

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 07 January 2020 at 6.30 pm
in the Council Chamber, Parish Council Offices Gladstone Street

Present	Cllr N Hopkins	Chair
	Cllr J Firmin	Vice-Chair
	Cllr S Allsopp	
	Cllr V Ayris	
	Cllr D Griffiths	Sub Cllr M Gladman
	Cllr S James	
	Cllr L Kasmaty	
	Cllr N Watts	Sub Cllr M J Miah
	Cllr S Ahmed	Sub Cllr M Miah
	Cllr J Milner-Barry	
	Cllr P Herring	Not Committee Member
	Rob Core	Clerk
	Jake Mee	Deputy Clerk

Public Five

Public Session A member of the public said that a structure in Queens Park is unsafe due to the poor fencing which is being moved by members of the public who use the area for smoking and other activities. The Clerk said that the parish are looking to replace the fencing and also refurbishing the surrounding area and the Clerk also confirmed that the police had contacted today due to an issue in the area.

A member of the public said that there is an area of poor fencing in York Road at the top end of York Road and the gates are in bad order and should be refurbished. The Deputy Clerk said that the parish are aware of the issues and Cllr N Hopkins said that it would be looked into.

A member of the public asked about the progress on the Town Gardens Gates Cllr N Hopkins said that there had been progress.

A member of the public said that the gates in Quarry Road are in a sad state it would be nice to see them refurbished too. The Clerk said that there is a rolling plan of works although there will be a 2 week gap where the gates are missing as it is part of a continuation of work.

NOTED

1000 **Apologies**
Cllr M Gladman Sub Cllr D Griffiths
Cllr M J Miah Sub Cllr N Watts
Cllr J Miah Sub Cllr S Ahmed
Cllr S Pajak

1001 **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None

1002 **Allotments Working Party**
The Chair of the Allotments Working Party said that there was nothing to report.

NOTED

1003 Events Working Party

The Chair of the Events Working Party gave a verbal update.

The Chair said that the new Events and Communications Manager would be starting his role at the end of January 2020 and will attend his first meeting after the 20th February 2020 Cllr Hopkins said that he is preparing for that meeting and there will be a significant agenda with regular meetings in the early stages whilst plans are set for events and moving forward.

NOTED

1004 GWR Working Party

The Chair of the GWR Working Party said that there was nothing to report as yet but there will be a meeting scheduled for later in January 2020.

NOTED

1005 In Bloom/Gardens/Wildlife Working Party

The Chair of the In Bloom, Gardens and Wildlife Party gave a verbal report.

The Chair said that a meeting had just been held and there was not much to report however they are making progress towards South Swindon Blooming, and hope to have lots of community groups joining the In Your Neighbourhood scheme this year and there will be more updates soon.

NOTED

1006 World Wars Working Party

The Chair of the World Working Party said that there was nothing to report and a meeting will be scheduled later this month.

NOTED

1007 Faringdon Road (GWR Park) – Inspection and Tree Recommendations

The Clerk submitted a report which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

The Clerk said the report gave details of the tree survey including recommendations and confirmed that once the parish take on the assets the parish are responsible for the trees within those assets. The proposal is to remove three trees and replace them with trees in keeping with the park and further reports to be performed. To be noted is that there is damage to the north corner wall which has been secured but leaves large gaps in the perimeter wall meaning that planting should not be done in this area until the wall has been dealt with.

Recommendations

- 1) 18 Month summer and winter survey
- 2) Removal of 3 Trees and associated work.

The Committee discussed new trees being planted and long term sustainability

RESOLVED that both recommendations be approved.

The meeting closed at 6:40pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council