

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2019 at 6.30pm
in Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

- Present** Cllr C Watts (Chair)
Cllr J Howarth (Vice-Chair)
Cllr J Ali
Cllr S Allsopp
Cllr N Burns-Howell
Cllr P Dixon
Cllr J Firmin
Cllr P Herring
Cllr N Hopkins
Cllr J Miah
Cllr M J Miah
Cllr J Milner-Barry
Cllr D Pajak
Cllr S Pajak
Cllr T Philpot
Cllr T Robson
Cllr J Short
Cllr B Thompson
Cllr N Watts
- Officers** Jake Mee (Deputy Parish Clerk)
- Public** Nine.
- Public Session** Mrs Bird asked how best to contact Parish Rangers, the Chair said that she should contact the Parish office direct. She also asked about poor road markings in the area, the Chair advised that this was a question for Swindon Borough Council and directed her to the Call Centre.
- Mr Finch asked about notice boards in the Parish and who was responsible for them as they contain out of date information. The Deputy Clerk agreed to check them for condition and ownership.
- Mr Townsend said that two seats had been vandalised in Lawns Park and that a third had been damaged by a tractor. The Deputy Clerk said that two replacement seats had been newly fitted and that he would find out what had happened to the third. The resident then asked about bollards in the grass verges around Old Walcot installed by Swindon Borough Council many years ago to avoid parking by football supporters when in the Premier League. The Deputy Clerk was asked to find out more information from Swindon Borough Council over replacements. He also raised concern about the Ha-Ha Wall in the Lawns area. Cllr Nadine Watts said that she was aware of the problem and that this would be monitored pending any asset transfer.

Mr Keonie said that fly tipping in the back alleyways was becoming a major concern with persistent tipping at the end of Manchester Road on the grass area as an example. The Deputy Clerk was asked to forward the details to the Swindon Borough Council Waste Team for both awareness and possible enforcement action. The Chair urged residents to report fly tipping to Swindon Borough Council to raise awareness of the ongoing problem.

443 Apologies

Cllr M Gladman
Cllr A Hawkins
Cllr I Shaikh

444 Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Cllr Herring and Cllr Burns-Howell declared a personal interest in Minute 445 New Development at Oakfield.

445 New Development at Oakfield

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a presentation to be made regarding the new development at Oakfield.

Nationwide and Igloo presented on the proposed non-profit outline development on this former school site. The proposal following consultation with residents is for 239 properties of varying types and configuration, 30% of which would be affordable housing. Nationwide confirmed there was provision for community space in one of the buildings.

In summary the Councillors raised the following points.
The efficiency and ability to upgrade the buildings making them future proof.
Parking and transport links.
S106 allocation.

The detail of the development was well received by Councillors.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

446 Extended Public Spaces Protection Order (Min.373 – 13.11.2018)

Mr Walker was unable to attend, this item should be deferred to the next Full Council meeting which was agreed.

447 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 18 December 2018 be approved as a correct record.

448 Finance & Staffing Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee held on 18 December 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

449 Information from Borough Councillors

There were no reports from Borough Councillors.

450 Parish Council Representatives' Reports

There were no reports from representatives.

451 Chair's Report

The Chair reported that the Parish would be laying a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the Cenotaph on the 27th January 2019 to remember the Holocaust.

The Chair reported that he had met with Phoenix Rotary Club to discuss Parish activities and future projects, the main feedback from that meeting was a request for the Parish Council consider and explore ways to communicate with other groups via various media forums. The Chair suggested that this should be considered at a future meeting.

452 Swindon Borough Council Codes and Protocols

The Deputy Clerk submitted an email dated 14 December 2018 from the Committee Officer at Swindon Borough Council and the relevant Members Code of Conduct, copies of which appear on Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Cllr Allsopp said that the Code of Conduct would be considered by the Parish Council at the First full Council meeting following the elections in May 2019.

453 Assets Working Party

The Deputy Clerk reported that the deadline of the 1 February 2019 for completing the asset transfer for Town Gardens and Queens Park would not be met due to not having received a first draft of the lease yet. The Deputy Clerk will seek an update from the Property Team at Swindon Borough Council for the next meeting.

454 Rough Sleepers Reduction Strategy

The Deputy Clerk submitted the Swindon Borough Council Draft Rough Sleepers Reduction Strategy 2019 – 2022 a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

It was agreed that Councillors Burns-Howell, Firmin, Hopkins, Thompson, Philpot and Short would complete the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

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