

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2019 at 6.30pm
in the Council Chamber, Parish Council Offices Gladstone Street

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 N Hopkins	
	Cllr W Horley	
	Cllr S James	
	Cllr M J Miah	
	Cllr J Miah	
	Cllr M Strinkovsky	
Cllr N Watts		
Officers	Rob Core	Clerk
	Jake Mee	Deputy Clerk

Public Three

Public Session A media screening of the Town Gardens gates refurbishment was shown and included information from the Projects Officer on the process and time frame of the refurbishment.

A member of the public said that they welcomed the new meeting room. The member of the public also asked if modesty screens would be supplied for women attending meetings. The Clerk said that he would look into the use of modesty screens.

A member of the public said that an outside light for the Parish Office was needed. The Clerk said that a light would be fitted soon.

A member of the public said that two name plates had been removed from GWR Park and asked if the Parish were aware. The Clerk said that the plates had been removed for refurbishment and a notice of this work had been placed on the notice boards by Cllr S Pajak.

A member of the public asked if the Ministry of Defence (MOD) had claimed an area in GWR Park just inside of church place entrance adjacent to the fence of the MOD building, cars parking there are making it difficult for people with mobility issues to enter the park. The Clerk responded that the lease for the parking section along the fence line is held by the MOD who use the park entrance to access the parking area and the Clerk will seek to clarify the situation.

A member of the public said that he believed that the South West entrance to Queens Park had been lost to development. The Deputy Clerk said that Swindon Borough Council had retained that area of land.

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Apologies

Cllr P Herring
Cllr M Gladman
Cllr L Kasmaty
Cllr J Milner-Barry

Not Present

Cllr E Heavens
Cllr T Philpot
Cllr S Pajak

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Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None

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Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 15 October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

Cllr D Griffiths commented during this item that he had recently attended a Swindon Area Committee Meeting and had raised the issue regarding cars speeding in Upham Road, Swindon which had been raised at a previous meeting by a member of the public.

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Finance & Staffing Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance and Staffing Meeting held on 22 October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

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Planning & Environment Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Environment Meeting held on 22 October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

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Leisure & Amenities Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Meeting held on 05 November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

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Planning & Environment Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Meeting held on 05 November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

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Chair's Report

The Chair gave a verbal report stating that he had attended the South Swindon Community Safety Forum with Cllr D Griffiths he said that the Police were successful in making many arrests regarding drug related crimes and county lines, which after 6 months intelligence gathering it was noted that the activities appeared to centre in the Eldene and Broadgreen areas. The Chair expressed disappointment that the two new PCSO's that were publicised for South Swindon were not extra PCSO's but were replacing others that had left. The Chair also attended the Swindon Area Committee Meeting of Parish Chairs and it was discussed at the meeting that Swindon Borough Council are seeking to pass on tree services to Parishes. It was unanimously agreed by those present that they would not take up the service as the costs would be too high and would affect the precepts and also said that the Parishes cannot afford to support the work.

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Terms of Reference – Events Working Party

The Clerk submitted a copy of the Terms of Reference for the Events Working Party for approval a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference for the Events Working Party be approved.

932 Parish Grants Policy 2020

The Clerk submitted a copy of the Grants Policy 2020 for approval a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

The Deputy Clerk said that grant applications will be received although grant monies will not be available until April 2020.

RESOLVED that the Parish Grants Policy 2020 be approved.

933 World Wars Working Party

The Clerk put forward a request that Cllr S Pajak be added to the World Wars Working Party.

RESOLVED that Cllr S Pajak be added to the World Wars Working Party.

934 Responses Working Party Update

The Chair of the Responses Working Party submitted a verbal update.

Cllr S James said that he had contacted the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) with regard to a requirement from Swindon Borough Council for GP contact numbers and addresses for the Emergency Response Plan, the CCG responded that they would contact him with the relevant information and Cllr S James added that there are no future meetings scheduled yet.

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935 Parish Services Policy

The Clerk submitted a proposal to adopt the Parish Services Policy of South Swindon Parish Council a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the Parish Services Policy 2020 be approved.

The meeting closed at 07.01 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council