

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 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 M Gladman
Cllr A Hawkins
Cllr P Herring
Cllr N Hopkins
Cllr J Miah
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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 Rob Core (Parish Clerk)
Jake Mee (Deputy Parish Clerk)

Public Seven

Public Session A resident has requested that the developers repair and renovates the damage they have created at Clifton Street School. The Chair of the Planning Committee confirmed that this will be enforced where possible.

A resident spoke about when the gates at Town Gardens are removed will the entrances be blocked or is temporary access to be maintained. The Chair stated quotes are still being obtained and no plans have been agreed yet. Currently it is emergency access only. The comments made have been noted.

A member of public has said well done to the Parish who are doing a good job at looking after wildlife and congratulated them on the new paths and jetty's at Shaftesbury Lakes, although there is still more to do, it is access for people that is important e.g. around the Lawn woods by the lakes area there are parts where the paths are falling away and the wheelchair users feel quite uncomfortable trying to get along as they are tilting to one side, hopefully once the Shaftesbury Lakes is finished perhaps they can at least look at some work on the footpaths there as they are a bit of a state. The Chair thanked the member of the public for his comments.

- 536 **Apologies**
Cllr I Shaikh
- 537 **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None.
- 538 **Resignation of Cllr Short**
The Chair confirmed that Councillor Short has resigned from the Parish Council. The Chair went on to thank Councillor Short for his hard work and support of the parish from its creation, his experience and knowledge were of great value to all. Councillor Short in turn said that he had enjoyed working with the parish and was pleased with how well it had come together as an organisation.
- 539 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 16 October 2018 be approved as a correct record.
- 540 **Planning & Environment Committee**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee held on 19 February 2019 be confirmed and adopted.
- 541 **Finance & Staffing Committee**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 26 February 2019 be confirmed and adopted.
- 542 **Leisure & Amenities Committee**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee held on 5 March 2019 be confirmed and adopted.
- 543 **Planning & Environment Committee**
RESOLVED that with the amendment detailed above minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 5 March 2019 be confirmed and adopted.
- 544 **Information from Borough Councillors**
There were no reports from Borough Councillors.
- 545 **Parish Council Representatives' Reports**
There were no reports.
- 546 **Chair's Report**
The Chair updated the Councillors on the International Language Day memorial plans. The Parish are looking to support the application to start the memorial before the transfer of the park asset to the Parish, there have been discussions with Swindon Borough Council with regards to this, Swindon Borough Council seem to be pointing to the fact that the park will be coming to South Swindon Parish Council in the near future but the Chair said that waiting will delay the project unnecessarily. It is hoped this project can be moved on at pace once Swindon Borough Council agree to the project.

547 Town Gardens Bands Concerts 2019 (Min. 470 – 05.01.2019)

The Deputy Clerk stated that when the budget was set information was not available to give an accurate figure for these year's concerts. The full costs have not been confirmed by Swindon Borough Council whom will manage the bookings this year and the Deputy Clerk can now confirm that the cost will be £2,500 as opposed the previous budget figure of £1,000.

Cllr Thompson asked if the Big Band Concert was booked for this year, Deputy Clerk confirmed after the meeting.

Cllr N Watts what's described how popular these events are in the park.

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

548 Update to Library Lender Figures

Cllr Allsopp said that he was pleased with the numbers.
The Chair said that the figures were fantastic.

The Library Lender Figures. **NOTED.**

549 Play Area Refurbishment

The Projects Officer gave a presentation on the play area refurbishment plans for Dudmore Road, Hesketh Crescent, Rushey Platt, Lordsmith Green and Savernake Street. He explained that the plans had been revised to allow for disabled access to several items of play equipment making all the plays areas more inclusive and accessible.

Cllr Robson asked if there was still a fire risk when using rubber safety surfacing. This was deemed as lower than historical by the Projects Officer.

Cllr N Watts asked how many play areas were being refurbished.
The Projects Officer confirmed it was five.

Cllr Hopkins said that the project had produced great schemes and showed good work by the Projects Officer on behalf of the parish council.

Cllr Pajak asked if it was possible to give the old play equipment to other groups.
The Clerk stated that the equipment removed would be of a poor standard and may not be safety compliant.

550 Admission of Public and Press

To resolve in accordance with Standing Order 3 (d) that 'In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and were instructed to withdraw, the reason being – Staffing.

551 Play Area Refurbishment

The projects Officer discussed the increase in prices for the refurbishment of Dudmore Road, Rushey Platt, Hesketh Crescent, Lordsmith Green and Savernake Road. This was due to the request by the Parish Council for more disabled access to play equipment adding greater inclusion **(Min 473 – 05.01.19 and Min 531 – 05.03.19)**

RESOLVED

- a) to approve the revised quote of £21,623 for Dudmore Road;
- b) to approve the revised quote of £22,397 for Rushey Platt;
- c) to approve the revised quote of £39,573 for Hesketh Crescent;
- d) to approve the revised quote of £42,727 for Lordsmith green;

e) to approve the revised quote of £53,463 for Savernake Road;

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm

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