC 03-2017
- 10.2 Freedom of Information Request (INEOS) – Friends of the Earth

## 11. Accounts

### 11.1 To approve urgent payments made to the following:

Date	Cheque	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
09.02.17	3654	Newleaf Ltd	Site clearance	3030.00
10.02.17	DD	UKDMO - PWLB	Loan No 504972	5077.50
14.02.17	3655	Atlantic Electric & Gas	Gas Utility Feb 2017	43.26
14.02.17	3656	R Castledine	Materials	38.85
			Locks	4.48
			Materials	2.38
20.02.17	3657	DALC	Subscription 2017-18	740.13
28.02.17	3658	R Castledine	Wages Mth11	1244.50
28.02.17	3659	HMRC	Tax & NI Mth 11	303.08
03.03.17	DD	Haven Power Ltd	Electricity Utility Mar 17	17.00
			<b>Total</b>	10501.18

## 11.2 To approve payments to the following:

To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount	£
		<b>Total</b>	0.00

## 11.3 Income Received:

Date	Remittance			Amount	£
09.02.17	601359	AVBC	Refund of Non Domestic Rates 2016-17	2,856.57	
24.02.17	601360	Tamber	Newsletter Sponsorship (February 2017)	150.00	
23.02.17	BACS	SJ Litchfield	Nether Close Allotment 2b rental 2012-2020	37.50	
23.02.17	BACS	C Froggatt (ABDS)	Newsletter Sponsorship (February 2017)	75.00	
27.02.17	BACS	L Gillott	Nether Close Allotment 2a rental 2012-2020	37.50	
			<b>Total</b>	3156.57	

## 12. Bank Reconciliation

### 13. Exclusion of Press & Public

'That pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for Agenda Item(s) below by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted'.

### 14. Items for the next Agenda

Items are invited for inclusion in next month's agenda

### 15. Date of Next Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at the Meeting Room at the rear of the Baptist Church, Derby Road. This will be held following the Annual Parish Meeting that is scheduled to start at 7.00pm at the same venue.

**SWANWICK PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY 16 February 2017**

**Present:** Cllrs Adams, Barnett, Davies, King, Payne & Soudah

**Members of the Public**

**Members of the public listed waived their right to anonymity under the Data Protection Act**

Rob Castledine

John Briggs

AVBC Cllr David Wilson (Part meeting)

Les Herbert

Paul Dawe

**296/2017 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Briggs

Absent Cllr Dale

**297/2017 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

**298/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**299/2017 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**299.1/2016 Public Speaking**

**Cllr David Wilson** had nothing to report to the Parish Council. The Chair asked Cllr Wilson to enquire about the reason for the refusal by the Planning Board at the meeting on 14 November 2016 of planning application AVA/2014/0804. The reason for the refusal appears in the minutes as

*RESOLVED That the application be refused due to insufficient information available on this date*

Cllr Wilson was asked to seek clarification specifically to identify the 'information that was not available on this date'.

Cllr Wilson left the meeting at 7.27pm

**Mr J Briggs** had four items

- 1 He updated the meeting on the programme/ timetable for the Amber Valley Local Plan 2016 and the public consultation.
- 2 Expressed concerned about the absence of representation from the Police.
- 3 Reported a further instance of a narrow wheelchair user once again travelling on the road during dusk without any lighting. This is an accident waiting to happen. The wheelchair user was not identifiable.
- 4 Finally, Mr Briggs asked whether the floral tubs on the roundabout at The Green/ Minster Way are going to be replaced. Since the removal of the wooden half barrels that had fallen apart, there was an increase of parking on the pavement.

**299.2/2017 Members' Observations:**

No Member observations

**299.3/2017 Police & Crime Prevention**

No Police representative was present. The statement issued by Inspector Pat Howitt, Amber Valley Section, Northern Division, was read to the meeting.

**299.4/2017 Representations or Evidence from Members Declaring a Prejudicial Interest**

None

**300/2017 MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL HELD 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Cllr B Payne** asked for Minute 282/2017 to be corrected – Alfreton to read Ripley.

**RESOLVED:**

That the amended Minutes of Full Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be received as correct account of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

**Correction:** the last minute number on page 4 278/2016 to read 295/2017

**300/2017 PLANNING MATTERS**

**300.1/2017 Planning Applications**

No Planning Applications considered

**300.2/2017 Planning Decision Notices**

No Planning decision notices.

**300/2017 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report was presented by the Chair/ Clerk.

**300.1/2017 Newsletter Village Matters Feb 2017**

Members' attention was drawn to the new format of the newsletter. Thanks were offered to both Rob Castledine and Cllr Soudah for delivering the newsletters throughout the village.

**300.2/2017 Proposed closure of Alfreton Branch of Yorkshire Bank**

This branch is closing at the end of June, and over the counter transactions have been re-directed to the local Post Offices.

**RESOLVED:**

To retain the Parish Council account at the Derby branch of Yorkshire Bank and to conduct over the counter business through one of the local Post Offices with a review in 12 months.

**300.3/2017 DALC Subscription 2017-18**

There was little take-up of the training on offer by Members in the last year.

**RESOLVED:**

To authorise the Clerk to pay DALC the Subscription 1 rate of £740.13 for 2017-18.

### **300.4/2017 Non Domestic Rates 2016-17**

The rateable value of the remaining property at 76-80 Derby Road has been re-assessed and the 2010 Valuation List amended accordingly. A refund has been issued by Amber Valley Borough Council

### **300.5/2017 Land Registry Issues**

#### **300.5.1 Shirley Road Allotments**

Members were updated about Land Registry comments on the application to first register the allotments. There are minor overlaps with properties already registered.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To authorise the Clerk to agree the boundary with the current owners of the affected properties and to instruct solicitors to complete the registration process with Land Registry accordingly.

#### **300.5.2/2017 Nether Close Allotments**

In view of the costs incurred in registering the land and the administrative costs of managing these allotments, it is proposed to increase the rental per plot over the next three years and that tenancy agreements are issued for a period of three years 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To increase the rental of each of the plots of the Nether Close Allotments as follows:

<b>2017-18</b>	£10-00	<b>2018-19</b>	£15-00	<b>2019-20</b>	£20-00
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#### **300.5.3/2017 Brewster Memorial Gardens**

Following a reply from Amber Valley BC, the Parish Council's solicitor has been instructed to pursue the registration with Land Registry.

### **300.6/2017 Electricity Supplier**

#### **RESOLVED:**

To authorise the Clerk to enter into a 12/24 month contract for the supply of electricity with Haven Power Ltd

### **300.7/2017 Pentrich Revolution Way Boards**

The Clerk corrected the figures presented to Members to adjust the level of VAT chargeable to 20%. The quotation from an alternative supplier is still awaited.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To authorise the clerk to commit expenditure, subject to a maximum of £1200 on the supply and fit of a suitable way board to commemorate the Bicentennial anniversary the Pentrich Revolution.

### **301/2017 Chair's Report**

No report this month.

### **302/2017 Councillors' Updates**

**Cllr Brenda Payne** updated the meeting on planned Community events Well Dressing 2017 is on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Some resolution on a theme for the dressings was agreed. All arrangements are in hand.

**Cllr George Soudah** updated the meeting on the meeting of the Village Hall Working Party held the same evening prior to the PC Meeting. The

meeting discussed matched funding and the need for documentation to support any applications. The draft outline planning application and the planning application are ready subject to comments from Derbyshire Highways Planning Development. The proposal is to submit the outline planning application during March 2017. The need for exhibitions and customer surveys was briefly addressed.

**Cllr Paul Davies** reported on the steady increase of traffic on social media. Will use extracts from newsletter to feed social media pages.  
**Cllr Bruce Adams** suggested that when the replacement clerk is recruited, the duties should include maintenance of social media pages.  
**Cllrs Adams and Davies** to review the Parish Council website and report with proposals to the next meeting in March

**303/2017 Correspondence & Circulars (copies are available on the website)**

All circulars and correspondence were received.

**304/2017 ACCOUNTS**

**304.1/2017 RESOLVED: To approve urgent payments made to the following:**

Date	Cheque	To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
10.01.17	3645	Bower & Broughton Ltd	Boiler repair	320.00
10.01.17	3646	Iansprint Ltd	Photocopy Mtg Papers	15.87
10.01.17	3647	LITE Ltd	Christmas Lights	1950.00
10.01.17	3647	LITE Ltd	Christmas Lights	468.00
26.01.17	3648	AVBC	Non-Domestic Rates	934.00
26.01.17	3649	LITE Ltd	Christmas Lights	16416.00
26.01.17	3650	Haven Power Ltd	Electricity Utility Dec 17	17.37
Cancelled	3651			0.00
31.01.17	3652	R Castledine	Wages Mth 10	1244.70
31.01.17	3653	HMRC	Tax & NI Mth 10	108.48
			<b>Total</b>	21474.42

**304.2/2017 RESOLVED: To approve payments to the following:**

To Whom Payable	Reason	Amount £
		0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	0

**304.3/2017 Income Received**

Date	Remittance	Amount £
	<b>Total</b>	0.00

**305/2017 Bank Reconciliation**

**306/2017 Exclusion of Press & Public**

'That pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for Agenda Item(s) 13 by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted'.

None

**307/2017 WEBSITE INFORMATION ARISING FROM MEETING**

None

**308/2017 Items for the next agenda**

**Cllrs Adams and Davies** to report with proposals for the revision to the website to the next meeting in March

**309/2017 Date of Next Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 @ 7.15pm at the Meeting Room at the rear of the Baptist Church, Derby Road**

Meeting Closed at 20.35

Signed:

Date:

# 7. Clerk's Report to Swanwick Parish Council meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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## **7.1 Newsletter Village Matters February 2017**

Several comments received about the new style newsletter. I have already received requests from three organisations; one to write an article and two to express interest in providing services in the village hall.

## **7.2 Land Registry Issues**

### **7.2.1 Shirley Road Allotments**

The PC solicitor has been instructed to complete the registration process with Land Registry without challenging the existing boundaries of the adjoining properties and to include the path from the allotments to The Delves.

### **7.2.2 Nether Close Allotments**

New Tenancy Agreements have been sent to all the existing tenants. At time of writing two have paid all arrears and renewed the tenancies for the period 2017-2020.

### **7.2.3 Brewster Memorial Gardens**

The attempt to register, with Land Registry, the Brewster Memorial Gardens has thrown up an anomaly. Land Registry has not accepted Swanwick Parish Council's application to register the land as the land was already registered by AVBC as being in the ownership of the Borough Council. Previously allotment land, the land was transferred by AVBC to Swanwick Parish Council in 1990 by formal agreement in line with the transfer of certain functions to Parish Councils.

AVBC have now responded to our approach and have suggested that the anomaly arises from Land Registry failing to take note of the Memorandum, contained within the conveyance documentation that transferred the land to Swanwick Parish Council.

The Parish Council solicitor has now been instructed to pursue the matter further with Land Registry direct.

## **7.3 Pentrich Revolution Way Board**

I have now received a quotation from a local sign writing supplier. The quotation is for £450-00 and compares favourably with the quotation provided through the contact at Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolutionary Group

The Parish Council has to apply for Planning consent for the way board to be mounted on the wall of the Parish Council's site on Derby Road..

The total cost design, supply and fit plus planning application fees will be (£200 + £450 + £192.5= £842.50) compared to previous quotation (£1153.5).

#### **7.4 Annual Parish Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Just to confirm, the date of the statutory Annual Parish Meeting will be Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017. This meeting will precede the monthly Full Council Meeting.

#### **7.5 Annual Parish Council Meeting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

The Parish Council website currently shows the date for the Annual Parish Council Meeting incorrectly as 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017. This happens to be a Friday. All our meetings are held on Thursdays. Please note the correct date for the Annual Parish Council Meeting is 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The website entry will be amended.

#### **7.6 Parish Councillor Attendance**

I have to draw attention of Members to the provision of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972:

##### **85 Vacation of office by failure to attend meetings.**

(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3) below, if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority.

(2) Attendance as a member at a meeting of any committee or sub-committee of the authority, or at a meeting of any joint committee, joint board or other body by whom for the time being any of the functions of the authority are being discharged, or who were appointed to advise the authority on any matter relating to the discharge of their functions, and attendance as representative of the authority at a meeting of any body of persons, shall be deemed for the purposes of subsection (1) above to be attendance at a meeting of the authority.

(3) A member of any branch of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces when employed during war or any emergency on any naval, military or air force service, and a person whose employment in the service of Her Majesty in connection with war or any emergency is such as, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, to entitle him to relief from disqualification on account of absence, shall not cease to be a member of a local authority by reason only of a failure to attend meetings of the local authority if the failure is due to that employment

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## Circular No. 03/2017

To all Member Town and Parish Councils and Parish Meetings

### GENERAL CIRCULAR

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#### In this Circular:

- **State of Rural Services in England 2016 Report (Rural England)**
- **NALC's Council Spotlight – Bradwell Parish Council**
- **Introduction of discretionary business rates relief on public toilets owned by local authorities**
- **800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tree Charter**
- **Keep Britain Tidy**
- **The Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme**
- **Legal Topic Note updates**

#### 1. **STATE OF RURAL SERVICES IN ENGLAND 2016 REPORT (RURAL ENGLAND)**

This report provides a policy base for understanding and stimulating debate about the needs of rural communities. It is aimed at those who make policies and who deliver services. The report covers 9 topics: local buses and community transport, welfare services, access to cash, further education, the retail sector, mental health services, older people's services, public health services and community assets.

Summary points:

1. Innovation and good practice, working with local communities, can address many challenges presented by trying to provide accessible and good quality services across small and scattered settlements.
2. Services delivered by public and private sectors are less likely to be found in rural areas and many of them are contracting.
3. Third sector or community volunteers are playing a growing role in service delivery in rural areas.
4. At particular risk are rural bus services and rural bank branches.

5. Provision and take up of online services affects service availability but in rural areas not all groups of the community are online and some rural areas do not have decent broadband connectivity.
6. Growing numbers of the elderly in rural area – puts pressure on public services (eg GP surgeries) but are more likely to use locally based commercial services (eg convenience stores). Retired people who are healthy are also likely to make up a good proportion of volunteers engaged in providing community-run services.
7. Rural shire areas score badly on a range of public health indicators including health screening, readiness for school (child development), self-harm by young people and suicide rates. Funding for public services is lower in rural areas.
8. Reiterates the value of community assets (eg village halls) as a venue for a range of activities and as an employer, and that community owned shops show sustained growth.

The full report can be viewed here: <https://ruralengland.org/the-state-of-rural-services-2016-report/>

## **2. NALC'S COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT – BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

NALC have identified Bradwell as their Council Spotlight as follows:

Bradwell Parish Council in Derbyshire has a population of 1,400 with a precept of £43,577 but this small local council has been punching well above its weight.

Bradwell Parish Council has ten members and meets on the first Tuesday of every month. The council is very active and has experienced no issues in replacing councillors when a member leaves. The council's clerk, Steve Lawless also acts as their responsible financial officer. The council works closely with the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA), in particular on planning issues.

During the past several years the council has been developing the first successful neighbourhood plan in the Peak District National Park, which was voted into planning law on 22 October 2015. The neighbourhood plan is now part of PDNPA's reference material for planning applications. One key initiative from the neighbourhood plan has been formation of the Bradwell Community Land Trust, an initiative driven by councillors. The trust has now been gifted 12 affordable homes for local needs, which are to be built in the village in the next three years, and to be managed by BCLT

## **3. INTRODUCTION OF DISCRETIONARY BUSINESS RATES RELIEF ON PUBLIC TOILETS OWNED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

Government has acted to ease the financial burden on communities by the introduction of discretionary business rates relief on public toilets owned by local authorities.

NALC are extremely encouraged that the Government has listened to their arguments that the 'toilet tax' levied on local councils for running public conveniences they own or manage is costing local tax payers thousands of pounds, leading to many public conveniences being closed all over the country despite their fundamental importance and value within communities.

The Government's new Local Government Finance Bill enables principal (county, district, unitary, or borough) authorities to grant full business rates relief on all owned or part-owned

local authority public toilets. NALC calls on principal authorities to introduce this rate relief as soon as possible to ease the financial burden on local taxpayers and save councils paying £16m in 'toilet taxes' (business rates) a year.

NALC continues to call for a share of these rates to go to local councils.

#### **4. 800<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE TREE CHARTER**

Is there a tree or wooded area that has some significance to your community?

2017 is the big year for the new Charter for Trees, Woods and People, with 6th November 2017 marking both the 800th anniversary of the original Charter of the Forest and the launch of the new Tree Charter that will guide policy and practice in the UK.

Everyone is being encouraged to help shape the Charter – you have until 28 February to provide your story – and it is these stories and statements, revealing people's everyday relationship with trees and woods, which we will use to inform the wording of the Tree Charter. Go to the tree charter website to find out more <https://treecharter.uk/>. Please note that we will be running a training session on trees and tree management during 2017.

#### **5. KEEP BRITAIN TIDY**

Keep Britain Tidy is launching its biggest-ever litter campaign, the Great British Spring Clean, to encourage 500,000 people to get out there and make sure their neighbourhood is one of which they can be proud. The Spring Clean, which will take place from March 3-5, 2017, has won the backing of TV naturalist and writer Steve Backshall, the BAFTA-winning Deadly 60 presenter.

To take part, simply go to [www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk](http://www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk) and register.

#### **6. THE BETTER BROADBAND SUBSIDY SCHEME**

The government is committed to providing every home and business across the country with access to a basic broadband service. If you, or those in your community, can't get a broadband speed of at least 2MB per second, you (they) could qualify for a subsidised connection worth up to £350 to boost your internet speed. To check your broadband speed and terms of eligibility go to: <http://basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk/>

#### **7. LEGAL TOPIC NOTE UPDATES**

Legal Topic Note LTN 35 on contracts has been modified in the light of the implementation late last year of the Consumer Rights Act 2015 which separates consumer terms where one party is not acting as a business from the previous law which still applies where both parties are acting as businesses – a local council is always acting as a business;

Legal Topic Note 36 (Unfair Contract Terms)

Legal Topic Note 42 (Occupier's Liability) have been updated

LTN 68 on negligence has been revised for format and clarity and some minor typographical errors have also been amended;

All are available on the DALC website under useful documents.

**Wendy Amis**  
Chief Officer

**February 2017**

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**TRAINING & EVENTS DIARY**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>CIRCULAR REF</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>COST</b>
22 February 2017	CiLCA Session two		Stretton Village Hall	£250*
23 February 2017 (10am – 2.30pm)	Law & Good Practice of Local Council Meetings (light buffet lunch included)	16/2016	Stretton Village Hall	Up to 3 free places for enhanced member councils/£25 per candidate
4 April 2017	Essential Clerk Training (10am – 12.30pm)	03/2017	Aldern House, Bakewell	Up to 3 free places for enhanced member councils/£30 per member candidate
27 April 2017 (9.15 for 9.45am – 4.00pm)	Spring Seminar	19/2016	Lumb Farm, Ripley	£45.00 per delegate

**\*Plus £250.00 registration to SLCC**

# 10.2 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST (EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE)

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**From:** Guy Shrubsole [<mailto:guy.shrubsole@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** 03 March 2017 17:33

**To:** Guy Shrubsole

**Subject:** FOI request: Parish Council correspondence with INEOS or Fisher German re shale gas

Dear Sir or Madam,

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) and Environmental Information Regulations (2004).

Under the Act and Regulations, I ask please that you release the following information:

- Any correspondence your Parish Council has had with the chemicals company INEOS, or their land surveyors FGP (Fisher German Priestner), concerning seismic surveys or test drills for shale gas exploration.
- As part of this, please release any maps showing proposed locations for seismic surveys or test drills that you have been sent.

Under the Act and Regulations there is a statutory 20 working day deadline for replies or extensions.

Thankyou and best wishes,

Guy Shrubsole

Campaigner  
Friends of the Earth  
Stockwell, London

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# Response sent 05/03/2017 by email

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Dear Mr Shrubsole

Thank you for the request for information under FOI (2000) and EI Regs (2004) as set out in your email below. The information is as follows:

- Correspondence Swanwick Parish Council has had with chemical company INEOS**  
Swanwick Parish Council, in common with other Town and Parish Councils, was invited to attend a presentation by INEOS. A Parish Councillor and a resident of Swanwick attended the presentation on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to understand the processes that INEOS intended to use during the exploratory stages leading to shale gas extraction.

A further invitation on the same lines was received in November 2016; copy of the invitation is below:

*From:* [peter.reilly@ineos.com](mailto:peter.reilly@ineos.com) [<mailto:peter.reilly@ineos.com>]  
*Sent:* 23 November 2016 17:10  
*To:* [parish\\_and\\_town\\_council\\_clerk\\_list@unauthorised.ineos\\_hubs.com](mailto:parish_and_town_council_clerk_list@unauthorised.ineos_hubs.com)  
*Subject:* INEOS Shale: Invitation to a meeting - 29 November 2016 - Reminder

Dear Clerk,

*I refer to my email dated 10th November inviting representatives from your Parish or Town Council to attend a meeting at 7pm, Tuesday 29th November at Shirebrook Village Hall.*

*I would be very grateful if you could confirm the names of your attendee(s) or otherwise confirm that your council will not be in attendance. A copy of the invitation is set out below for convenience.*

Best regards

Peter Reilly  
Community Relations Manager: INEOS Shale  
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Date: Tuesday 29 November 2016  
Time: 19.00 – 20.30  
Venue: **Shirebrook Village Hall**  
Park Road  
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*INEOS Upstream is the business responsible for developing oil and gas supplies in the UK and INEOS Shale is our onshore shale gas operating business. Together we hold extensive licences to explore for oil and gas in the North Sea as well as East Midlands, South and North Yorkshire and Cheshire. You may remember that we held introductory "town hall" style*

meetings in May with Parish and Town Council representatives from across the three onshore regions.

*In the near term we expect to be most active in our licences within the East Midlands Basin which stretches from Rotherham in the north to Ashfield in the south. I would therefore like to invite you and/or another member of your Council to join representatives from Parish and Town Councils from across the area to receive an update presentation from the senior management of INEOS Shale.*

*This update will explain what we expect to be doing in terms of our 2D and 3D seismic imaging programme and in submitting planning applications for vertical "coring" wells. Both of these activities will enhance our knowledge of the shale layer of rock and help us assess the regions potential for gas production. We will also describe our plans for public engagement to explain both these activities and would welcome your feedback and suggestions about that public engagement.*

*This session is intended to give you as representatives of your community the opportunity to meet the people that are involved in this activity and directly ask any questions that you may have. You are of course free to share all of the information we provide with your community. We will also be conducting direct community consultation events in due course, which you will of course also be welcome to attend.*

*We will also be holding a matching event in the north of our licence area on Wednesday 30th November at Worksop Football Club and you are welcome to attend that event instead if it is more convenient.*

*Please confirm your attendance by email to Peter Reilly our Community Relations Manager - [peter.reilly@ineos.com](mailto:peter.reilly@ineos.com)*

INEOS was informed that no one from Swanwick Parish Council was going to attend the November 2016 meeting.

## **2 Correspondence Swanwick Parish Council has had with land surveyors FGP (Fisher German Priestner)**

No correspondence has been received from or sent to FGP.

## **3 Maps received**

No maps have been received.

Finally, Swanwick Parish Council has not at anytime been in any talks with INEOS or FGP. As a Parish Council we do not have any powers to enter into talks about or negotiate any aspect of mineral or gas extraction. Such responsibility lies with Derbyshire County Council, the minerals planning authority, and will be subject to planning regulations.

I hope that has answered your FOI request. If there is anything further that you require, please get in touch.

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