

SOUTH SWINDON
PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2017 at 6.30pm
in the Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

Present Cllr N Hopkins (Chair)
Cllr S Allsopp
Cllr N Burns-Howell
Cllr P Dixon
Cllr J Miah
Cllr M J Miah
Cllr J Milner-Barry
Cllr J Short
Cllr C Watts
Cllr N Watts

Officers Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)

Public Two

Public Session Mrs V Griffin attended on behalf of the Old Town Library Book Group and the following written question had been submitted before the meeting; 'Please could you outline your vision for the future of Old Town library and the role it will play for the whole community and would it accommodate a group such as ours.' Mrs Griffin added that the group met on the first Wednesday of every month. Cllr C Watts said that he would be happy to meet with the group to assure them that the Parish Council would work with them in the future to provide accommodation for their meetings.

87 **Apologies**
Cllr B Thompson (Vice-Chair)
Cllr J Ali
Cllr M Dickinson
Cllr J Firmin
Cllr M Gladman
Cllr A Hawkins
Cllr J Lowry
Cllr D Pajak
Cllr S Pajak
Cllr T Philpot
Cllr T Robson
Cllr I Shaikh
Cllr D Wood

88 **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None

89 **Arqiva Broadcast Equipment requirement at Broome Manor Allotment Site (Min.42 – 06.06.17)**

The Clerk submitted emails dated 23 June 2017 and 26 June 2017 from Mr M Wynne-Edwards, Asset Surveyor at Arqiva Broadcast a copy of which appears as Appendix A in

the Minute Book.

The email set out the terms and conditions for the drawing up of a lease for siting of telecoms equipment at Broome Manor Allotment Site. The Chair added that several Councillors had met with Arqiva representatives on site and that the cabin would be located behind the gate in an area of grass that was unused and would not impact on any allotments. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to allotment holders to inform them of the work to be carried out.

RESOLVED

- a) that the terms and conditions set out in both emails be used as basis of the lease;
- b) that the Parish Council appoint Bevirs Solicitors to act on their behalf in the negotiation of the lease;
- c) that written agreement be obtained from Arqiva Broadcast that they will pay the legal quotation of Bevirs;
- d) that the Parish Council give permission for the works to start in September 2017 and in return receive written agreement from Arqiva Broadcast that an additional payment of £2,000 will be received.

(Cllr J Miah arrived at the meeting during this item)

90 Legal Transfer of Open Space and Play Area – Royal Mead

The Clerk submitted an email dated 9 June 2017 from the Asset Strategy Manager at Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

The email informed the Parish Council that the play area and open space at Royal Mead had transferred from the developer to Swindon Borough Council and there was also a commuted amount of £30,000 from the developers to cover the cost of future maintenance.

Cllr Allsopp asked if there was any consultation with Parish Council before play areas were installed by developers as they would be the authority that had to maintain them in the future. The Clerk was asked to contact Swindon Borough Council to find out if this could happen in the future.

The Clerk was also asked to find out the exact conditions of the fund for Royal Mead and whether it was routine maintenance or repairs and replacement.

Cllr Milner-Barry also referred to Angel Ridge Play Area and asked the Clerk to find out if there were any funds to maintain this play area.

91 Needles found at GWR Park

The Clerk submitted an email dated 3 July 2017 from the Service Manager, StreetSmart at Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

The email gave details of needles that had been found in the GWR Park ahead of the family event taking place at the weekend and confirmation from StreetSmart that this had been dealt with as part of their work for Parish Council. Cllr Watts stated that the Parish Council needed to obtain from StreetSmart a detailed copy of their work schedules and Cllr Short added that this should be easily available.

92 Litter and Dog Bins during Hot Weather

The Clerk submitted an email dated 22 June 2017 from the Service Manager, StreetSmart at Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

The email confirmed that a new litter bin had been installed at the Lawns and that StreetSmart do increased the number of collections during the hotter weather.

Cllr Short said that he had also received complaints about overflowing litter bins. It was agreed that when the work schedule was provided a decision could be made about whether more litter and dog bins were required or the existing bins needed to be emptied more regularly.

93 Campers at Queens Park and Lawns

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from the Head of Housing and Community Safety at Swindon Borough Council confirming that the main camping group in Queens Park had been found accommodation and they had vacated the park. Cllr Dixon added that someone had tried to set fire to the camp before they left and there were still overnight sleepers in the park and drug dealers.

Councillors were not aware of the latest position at Lawns and this would be held over to a future meeting.

94 Broadgreen Community Centre (Min.41 – 06.06.17)

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council had taken over the running of Broadgreen Community Centre from Monday 3 July 2017. There had been a few issues to resolve including the roof of the main hall starting to come down and the use of the room having to be cancelled due to safety concerns.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm

Signed.....
Date.....
Chair of the Council