

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2018 at 7.30 pm
in the Main Hall, Broadgreen Community Centre

Present Cllr N Hopkins (Chair)
Cllr J Firmin (Vice-Chair)
Cllr S Allsopp
Cllr N Burns-Howell
Cllr M Gladman
Cllr M J Miah
Cllr T Philpot

Cllr P Herring (Substitute – Cllr P Dixon)
Cllr N Watts (Substitute – Cllr J Milner-Barry)
Cllr C Watts (not Committee Member)
Cllr I Shaikh (not Committee Member)

Officers Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)
Gifty Tawiah (Community Centre Development Manager)
Jake Mee (Deputy Clerk)
Oliver Saunders (Project Officer)

Public Six

Public Session Mr Finch asked about the war memorial for GWR Park and asked whether it would be installed before November 2018. The Clerk stated that she had met with the artist and he was confident that the memorial would be completed on time. Cllr C Watts said that the Parish Council would do their best to have the memorial installed by November, but he did not consider it to be vital that the memorial was completed in this time scale. Progress on the project would be reported back to the Parish Council at the Full Council meetings.

192 **Apologies**
Cllr P Dixon
Cllr J Milner-Barry

Not Present
Cllr M Dickinson
Cllr T Robson

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

194 **Broadgreen Street Food Festival (Min.143 – 10.07.18)**
The Community Centre Development Manager spoke about a possible date for the Broadgreen Street Food Festival in June 2019. After avoiding other local events and the cricket World Cup, the most suitable date would be Saturday 15 June 2019, which would be the same Saturday as this year

RESOLVED that the Broadgreen Street Food Festival be held on Saturday 15 June 2019.

195 Allotments (Min.144 – 10.07.18)

The Clerk explained that the Parish Council Calendar of Meetings had been drawn up before the meetings at Swindon Borough Council had been made public and the Allotment Holders Meeting now clashed with a Full Council Meeting.

The Chair stated that he would be visiting the allotment sites before the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Allotment Holders Meeting be moved to Thursday 27 September 2019.

196 Feeding of Water Birds at Parks (Min.145 – 10.07.18)

This item was deferred from the Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting on 10 July 2018 where it had been requested by Cllr Dickinson.

The Clerk provided Councillors with a copy of a poster supplied by Cllr S Pajak that had been designed for Queens Park. It informed the public about the issues of bread and suggested foods that are more suitable for ducks to eat. It was agreed that the posters should be copied in the office, laminated and then placed around the lake at Queens Park and other suitable locations.

Councillors also spoke about education and thought this was something Cllr Dickinson could take up with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

197 Pathways at Lawns (Min.146 – 10.07.18)

Cllr Burns-Howell stated that the condition of the path meant that it could not be left for another winter with no action. Cllr Allsopp suggested obtaining a quotation for some remedial work and then then consider at a future meeting.

Cllr Firmin stated that the Parish Council had not yet taken a lease for this park and that there may be other paths in the same or even worse condition either within Lawns or at other locations. The Parish Council needed to draw up a list of priorities as there may be more pressing issues. Cllr Allsopp pointed out that it may be more financially prudent to carry out maintenance work now, rather than wait until the assets has moved across as the condition may have deteriorated further and be far more costly to repair.

The Clerk was asked to bring a quotation back to a future meeting of the Committee.

198 Horseshoe Amateur Boxing Club

The Chair reported that he had attended the Horseshoe Amateur Boxing Club on 6 August 2018. The Boxing Club had taken over the shell of a building in the town centre a few months before and through the hard work and the support of parents had completed a huge amount of work. The Boxing Club works with boys aged between 10 and 19 years old.

There was still more work to be done to the building in terms of the toilets and changing rooms and the club also wanted to open the facilities for girls. The Chair had given the club details of the Parish Council grants and they may well apply in the near future.

199 Old Town Library

The Clerk submitted a report from Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

The report gave details of the lending figures for Old Town Library to July 2018 which

showed that the number of books being lent out was continuing to increase.

The Chair stated that the figures were very encouraging and Cllr C Watts said that the additional opening hours at the library may also be a factor in the increase in figures.

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Library Assistant at Old Town Library would be hold 2 story times in September; one for babies and one for toddlers.

200 Shaftesbury Lakes (Min.466 – 20.02.18)

The Projects Officer submitted a report regarding the progress of the project a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

The report explained that there had been some issues with the original contractors selected and that the contractor for the fishing platforms would now be completing all 3 aspects of the project.

201 Play Areas

The Projects Officer submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

The report set out the more urgent work required to the play areas which could be undertaken as soon as the lease was signed. The report was to provide a starting pointing point and if Councillors wanted other sites looked at, then there was an opportunity for this to be done at this stage. Once agreed, the Projects Officer would use the report as a guide to the work to be completed in the coming months.

Cllr Herring asked for Savernake Street Play Area to be reconsidered as the play equipment was in a poor state and more play equipment was also needed. Cllr N Watts asked for more play equipment at Fernacre Road and Hesketh Crescent. Cllr Burns-Howell asked if new play equipment could be inclusive and suitable for disabled children.

The Chair asked Councillors to contact the Projects Officer with their request. A new report would then be drawn up and agreed at the next meeting.

202 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

203 Broadgreen Play Area (Min.86 – 05.06.18)

The Projects Officer submitted a report on the refurbishment of Broad Green Play Area, which contained quotations from 4 different companies.

RESOLVED

- a) that the number of companies considered for the work be reduced to 2 companies following the advice of the Clerk;
- b) that Councillors take the opportunity to visit play areas installed by the 2 companies being considered and that a report be made to Full Council in order that a contractor can be selected.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

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