

**SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

**LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2020 at 6.30 pm  
in the Council Chamber, Parish Council Offices Gladstone Street

- Present**
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| Cllr N Hopkins      | Chair                             |
| Cllr J Firmin       | Vice-Chair                        |
| Cllr S Allsopp      |                                   |
| Cllr M Gladman      |                                   |
| Cllr S James        |                                   |
| Cllr L Kasmaty      |                                   |
| Cllr A Hamid        |                                   |
| Cllr J Miah         | Sub Cllr M J Miah                 |
| Cllr J Milner-Barry |                                   |
| Cllr S Pajak        |                                   |
| Cllr D Griffiths    | Not Committee Member              |
| Cllr A Hamid        | Not Committee Member              |
| Cllr C Watts        | Not Committee Member              |
| Cllr N Watts        | Not Committee Member              |
| Rob Core            | Clerk                             |
| Jake Mee            | Deputy Clerk                      |
| Matt Bradley        | Events and Communications Officer |
| Theresa Gordon      | Planning and Agenda Clerk         |
- Public** Three
- Public Session** A member of the public said that they had attended the Eastcott Community Centre, last week and the Mayor had been there and asked what the mayor was there for. Cllr C Watts said that the mayor was there to name the main hall Raggy Hall in honour of James “Raggy” Powell a local “rag & bone man” who had donated the land.
- 1087** **Apologies**  
Cllr MJ Miah Sub Cllr A Hamid  
Cllr J Milner -Barry
- Not present**  
Cllr V Ayris  
Cllr S Pajak
- 1088** **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**  
None
- 1089** **Swindon Road Garden (Min 1049 – 04.02.20)**  
The Clerk provided an update regarding work at the Swindon Road garden.  
The garden had now been named “catching the moon” which is linked to a local Swindon tale. The parish had received quotes for an existing issue with an adjacent wall which had been previously reported to Swindon borough building control. Work had been started to underpin the wall which had been delayed due to weather conditions, When the building work is finished, the idea of a sensory garden had been suggested, and Cllr Kasmaty had spoken to local people to find out if they would be interested in supporting the garden when the parish had finished the building work and created a garden that was easy to maintain. The parish would like to include the garden in their 2020 In-bloom submission.

**1090 Allotments Working Party**

The Chair of the Allotments Working Party confirmed that quotes for fencing alongside Shrivensham Road had been received and are within the notional budget and would be brought to the next meeting, however the work will not be done until September 2020 due to bird nesting.

**NOTED**

**1091 Events Working Party**

The Chair of the Events Working Party said that a meeting had been held regarding the parish parks bookings which had been made with Swindon borough council prior to the parish taking the parks over. The working party looked at the suitability of the parks and the Town Gardens and Queens park are thought to be subject to stress when large events are held. The use of GWR park for larger events was discussed as an option. The charges for use of the parks was low but all existing bookings will be honoured, and the Deputy Clerk will look into future costings. The Chair said that there was a need for a suitable booking form which will be discussed at the next Events working party meeting.

**NOTED**

**1092 GWR Working Party**

The Deputy Clerk provided a report regarding the GWR Sundial and WWI Memorial a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

The Deputy Clerk gave a summary of the report and said that the quotes included both sites. The quotes also included resurfacing the entrance to the recently refurbished play area and the work would all be done at the same time. The deputy clerk recommended company 2.

**RESOLVED** that the recommendation of company 2 as detailed in Appendix A of £8,700 be approved and funded with CIL funds.

**1093 In Bloom/Gardens/Wildlife Working Party**

The Clerk was due to give an update on the graphics for the wildlife corridor but deferred the item. The Clerk also confirmed that the wildlife walk due to take place this day the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 had been cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

**1094 World Wars Working Party**

The Deputy Clerk provided a report regarding the Old Town Gardens WWII memorial a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

The Deputy Clerk gave a summary of the report and provided two quotes and recommended company 1 and after discussion amongst the councillors agreed that the deputy clerk would follow up with the company and find out if there was a coating available that would protect the stone.

**RESOLVED** that the recommendation of company 1 as detailed in Appendix B of £1,645 be approved.

The meeting closed at 6:54pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council