

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2018 at 6.30pm
in Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

Present Cllr C Watts (Chair)
Cllr J Howarth (Vice-Chair)
Cllr J Ali
Cllr N Burns-Howell
Cllr P Dixon
Cllr J Firmin
Cllr M Gladman
Cllr P Herring
Cllr N Hopkins
Cllr J Miah
Cllr M J Miah
Cllr T Philpot
Cllr I Shaikh
Cllr J Short
Cllr B Thompson
Cllr N Watts

Officers Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)
Jake Mee (Deputy Parish Clerk)

Public Seven

Public Session Ms Bird thanked the Parish Council for the new War Memorial in GWR Park.

Mrs Brownlee referred to the parcels of land within the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) and asked whether the public should be worried. The Chair responded that there were new proposals for the Parish Council to take on leases for the sites in question in order to protect them and this would be discussed in the meeting.

Mr Wedge queried a discrepancy between the number of years for the Broadgreen Community Centre lease in agenda item 14 and the minute approving the request for a 99 year lease (Full Council Meeting 16 October 2018 Min.311). The Chair stated that this would be addressed later in the meeting.

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Apologies

Cllr S Allsopp
Cllr A Hawkins
Cllr J Milner-Barry
Cllr T Robson

Not Present

Cllr D Pajak
Cllr S Pajak

355 Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None.

356 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 16 October 2018 be approved as a correct record.

357 Finance & Staffing Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee held on 23 October 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

358 Planning & Environment Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 30 October 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

359 Leisure & Amenities Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee held on 6 November 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

360 Planning & Environment Committee

Cllr Herring referred to Min.353 and stated that the minutes should say one cycle storage per bedroom and not one per flat.

RESOLVED that with the amendment detailed above minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 6 November 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

361 Information from Borough Councillors

There were no reports from Borough Councillors.

362 Parish Council Representatives' Reports

There were no reports.

363 Chair's Report

The Chair reported that he had represented the Parish Council at the Remembrance Day Service in Swindon on 11 November 2018 and had laid a wreath from the Parish Council. The Vice-Chair had attended the service at Radnor Street Cemetery on 11 November 2018 and laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chair also reported on the unveiling of the new War Memorial in GWR Park on Saturday 10 November 2018 and said that he had been proud to carry out the unveiling, assisted by the Mayor of Swindon and 2 Wiltshire Cadets. The service had gone very well and had been well received by the public.

The Chair informed Councillors that an email had been received from a parishioner thanking the Parish Council for the WWI banners that had been erected in Queens Park; one of which was their grandfather.

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

364 Resignation of Cllr M Dickinson

The Chair reported that Cllr M Dickinson had resigned and he thanked him for all of his work for the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to pass on the good wishes of the Parish Councillors.

365 Neighbourhood Plan (Min.306 – 16.10.18)

The Clerk submitted a NALC paper on the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Plans a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Cllr Dixon referred to the Open Neighbourhood Plan Meeting that was held on 13 September 2018 where some interest was shown by the public, but this was more about the process and the ability of people to shape their local area. The general consensus was that local people and groups wanted to work with the Parish Council and influence the services that it delivered.

The Chair stated that Neighbourhood Plans needed more weight so that they had the ability to resist unwanted Planning Applications and until Central Government made changes to legislation there was no point in spending several years producing a Neighbourhood Plan at this time. He suggested that the Parish Council continue to monitor the situation and that the newly elected Councillors review the decision in May 2019.

RESOLVED that a decision on the production of a Neighbourhood Plan be deferred until May 2019.

366 Election Expenses (Min.307 – 16.10.18)

The Clerk submitted an email dated 1 November 2018 from Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

The email provided more information about the division of staff costs for the bye-election. Cllr Firmin questioned if the current split of costs was a legal requirement or decided by Swindon Borough Council.

The Clerk was asked to make further enquires on the process and report back to a future meeting.

367 World War 1 Working Party

The World War 1 Working Party submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

The report included details of the projects that had been completed to commemorate the centenary of World War 1. These included the banners at Queens Park, the new plaque in Town Gardens and the new War Memorial in GWR Park. There was one project remaining to create a mural at the underpass to Coate Water and the report contained details of the costs. The Clerk added that the cost may be reduced as the specialist paint supplier had asked to use photographs of the mural in their future advertising.

Cllr Gladman said that the new War Memorial was stunning and she thanked the Working Party for all their work on the projects.

RESOLVED

- a) that the completion of the main projects for World War 1 being completed be noted;
- b) that the quotation from No Added Sugar of £2,753.75 be accepted and the cost be met from the Coate Water Mural in 2019/20.

368 Assets Working Party

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

The report referred to a meeting of the Assets Working Party and made recommendations on the leases to be requested from Swindon Borough Council.

The Chair submitted an additional paper to consider other sites not included within the report and a copy of this proposal is attached as Appendix E to these Minutes.

RESOLVED

- a) that the Parish Council request 99 year leases for the three sites within the SHELAA No 0256 North of Coate roundabout (Oaklands Walk), No 0288 262 Marlborough Road and No 0388 Lakeside;
- b) that the recommendations for 99 year leases contained in 2.3,2.4,2.5,2.6,2.7, 2.9 and 2.10 be approved;
- c) that the expressions of interest contained in 2.5, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9 be approved;
- d) that the remaining recommendations be supported and the report be noted.

369 Swindon Borough Council Waste Consultation (Min.305 – 16.10.18)

The Clerk submitted the response of the Parish Council to the Waste Strategy Consultation a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the response contained in Appendix F be approved retrospectively.

370 Risk Management Assessments

The Clerk submitted a draft Risk Management Policy a copy of which appears as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

The Risk Management report included areas that needed to be addressed in bold. The Clerk confirmed that a company had been appointed to carry out detailed risk assessments and training and they would be starting this work the following week.

RESOLVED that the Risk Management Policy which appears in Appendix G be approved.

371 Terms of Reference – GWR Working Party

The Clerk submitted draft Terms of Reference for the GWR Working Party a copy of which appears as Appendix H in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the draft Terms of Reference in Appendix H be approved.

372 Terms of Reference – In Bloom Working Party

The Clerk submitted draft Terms of Reference for the In Bloom Working Party a copy of which appears as Appendix I in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the draft Terms of Reference in Appendix I be approved.

373 Extended Public Spaces Protection Order 2018

The Clerk submitted a copy of the Extended Public Spaces Protection Order 2018 from Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix J in the Minute Book.

Cllr Howarth stated that the existing order was not being enforced and questioned whether the order was serving its purpose. Councillors also questioned the effect of displacement and moving problems elsewhere within the parish.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with Swindon Borough Council about the enforcement of the Order and report back to a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm

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