

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

**LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on 08 October 2019 at 6.30 pm  
in the Lounge Hall, Broadgreen Community Centre

**Present** Cllr N Hopkins (Chair)  
Cllr J Firmin (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr D Griffiths (Sub Cllr S Allsopp)  
Cllr S James  
Cllr M J Miah  
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Cllr J Milner-Barry  
Cllr S Pajak  
Cllr T Philpot (Sub Cllr L Kasmaty)

Rob Core (Clerk)  
Jake Mee (Deputy Clerk)

**Public** Two

**Public Session** No comments made by the public.

**854** **Apologies**  
Cllr S Allsopp (Sub Cllr D Griffiths)  
Cllr V Ayris  
Cllr M Gladman  
Cllr L Kasmaty (Sub Cllr T Philpot)

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

**856** **World Wars Working Party Update**  
Councillor J Firmin, Chair of the World Wars Working Party, gave a verbal update on the Working Parties progress.

Cllr Firmin said the Committee had not met yet, but he had issued dates and is currently waiting replies. The starting point for the committee is to look at what is currently in the Parish and Parks, and the committee will look into world war memorials which may need renovation and next year is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WW2 ending. They can then investigate other projects

Cllr Pajak suggested the remembrance garden in Queens Park is generally not known as a remembrance garden for WW2 as there is no memorial only a plaque on Grosvenor Road entrance which is not obvious to the public. There is an opportunity to do something with the garden for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**DEFERRED** to a future meeting.

**857** **Allotments Working Party Update**  
An update of the Allotment Plot Holders Annual Meeting was given by Cllr Hopkins.

Cllr Hopkins said that there were not a huge amount of issues and the main issue was

around pesticides. The parish are trying to become glyphosate and potentially pesticide free in the future. An issue around communication was raised which could be alleviated by the parish cascading information to the site representatives and two plot holders had put themselves forward as representatives at the meeting. The increase in pricing was provided and was generally accepted. New allotment guidelines have been created discussed and will be added to the website soon and the working party are open to discuss any issues with the representatives. There was a presentation on Bees by Mr M. Taylor, which was very informative, it was noted that there is a plot which is unusable due to the arrival of burrowing bees, however this plot area could be used as a conservation site.

Cllr C Watts said that in two years the allotments had been completely turned around.

Cllr Hopkins said that there are waiting lists on most sites and the revenue from the allotment sites would allow more work to be done.

**NOTED**

**858 GWR Working Party Update**

The Deputy Clerk gave an update on the GWR Working Party.

Cllr Hamid had liaised with the Deputy Clerk who will arrange a meeting and invite the GWR Working Party to discuss current projects and other works in GWR park going forward.

**DEFERRED** to a future meeting.

**859 In Bloom/Gardens/Wildlife Working Party Update**

Councillor Philpot gave an update on the Britain In Bloom competition.

Cllr Philpot said that there is currently nothing to report due to results not being announced until the presentation in Newquay on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Cllr Philpot, Cllr C Watts, Cllr N Watts, Cllr N Hopkins and Cllr L Kasmaty will be attending the event and will report back at a future meeting and a surgery should be held to find out what the needs are going forward.

**DEFERRED** to a future meeting.

**860 Town Gardens and Queens Park Toilet Facilities**

The Clerk gave an update on the Town Gardens and Queens Park Toilet facilities.

The Clerk said that there had been complaints about both the Town Gardens and Queens Park toilets and how much they had deteriorated. The Parish are looking at obtaining quotes for both toilets and seek permission to refurbish the toilets internally and with some external work alongside any associated utilities work required.

**RESOLVED** to convene an Asset Working Party meeting.

The meeting closed at 6:57pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council