

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2019 at 6.30pm
in Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

Present Cllr C Watts (Chair)
Cllr J Howarth (Vice-Chair)
Cllr S Ahmed
Cllr J Ali
Cllr S Allsopp
Cllr V Ayris
Cllr J Firmin
Cllr D Griffiths
Cllr A Hamid
Cllr P Herring
Cllr N Hopkins
Cllr W Horley
Cllr S James
Cllr M J Miah
Cllr J Miah
Cllr J Milner-Barry
Cllr S Pajak
Cllr M Strinkovsky
Cllr N Watts

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

Public Five

Public Session A member of the public said that following a query he had made at the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 3rd September 2019 regarding 79 Gladstone Street, which had been operating as a food outlet, he had been to a recent community council meeting and spoken to Councillor Bob Wright who confirmed that the public health and environment team had inspected the property and confirmed the use as a food outlet, and that planning permission had not been applied for yet. The Deputy Clerk confirmed South Swindon Parish had raised the issue with the Borough Council Planning Enforcement Team.

A member of the public asked if there had been any update on George Gay Gardens and the Old School, Radnor Street (also known as Clifton St. School). Councillor P Herring responded that the Clifton Street School appeal had been refused by the Planning Inspectorate. The Chair said that no update is available at the moment for the George Gay Gardens application. The Chair thanked Cllr P Herring for an excellent report put in for Old School, Radnor Street (also known as Clifton St. School) and the work by Eastcott Councillors in their petitioning local residents and providing information on how to raise any objections.

822 **Apologies**
Cllr E Heavens
Cllr M Gladman
Cllr L Kasmaty
Cllr T Philpot

- 823** **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None.
- 824** **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 16 July 2019 be approved as a correct record.
- 825** **Finance & Staffing Committee**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance and Staffing Meeting held on 23 July 2019 be approved as a correct record.
- 826** **Planning & Environment Committee**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Environment Meeting held on 23 July 2019 be approved as a correct record.
- 827** **Planning & Environment Committee**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary Planning and Environment Meeting held on 20 August 2019 be approved as a correct record.
- 828** **Leisure & Amenities Committee**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Meeting held on 03 September 2019 be approved as a correct record.
- 829** **Planning & Environment Committee**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 03 September 2019 be approved as a correct record.
- 830** **Parish Working Party Structure**
The Clerk submitted a copy of the Parish Working Party Structure a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the working party structure be approved.
- 831** **Chair's Report**
The Chair gave a verbal report and confirmed that he had attended a meeting with Swindon Borough Council regarding a consultation of the electoral cycle. Currently the elections are completed over three-year cycles with one year off. Swindon Borough Council are looking at the possibility to have all out elections every four years, although he believes that the parish councils were not included in the consultation, they were asked their opinion. There are certain concerns that the borough council may be looking at the parish councils and that the electoral cycle will become linked; which could have ramifications as far as we are concerned but at the moment we will withhold comment until we understand how the consultation is running as I do not believe the parish is involved in the consultation.

People may have noticed the big red bin at the entrance which is for bin the blades project run by Wiltshire Police and local church groups who have joined the national knife crime awareness campaign in which unwanted or illegal knives or bladed items can be disposed of by dropping them into the amnesty bins, they will then be disposed of safely with no questions asked. The campaign will run from the 16th to the 29th September 2019, the Parish Council agreed to support the campaign by having a bin located in the Broadgreen centre where knives can be dropped into the bin.

Cllr Allsopp asked what happens to the knives given up, is there an opportunity for them to be melted down and remodelled into a useful product i.e. Gym equipment. The Clerk

said that he would check if there are any projects of that type available.

Cllr Horley asked where the bins were located, and Cllr N Watts confirmed there were a total of thirteen bins in Wiltshire four within the parish. The Clerk said that there is a poster sited in Broadgreen, but another poster would be posted in the Broad Street park.

Regarding Old Town Gardens Gates, at a late stage the parish had to go through a planning procedure for the gates and the initial consultation finishes on the 20th September 2019. There were no objections from England Heritage the heritage officer at Swindon Borough Council also approves with some conditions none of which are onerous, we hope to hear soon that we have permission to have the gates removed and renovated and also hope to push the work through as soon as possible. The Clerk said that there had been damage to pillars near the front of the gates in Quarry Road by lorries using the very narrow lane leading to a private road and advised that fixed bollards outside of the parish owned area just outside of the gates would protect the gates from damage by lorries using the lane. Clerk will negotiate with Swindon Borough Council on the issue.

Cllr N Hopkins said that considering the borough council had not done any work to the gates in many years prior to the parish taking on the town gardens it was strange that they had insisted on a heritage statement and wanted the work to be done at once. The Chair confirmed that the parish are pushing for the work to done as soon as possible.

832 Response Working Party Update

The Chair of the working party to give an update on the working party.

Cllr S James said that the working party had not yet met for Swindon Borough Council's Emergency Response Plan and a meeting will be organised as soon as possible.

NOTED.

833 Farnborough Road Parking Area

The Clerk submitted a copy of a quotation for the parking bays at Farnborough Road for consideration a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

The Clerk said that Swindon Borough Council had previously quoted £12,000 for the work but a more recent quote had been for £30,000.

RESOLVED to agree further quotes being obtained from other contractors.

834 Swindon Area Committee

The Clerk submitted a copy of the minutes of a meeting held on 18th July 2019 by the Swindon Area Committee a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

Cllr J Miah arrived during this item

NOTED.

The meeting closed at 6.44 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council