

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

**COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2018 at 6.30 pm  
in Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

**Present** Cllr C Watts (Chair)  
Cllr J Howarth (Vice Chair)  
Cllr S Allsopp  
Cllr N Burns-Howell  
Cllr P Dixon  
Cllr J Firmin  
Cllr N Hopkins  
Cllr J Miah  
Cllr M J Miah  
Cllr J Milner-Barry  
Cllr S Pajak  
Cllr T Philpot  
Cllr T Robson  
Cllr I Shaikh  
Cllr J Short  
Cllr N Watts

**Officers** Andrea Durn (Transition Parish Clerk)

**Public** Five

**Public Session** A parishioner expressed disappointment that the toilets were not open during the winter and asked when they would be open. Cllr Pajak responded that the heating had been on and the toilets would be open for Easter and for the Queens Park opening.

The Parish Council was asked if it would encourage the setting up of a local Neighbourhood Watch Group. There would need to be agreed identification badges and hi-vis jackets. Cllr Watts responded that the Council would be happy to consider an application from the Group, if submitted, for funding for materials and signage. Cllr Watts would also be happy to hold a meeting with Cllr Philpot on Community Safety issues.

A complaint was made about Radnor Street Cemetery. The member of the public was referred to the Cemeteries Officer at Swindon Borough Council as the Borough Council is responsible for cemeteries and their wildlife reserve management. It was also suggested he contact Friends of Eastcott.

A parishioner queried the fencing around the carpark at Manchester Road. He was referred to Swindon Borough Council as it is the Borough Council's responsibility.

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**Apologies**

Cllr M Gladman  
Cllr A Hawkins  
Cllr D Pajak

**Not Present**

Cllr J Ali  
Cllr M Dickinson

Cllr B Thompson

**507 Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

Cllr Pajak – knows the person who won the contract discussed in the Services Working Party report

**508 Brighter Futures**

Chloe Thomas, Community and Events Manager gave a presentation on Brighter Futures, a registered charity of Great Western Hospital. Fundraising was in progress for purchasing new equipment, with £2.15m of the £2.9m target achieved. Further appeals will be forthcoming. The Chair thanked her for her presentation and suggested councillors may wish to make a pledge from their council allowances. The Chair made a further suggestion that the Brighter Future appeals could be promoted at the World Food Festival, the Old Town Festival, and the switching on of the Christmas Lights event.

**509 Minutes of the previous meetings**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 20 February 2018 be approved as a correct record.

**510 Planning & Environment Committee**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 27 February 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

**511 Staffing and Finance Committee**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Staffing and Finance Committee held on 27 February 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

**512 Planning & Environment Committee**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 13 March 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

**513 Leisure and Amenities Committee**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 13 March 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

**514 Information from Borough Councillors**

There were no reports from Councillors.

**515 Parish Council Representatives' Report**

There were no reports from Councillors.

**516 Chair's Report**

The Chair reported the following:

- Cllr David Wood has resigned as parish councillor. He reported that 10 electors had requested an election and he had requested that this be held with the Borough Council election. There was an estimated cost of £7k. A breakdown of the cost will be sought from the Borough Council. A query was raised as to whether the cost could be offset by the central government grant for the identification pilot. The Clerk was asked to investigate.
- Met with Shaftesbury Lake Angling Club re proposals for the lake. They were positive on working together on projects and funding.

- The Link newsletter which contains Parish Council news is currently being circulated
- The development of the leases for the play areas are in the final stages of review and agreement. The date for TUPE has been changed.
- Reports received that the allotment holders are pleased with the work that is being carried out.
- Swindon Borough Council Scrutiny Committee were reviewing Sure Start centres. These could be developed with the Parish Council through the support of voluntary grants.

**517 Calendar of Meetings 2018/19 (Min.480 – 20.02.18)**

The draft calendar of meetings was reviewed, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A. It was suggested that there were a large number of meetings which caused additional pressures for councillors, plus a further review on the diversity and representation on committees.

**RESOLVED**

- a) review committees to ensure diversity and representation;
- b) hold Leisure and Amenities Committee with Planning and Environment Committee on the same evening;
- c) restrict number of members on each committee to 11.

**518 New Leases for Community Assets (Min.463 – 20.02.18)**

The new lease for the transfer of play areas was reviewed, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B.

**RESOLVED**

- a) to approve the 99 year lease for the play area;
- b) to start the negotiation of the leases for the Town Gardens and Queens Park.

**519 Switch on Swindon (Min.452 – 20.02.18)**

A presentation had been made at the Full Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

**RESOLVED** to become an Ambassador for Switch on to Swindon.

**520 Forward Plan**

A draft Forward Plan of the key projects of the Council was circulated and reviewed, a copy of which is attached as Appendix C. It was explained that it was an evolving document and an update would be brought to future Council meetings. It was requested that Ward Councillors would be informed of any meetings affecting their wards.

**521 Admission of Public and Press**

**RESOLVED** that in accordance with Standing Order 3d) that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw; the reason being Commercially Sensitive.

**522 Services Working Party**

A report on the options and quotes for preparation for Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleaning Services delivery for 2019/20 was reviewed.

**RESOLVED**

- a) to agree to the quote from KMC Management Consultancy for a Best Value Review;

**b)**that the Best Value Review be evaluated by the Service Working Party and recommendations made to the next Full Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.29pm

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