

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2018 at 6.30 pm
in the Main Hall, Broadgreen Community Centre

Present Cllr J Firmin (Vice-Chair)
Cllr S Allsop
Cllr N Burns-Howell
Cllr P Dixon
Cllr M J Miah
Cllr T Philpot

Cllr B Thompson (Substitute – Cllr J Milner-Barry)

Cllr C Watts (not Committee Member)
Cllr N Watts (not Committee Member)
Cllr J Ali (not Committee Member)

Cllr J Firmin as Vice-Chair in the Chair

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

Public Five

Public Session Mrs Freeguard thanked the Council for the progress on the Broadgreen Play Area after having waited fourteen years.

395 **Apologies**

Cllr N Hopkins (Chair)
Cllr M Gladman
Cllr J Milner-Barry

Not Present

Cllr T Robson

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

None

397 **Memorial - GWR Park**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a presentation by Swindon Borough Councillor Abdul Amin regarding a possible memorial in GWR Park.

Cllr Amin gave details regarding International Modern Language Day which is celebrated on the 21st February in many countries and recognised by the United Nations. The Bangladeshi Community planned to install a memorial in GWR park to celebrate this event in Swindon and he asked for the support of the Parish Council.

Cllr Philpot asked about possible designs and Cllr Amin passed around photos of existing memorials.

Cllr Dixon asked what support was being sought from the Parish Council. Cllr Amin advised they were only looking for the Council to support the project in principle.

The Clerk asked how the memorial was to be funded. Cllr Amin advised that the Bangladeshi Community would finance this and financial support was not being sought from the Council at this time.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

RESOLVED

- a) that the Parish Council support the project in principle;
- b) that the GWR Working Party consider the detail and design of the memorial.

398 Wildlife Working Party

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

The Wildlife Working Party had met with the Reserves Manager at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Three projects have been identified to work with the Trust being Shaftesbury Lake refurbishment and ongoing maintenance; the South Swindon Wildlife Corridor and the Magnificent Meadows.

The report was noted.

399 Evelyn Street Toilets Site (Min.341 – 27.11.18)

The Clerk submitted an email dated 30 November 2018 from the Head of Operational Assets at Swindon Borough Council, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Cllr N Watts said that she was disappointed that the signage was still up on the building and again asked if this could be removed as soon as possible. Cllr Dixon suggested the installation of hanging baskets on the building in the meantime to make it look more acceptable.

The Clerk was asked to find out about the possibility of hanging baskets and to contact Old Town Residents Association for their assistance.

400 Lawns Footpath Seating

The Clerk submitted an email dated 3 December 2018 from the Service Manager at South Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as appendix C in the Minute Book.

The email contained a quote for replacing two benches that had been removed in The Lawns. The quote for a basic wooden bench was £250 and this included fitting. The Clerk circulated details of an alternative bench which was made of more materials and would be a longer lasting bench and this was priced at £500 without fitting.

RESOLVED to accept the quote for two wooden benches be installed by Swindon Borough Council at a price of £500 and the cost be met from the Seats Budget.

401 Feeding of Water Birds at Parks (Min.274 – 09.10.18)

The Clerk submitted an email from Cllr Hopkins and an email dated 2 December 2018 from a resident a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

The email questioned the advice in the posters being displayed at Queens Park.

Cllr Allsopp stated that he had undertaken some research and that various organisations including the RSPB gave advice not to feed bread to ducks and that there was scientific evidence to support this argument.

RESOLVED to continue to display the posters in Queens Park and Shaftesbury Lake to discourage the feeding of bread to ducks and wildfowl and promote healthier alternatives.

402 Planting of Trees at East Wichel

The Clerk submitted an email dated 19 November 2018 from The Rotary Club of Swindon, a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

The email gave details of the planting of trees in the north corner of the open space at Fernacre Road in East Wichel. The Club had confirmed that they would continue to manage the trees with the help of TWIGS.

Councillors requested their thanks for the work be passed on to the Rotary Club of Swindon.

403 Broadgreen Play Area

The Clerk submitted an email from Swindon Electricians, a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

The email included a quote of £1,277 to repair the lighting, bulbs and internal wiring for the MUGA at Broadgreen Play Area as part of the ongoing refurbishment of the Play Area.

RESOLVED that the quotation of £1,277 from Swindon Electricians be accepted and the cost be met from the CIL Fund.

404 WW1 Memorial – Centenary Fields

The Clerk submitted an email dated 15 November 2018 from the Development Manager at Fields in Trust, a copy of which appears as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

The email provided details of the Trust's work and the possibility of registering the new War Memorial in GWR Park as a Centenary Field in order to protect the open space for future generations. The form would need to be submitted by the landowner, which was Swindon Borough Council.

RESOLVED that the new War Memorial be registered with Fields in Trust and the application form be completed and sent to Swindon Borough Council to submit as the registered land owner.

405 Cavendish Green

The Clerk submitted an email dated 4 November 2018 from Walcot and Parks Community Group, a copy of which appears as Appendix H in the Minute Book.

The email advised that the planting and non-grassed areas at Cavendish Green had started to deteriorate and the maintenance had become more than the group could manage. The email also advised that the group had some residual funds left over from a refresh grant awarded to them by Swindon Borough Council.

The Clerk informed Councillors that Cavendish Green had been identified as one of the first play areas to be refurbished and the Projects Officer was working with Walcot and Parks Community Group on the designs.

406 **Libraries**

The Clerk submitted a report regarding the legal agreements for Old Town Library and Park Library a copy of which appears Appendix I in the Minute Book.

The report gave details of the 2 previous agreements that had been drawn up by Swindon Borough Council for the annual grant made by the Parish Council for additional hours at Parks Library, which were long and unwieldy. The Clerk had drawn up a simplified agreement which covered the dates when the costs need to be notified to the Parish Council and when the Parish Council needs to confirm the grant.

There had been a similar Agreement drawn up for the management of Old Town Library but again this was unwieldy and ran to 18 pages. The Clerk had made some changes to tailor the agreement to South Swindon Parish Council and Old Town Library.

The Clerk also circulated two designs for signage to be installed at Old Town Library.

RESOLVED

- a) that the revised grant agreement which appears in Appendix I be approved;
- b) that the revised management agreement of Old Town Library which appears in Appendix I be approved;
- c) that the signage design for Old Town Library be approved.

The meeting closed at 7.08pm

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