

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 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 E Heavens	
	Cllr P Herring	
	Cllr N Hopkins	
	Cllr S James	
	Cllr L Kasmaty	
	Cllr M J Miah	
	Cllr J Miah	
	Cllr T Philpot	
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 thanked the councillors for supporting the Swindon marathon and said that £600 had been collected.	
	A member of the public said that they had not been given enough time to read a hard copy of the agenda and associated items for the meeting and that the public question session should not be held at the beginning of meetings as there is not enough time to read the listed items. Cllr C Watts said that all boroughs have public questions at the start of a meeting and that their comments had been noted.	
	A member of the public asked if the Lawns had been signed as an asset to the Parish Council yet. Cllr C Watts confirmed that the Lawns had not been signed over to the parish. The member of the public asked why the parish do not charge Swindon Borough Council for cutting the grass at the Lawns. Cllr C Watts said the parish choose to cut the grass and that all the parish ward areas are dealt with in the same way because the parish want to provide a good service.	
	A member of the public said that the Police Commissioner had attended a previous meeting and had said that going forward bi-monthly meetings would be held. Cllr C Watts confirmed that he would follow up any meeting details and submit the information at a future meeting.	
	A member of the public complained about speeding on Upham Road even though there is a 20-mph speed limit in place, but that the speed limit is being ignored and nothing is being done about speeding cars, vans and lorries. Cllr C Watts said that this information would be passed onto the police.	

- 868** **Apologies**
Cllr A Hamid
Cllr W Horley
Cllr M Gladman
Cllr J Milner-Barry
Cllr S Pajak
- 869** **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None.
- 870** **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th September 2019 be approved as a correct record.
- 871** **Finance & Staffing Committee**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance and Staffing Meeting held on 24 September 2019 with amendments be approved as a correct record.
- 872** **Planning & Environment Committee**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Environment Meeting held on 24 September 2019 with amendments be approved as a correct record
- 873** **Leisure & Amenities Committee**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Meeting held on 08 October 2019 with amendments be approved as a correct record.
- 874** **Planning & Environment Committee**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Meeting held on 08 October 2019 with amendments be approved as a correct record.
- 875** **Chair's Report**
The Chair gave a verbal report regarding the Britain in Bloom competition that the South Swindon Parish Council had entered for the first time in 2019. The Chair and fellow Councillors: N Watts, T Philpot, N Hopkins, and L. Kasmaty all travelled to Newquay for the award ceremony and the Chair said that the parish had entered the competition to get advice and information for future use and had not expected to win anything. The Chair congratulated Cllr Kasmaty for winning 3 awards including the "it's your neighbourhood" award and thanked her for all the work that had been done by the Old Town Residents Association at various sites. The Parish had entered the Town and City Pennant award for the South West Region and were pleased and elated to win the Silver award and certificate as it had been unexpected, he also thanked all the parish parks teams for their hard work. The Chair introduced the two head gardeners, Mr Richard Pinchon and Mr Aaron Hedges whose hard work and commitment throughout some quite difficult times in the last three years had been amazing, copies of the certificates were then presented to the Head Gardeners. The Chair said that the judges had mentioned that Britain in Bloom is about regeneration and at the ceremony said that they were impressed by Old Town Gardens, GWR Park and the South side of Shaftesbury Lake and commented on the WW1 memorial. When the awards finished the councillors were surprised that one of the Judges had entered the Town Gardens for the City of Bath trophy for landscaping which the parish won and for which they received a cup and certificate. The Chair gave his thanks to all involved and hoped that it would be even better next year.
- 876** **Final Accounts 2018/19**
The Deputy Clerk submitted a copy of the External Auditor report a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

NOTED

877 Internal Audit – Quarter 1 2019/20

The Deputy Clerk submitted a copy of the Internal Audit to be considered a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

The Internal Auditors recommended that Councillors consider the use of council specific email addresses for council business rather than personal email addresses.

NOTED

878 Wiltshire Knife Amnesty – September 2019

The Clerk provided a report from Acting Inspector for Swindon South Community Policing Team, David Tippetts on the results of the Knife Amnesty which ended on 30th September 2019 a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

Cllr J Firmin said that the amnesty should have been held for longer with more choice of venues, he also noted that Broadgreen had low numbers of surrendered knives. Cllr S James asked if the amnesty had been promoted as it would be relevant for any future knife amnesty.

Cllr C Watts said that all comments would be passed to the Police Officer concerned.

NOTED

879 Responses Working Party Update

The Chair of the Working Party provided a verbal update

The Responses Working Party met on 15th October 2019 and discussed resource that the parish would need to provide in the event of an emergency. Resources would have to be identified and checked for suitability, capacity, accommodation potential and Insurance requirements. It was agreed that the Parish Council need to clarify with Swindon Borough Council the exact requirements as the current detail provided is not specific enough. Cllr S James noted that the document specifies the need for doctors' home addresses, and he will contact the CCG to confirm if that is a necessary requirement.

NOTED

880 Swindon Area Committee AGM

Cllr D Griffiths submitted a report of the Swindon Area Committee AGM a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

Cllr D Griffiths gave a verbal update of the Swindon Area Committee AGM meeting.

NOTED

881 Appointment of Events Working Party

To approve and appoint members and a Chair of an Events Working Party for 2019/20

The Council discussed the need for an events working party.

RESOLVED that the events working party composed of members Cllr N Hopkins (Chair), Cllr J Howarth, Cllr V Ayris, Cllr P Herring, Cllr D Griffiths and Cllr J Firmin be approved.

The meeting closed at 07.05 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council