

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 05 March 2019 at 6.30 pm
in the Main Hall, Broadgreen Community Centre

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

Cllr N Watts (Not Committee Member)
Cllr Herring (Not Committee Member)
Cllr M J Miah (Not Committee Member)
Cllr I Shaikh (Not Committee member)

Officers Rob Core (Parish Clerk)

Public Six

Public Session Mr Finch enquired as to the sale of the County Ground to Swindon Town football club for 2.2 million. Councillor Watts confirmed that the sale is not anything to do with the Parish Council as it is a Swindon Borough Council asset the Parish have no responsibility for that footprint.

Question raised by the public to the Clerk regarding the closing of the gates at the Town Gardens which are closing slightly before the advertised scheduled time on the gates. The Clerk responded that he had sent an email through to the head of security team that lock the gates to say that as light changes the times change on the gates and the security team need to keep up with the adjustment. Councillor Milner Barry-Barry stated that a resident in Quarry Road stated that they are not always open in the mornings for the children to cut through on their way to school. The Clerk was surprised by this as the grounds team open the gates are there for 7.30am so their first task is probably to open the gates, the Clerk stated that he would check with them.

520 **Apologies**
Cllr Robson

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

522 **New Litter and DP Bin Requests**
To consider a request from the Clerk to have a standardised bin for most urban locations.

Resolved. That a standard template for bins could be used.

A request for new bins at bins at Okus Road, Bath Road and for a dog bin to be fitted at Westlecott Road were proposed.

Resolved. To fit bins in all three locations.

523 New Seat Requests

The proposal to fit a new street bench at Glenwood Close was agreed in principal. The decision on the type to be used was deferred as the proposed style did not suit the location. The Clerk will look at other options and styles of benches for both formal and informal use and present these at the next Leisure and Amenities meeting.

Deferred.

524 Broadgreen Community Centre Street Food Festival

The Broadgreen Centre Manager Gifty Tawiah requested that the date of the food festival be changed from Saturday 15 June 2019 to Sunday 16 June 2019.

Resolved. The date of the festival would now be Sunday 16 June 2019.

525 Dorchester Road – Cycle Barriers (Min. 469 – 05.02.19)

The response from Philip Marklew the Highways and Transport Officer stated that it would not be possible to safely fit barriers in this area and that these had previously been removed to facilitate disabled access.

Noted.

526 South Swindon Parish in Bloom (Min. 80 – 05.06.18)

Cllr. Philpot - Gave an update following attendance at the Britain In Bloom seminar. The Clerk would set a date for the In Bloom Working Party to meet to discuss the next stage.

Report – Update noted

527 Spring Gardens Landscaping Scheme

Clerk – There was a question at a previous meeting about the work that has gone on at Spring Gardens, the Clerk met with Russell Weymouth from Swindon Borough Council to discuss the details.

Concerns were raised by Parish Councillors about the intended provision of a multiuse ball court on the site after the ground work was completed.

The Clerk will invite the Swindon Borough Council officer involved in the scheme to attend the next leisure and Amenities meeting.

Differed until the next Leisure and Amenities (09/04/2019).

528 GWR Park Working Party (Min. 338 & Min. 397 – 11.12.18)

Cllr Firmin updated the Committee on the outcome of the first GWR working Party, this included the proposal for the International Mother Language Memorial and its location within the park.

The parish would also link in with the Heritage Action Zone going forward.

529 Refurbishment of Town Gardens Gates

The Clerk updated the Committee on the inclusion of lighting for the Quarry Road North Gates, a meeting had been arranged with the Swindon Borough Council Lighting Team to locate a power supply. This would then be added to the quotes for the refurbishment to be discussed at the next Leisure and Amenities meeting on the 9th April.

530 Admission of Public and Press

RESOLVED that in accordance with Standing Order 3 (d) 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 Staffing.

531 Play Areas

The Clerk talked through Savernake Street Play area quotes along with the separate quotation for tree works on site.

Councillor Herring asked why the Play Group and Community Centre had not been consulted. The Clerk explained this is something that can be carried out for future schemes but could delay construction at this late stage and alter the quotes received if the current design was changed through local consultation.

The tree work on site was also time sensitive due to nesting birds and had to be completed by the end of the March.

RESOLVED

To recommend to Full Council to accept quote 4 for Savernake Play Area and accept quote 3 for Tree Works.

The meeting closed at 7:40pm

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