

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2017 at 6.30pm
in the Main Hall, Broadgreen Community Centre

Present Cllr B Thompson (Vice-Chair)
Cllr N Burns-Howell
Cllr P Dixon
Cllr J Firmin
Cllr M J Miah
Cllr S Pajak
Cllr T Philpot
Cllr J Short
Cllr C Watts
Cllr N Watts

Officers Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)
David James (Leisure Project Manager, SBC)
Fred Blunt (Artist for Old Town Library)

Cllr B Thompson (Vice-Chair) in the Chair.

Public Three

Public Session A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council could arrange for the toilets in Town Gardens and Queens Park to be open in the winter months. The toilets were closed by Swindon Borough Council and the reason given was to prevent burst pipes. The Clerk was asked to contact StreetSmart to find out if this would be possible and to report back with the additional cost.

263 **Apologies**
Cllr N Hopkins (Chair)
Cllr S Allsopp
Cllr M Dickinson
Cllr J Howarth
Cllr J Miah
Cllr D Pajak

Not Present
Cllr J Ali
Cllr M Gladman
Cllr A Hawkins
Cllr J Milner-Barry
Cllr T Robson
Cllr I Shaikh
Cllr D Wood

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

265 Spring Gardens Refurbishment Plans

Mr David James, Leisure Project Manager at Swindon Borough Council made a presentation on the plans for the refurbishment of Spring Gardens. This included improving the path to include a cycleway and low-level lighting, a MUGA, lifting the canopy of the trees and dealing with the contamination on site.

Some of the work to the paths could be done under permitted development and it was planned that this would start after Christmas. Other parts of the scheme would be subject to a public consultation before work could start.

Parish Councillors indicated that they broadly supported the plans to improve a neglected open space.

266 Cage Cricket Opportunity

Mr David James gave details of a demonstration of Cage Cricket would take place on 23 November 2017 and all Councillors were invited to attend. This was a new initiative from the English Cricket Board and they were encouraging participation in this shorter version of the game. This included funding to provide new MUGAs or to convert existing MUGAs.

The Clerk was asked to send more details of the demonstration to Councillors.

267 Library Working Party (Min.156 – 12.09.17)

The Library Working Party submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mr Blunt to address the meeting.

Mr Blunt gave details of his designs for the murals at Old Town Library included colour photographs and the reasons for the individual designs. Mr Blunt explained that the walls would have to be sanded and filled before the mural could be put up and the Clerk was asked to organise this. Councillors all expressed their support for the design and thanked Mr Blunt.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

The report provided details of the recommendations of the Library Working Party to be considered by the Committee. Councillors also discussed a re-opening event for the refurbished Old Town Library.

RESOLVED

- a) that the quotation for the design of the murals for Old Town Library from Fred Blunt of £3,000 be approved;
- b) that due to the specialist carpet tiling required in the children section and the discount offered that Financial Regulation 11a) ii would apply in this case and the quotation of £2,604 plus VAT from Gilbert of Swindon be approved;
- c) that the circumstances of the quotations for the decorating be noted and the quotation from Beard Construction of £3,328 plus VAT be approved;
- d) that due to the specialist furniture required and only all being available from one source that Financial Regulation 11a) ii would apply and the children's furniture be ordered as set out in the Business Case from Gresswell;
- e) that the costs be met from the capital grant of £22K which has been provided by Swindon Borough Council;
- f) that a re-opening event be held on Saturday 9 December 2017 at 2.00pm and that the Mayor of Swindon be invited along with local writer Steve Anthony.

268 Badbury Park Community Centre (Min.215 – 03.10.17)

Cllr Short reported that he had attended a meeting to discuss a community centre for the new development at Badbury Park. A number of Ward Councillors were present at the meeting and officers from Swindon Borough Council, but he was concerned that neither the Chair or the Clerk of the Parish Council had received an invitation to attend. At the meeting some officers were given tasks to complete and he had nothing more since then.

Cllr Short stated that it was important that the Parish Council was involved in the discussion from the start and he asked the Clerk to arrange another meeting to find out what had been done to date and agree a plan for the future.

269 Location of Dog Bins in Lawns

The Clerk submitted an email from Cllr Milner-Barry a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

The email provided photographs of the dog and litter bins at the entrance to Lawns and asked if they could be located to different position, so they were not an eyesore when entering the park from the avenue. Cllr N Watts stated that she strongly supported this proposal.

RESOLVED that the re-siting of the dog and litter bins at the entrance of Lawns from the avenue be approved.

270 Improvement Work to Shaftesbury Lakes (Min.220 – 03.10.17)

Cllr C Watts reported that there was an issue with the boundary at Shaftesbury Lakes between the Parish Council and Nythe, Eldene & Liden Parish Council. The map supplied by StreetSmart which they were using for grass cutting did not match the map that appeared in the Order, which did not match the Ordnance Survey map. He would be attending a meeting the following day with the Clerk and the Director of Law at Swindon Borough Council to resolve the issue.

Cllr C Watts said that once the correct boundary had been established, the Parish Council could then move ahead with their plans for Shaftesbury Lake.

271 Arqiva Broadcast Equipment requirement at Broome Manor Allotment Site (Min.89 – 11.07.17)

The Clerk submitted an email dated 12 October 2017 from the Parish Council's solicitor, the response of the Clerk and the Heads of Terms for the CTIL lease copies of which appear as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

Councillors discussed the conditions of the lease and the Heads of Terms.

RESOLVED

- a) that the terms of the licence with Arqiva for the erection of a cabin be approved;
- b) that the Heads of Term be amended to state that the permission of the landlord would be required for changes to the antenna;
- c) that the Heads of Terms be amended to not limit the payment of our legal costs to £1K;
- d) that the Parish Council's solicitor be asked to draw up an amendment to the lease with CTIL to include the antenna to be used by Arqiva.

The meeting closed at 8.04 pm

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