

**SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

**LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on 09 April 2019 at 6.30 pm  
in the Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

**Present** Cllr N Hopkins (Chair)  
Cllr J Firmin (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr S Allsop  
Cllr M Gladman  
Cllr P Herring (Sub. Cllr P Dixon)  
Cllr M J Miah  
Cllr T Philpot

Cllr B Thompson (not Committee Member)  
Cllr C Watts (not Committee Member)  
Cllr N Watts (not Committee Member)

**Officers** Rob Core (Parish Clerk)  
Jake Mee (Deputy Clerk)

**Public** Four

**Public Session** None

**572** Cllr J Firmin took the Chair for the start of the meeting

**Apologies**

Cllr N Burns-Howell  
Cllr P Dixon (Sub. Cllr P Herring)  
Cllr J Milner-Barry

**Not Present**

Cllr T Robson

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

**574** **Presentation from Swindon Borough Council on Spring Gardens (Min. 527 – 05.03.18)**

Standing Orders were suspended in order to receive a presentation from David James and Russel Weymouth of Swindon Borough Council regarding the renovation project at Spring Gardens open space.

Mr Weymouth confirmed that the MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) had been chosen and plans had been revised to move the MUGA closer to the path to free up usable space and move sport activity away from houses.

It was advised that the path and lighting had been completed and the tree canopy had been raised.

The Committee gave feedback on the sports markings they would like to see in the MUGA and the Clerk enquired about the possible transfer of the asset to the Parish Council. Mr Weymouth stated that he believed this was the intention of Swindon Borough Council.

The Clerk was to request further information from Swindon Borough Council regarding the contaminated soil and capping plan and the possibility of the asset transfer.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

Cllr N. Hopkins arrived during this item and took the chair after this item.

**575 Presentation from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (Min. 90 – 05.06.18)**

A presentation was given by Steven Davies and Neil Pullen of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

The Trust own 40 Nature reserves in Wiltshire and has 50 years experience in Wiltshire projects. The team provided information on current projects including their plans for the proposed Wichelstowe Country Park development. The trust are hoping to work with the communities, Swindon Borough Council and other interested organisations.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust stated that their first priority was referred to as Zone 1 which contained Fields A, B and C north of East Wichel and South of the Old Railway Line.

Mr Weymouth of Swindon Borough Council advised that S106 funds in the region of £300,000 were currently being held and further tranches of money would be released as trigger points were activated. WWT stated the start-up costs would be £141,650 for zone 1 and yearly maintenance cost £9,381

**RESOLVED** that the Wildlife Working Party liaise with all interested parties in order to further discussions on all aspects of the East Wichel Country Park.

**576 No Smoking and No Dogs signs in Play Areas (Min. 467 – 05.02.19)**

To consider no smoking and no dog signs designs to be used in all parish play areas a copy of which appears as Appendix A to these Minutes.

Councillors felt that the signs were too 'wordy' and more recognisable imagery to be added so that they could be understood by all. New designs will be sought from the projects officer and brought to a future meeting.

**577 East Wichel Lakes**

The Clerk submitted an email from Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix B to these Minutes.

South Swindon Parish Council had previously funded the maintenance costs in this area of Wroughton Parish Council but neither Parish would provide funding for the coming years so Swindon Borough Council had agreed to meet the expense.

**578 Street Tree Replacement and Tree Canopy**

The Clerk provided a report from the Community Forest Officer at Swindon Borough Council, a copy of which appears as Appendix C to these Minutes.

Discussion was to take place regarding the provision of street trees within the Parish but Cllr J Milner- Barry was unable to attend so this item was to be deferred to the next committee meeting.

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**Street and Memorial Benches**

The Clerk presented designs of benches to be used within the Parish, a copy of which appears as Appendix D to these Minutes.

The Clerk provided details of Memorial Benches which were sited in Town Gardens and Queens Park and the associated income and costs for repairs and maintenance.

The Chair stated that if the Parish take over ownership any transitional funds available should be transferred to the Parish for maintenance, if funding is not available leave the management with Swindon Borough Council.

**RESOLVED** to request transitional funding for maintenance of memorial benches or leave management with Swindon Borough Council.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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