

Minutes 433 of Swindon Parish Council Meeting Held at 1930hr
on Wednesday 11th April 2018 at Swindon Community Centre

1. Present: Cllr Painter (Chairman), Cllr Fanthom, Cllr Ingram, Cllr Massey, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Woods, Mrs L Hammett (Clerk).

In Attendance: T Herrington, M Rudge, Name withheld.

2. Apologies. Cllr Boote, Cllr Halford, Cllr Wilson (Staffordshire County Council), PCSO Murphy (6489)

3. Declarations of Interest.

3a. Cllr Fanthom and Cllr Robinson: Swindon Community Centre Management Committee.

4. Minutes of the last meeting.

Resolved: Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 14th March 2018 were a true record and signed.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

5a. A donation of £100 had been requested by Forge Senior Citizens Club. Resolved: £100 donation to Forge Senior Citizens Club.

5b. Public meeting was held on 24th March 2018. Cllr Painter requested cllrs not able to attend such events forwarded apologies to Parish Clerk.

5c. Litter Pick took place around the village on Saturday 7th April 2018. Six bags of rubbish were collected.

5d. Interest in using the Data Protection Officer service offered by Staffordshire County Council (SCC) has been registered.

All other matters to be covered by Agenda.

6. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Police report for last month forwarded to all cllrs prior to the meeting. Reports of burglary to a shed, burglaries to commercial site, theft of car that utilises keyless ignition/doors, anti-social behaviour at Manor Farm and field off Smestow Road, suspect vehicles in Hollaway.

7. Development Applications.

7a. Site Allocations Document (SAD). Public Consultation on Major Modifications proposed by the Planning Inspector ended on 21st March 2018. A response submitted as part of the Consultation made comments that did not reflect the views of the Parish Council and misrepresented decisions taken. Resolved: Parish Council would confirm with South Staffordshire District Council (SSDC) that statements made during the Consultation did not reflect the views and decisions of the Parish Council.

7b. Application notices:

None relevant to Swindon

7c. Enforcement Notices: Smestow Lane, alleged 4-bedroom house being built.

Manor Farm site has been sold and development is expected to commence in due course. The new owners have been informed that SSDC should be informed that conditions were attached with the permission for development and SSDC should be consulted before development commences.

8. Health and Safety and Risk Management.

8a. Hinksford Lane. SCC have confirmed that a scheme of work to repair the road affected by land slip should commence in July 2018. There will be a requirement to close the road during the scheme of work.

9. Correspondence.

All relevant correspondence received in electronic format had been forwarded by Clerk.

10. Community Centre.

Car Park and area outside would benefit from a tidy-up.

11. Allotments/Bowls Club/Cricket Club/Playing Fields.

11a. Skip had been provided at a cost less than the £240.00 agreed at the last meeting.

11b. Bowls Club: Nothing significant to report.

11c. Cricket Club: Management Committee meeting on 12th April 2018.

11d. Playing Fields: Work required and would commence once weather had improved.

12. Budgets and Accounts for Payment.

12a. Approve Payments Outstanding:

i) Grant to Forge Senior Citizens club: £100.00.

ii) SSDC grounds maintenance: £526.21.

iii) Best Kept Village litter pick: £30.43.

iv) Clerk Remuneration: £200.00.

v) BT telephone and internet: £275.50.

vi) Swindon Allotment Society skip: £170.00.

Resolved: Cheques to be signed for payments outstanding.

13. Chairman's Announcements and Emergency Business.

Progress on the Parish Noticeboard was raised. A date for installing the Noticeboard by BT was still awaited. Cllr Fanthom agreed to contact BT to confirm a date as a matter of urgency.

13a. Annual return. Authorities with turnover of less than £25,000.00 are not required to submit a full Limited Assurance Check and may claim exemption. Opting for exemption will save the Parish Council around £250.00 in fees. Resolved: Parish Council will claim exemption based on a turnover of less than £25,000.00.

13b. Annual Parish Meeting. Resolved: Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th May 2018 at 7pm in the Community Centre.

13c. Casual Vacancy. Letters of application were read out to the meeting by the Clerk and ballot papers issued. An absolute majority was confirmed for S Bridgewater who was duly co-opted to the Parish Council. Clerk will contact her and offer the opportunity to join the Parish Council.

14. Date of next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting on 9th May 2018 at 19:30.

As there was no other business the Meeting was closed at 20:55.

Signed: Chairman. Dated:

(Original copy signed and dated on 9th May 2018)