

Minutes 441 of Swindon Parish Council Meeting Held at 1930hr
on Wednesday 12th December 2018 at Swindon Community Centre

1. Present: Cllr Painter (Chairman), Cllr Boote, Cllr Bridgewater, Cllr Fanthom, Cllr Halford, Cllr Ingram, Cllr Massey, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Woods, Ms L Caddick (Clerk).

In Attendance: Mr Lewis.

2. Apologies: Cllr Wilson (County Cllr).

3. Declarations of Interest.

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

4. Minutes of the last meeting.

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

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

5a. Cllr Painter has been appointed a School Governor at St John's Primary School.

5b. South Staffs District Council (SSDC) confirmed that trees removed at Manor Farm were not subject to a Tree Preservation Order and removal was permitted as part of the planning application that had been approved by SSDC.

Any other matter arising to be covered by Agenda.

6. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

6a. Crime report had not been received for the last month. Cllr Painter had informal meetings with the Police since the last Parish meeting and was informed crime remained relatively low in Swindon Parish with no underlying trends or causes for concern identified.

6b. SSDC had received a complaint regarding inappropriate use of the lay-by near Chapel Lane/Smestow Road junction and suggested closing the lay-by. Following discussion on the matter it was agreed that any inappropriate behaviour should be reported to the police and the lay-by should remain open as is very useful for nearby residents.

6c. Parish Council had previously provided a grant to the Bowls and Cricket clubs for opening and locking the main gate to enhance the security of the area. Resolved: Grant of £250.00 would be provided to Bowls Club and a grant of £250.00 would be provided to the Cricket Club to manage the opening/closing of the gates to the Playing Field area.

7. Development Applications.

7a. 18/00971/FUL: 12 The Holloway, Swindon, single storey extension. No comment.

7b. Cllr Painter attended the Wolverhampton Business Airport Liaison Meeting. Owners are proposing 112 houses to be built on site and pre-application discussions with SSDC have taken place. Public consultation on the scheme is expected in February/March 2019.

8. Health and Safety and Risk Management.

8a. Work on Hinksford Lane commenced on 26th November 2018 and is expected to last for approximately 12 weeks. Disruption to the flow of traffic along Hinksford Lane has been avoided so far and is expected to be minimal and limited to the tarmac repair required.

8b. The Community Centre gas boiler was serviced on 7th December 2018. Replacement radiator valves have been ordered to replace faulty ones.

9. Correspondence.

9a. All relevant correspondence received in electronic format was forwarded by Clerk.

9b. An Appeal against the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) regarding a ruling by the ICO on a Freedom of Information Act 2000 request made to Swindon Parish Council had been made. The First-Tier Tribunal General Regulatory Chamber Information Rights had ruled the decision made by the ICO was correct and Swindon Parish Council acted correctly.

9c. A resident within Parish of Swindon complained to Mike Wood MP, Member for Dudley South constituency, West Midlands, regarding fireworks from the Blakelands Country House. The Clerk had not received a complaint and the meeting felt there was no issue and surprised the complaint was made to someone not representing the Parish in Parliament.

10. Community Benefit.

10a. Artificial External Defibrillator. Cllr Painter has requested information from the Ambulance service and a quote for the electrical work to install it. Basic life support training has been offered to volunteers via the Newsletter.

11. Budgets and Accounts for Payment.

11a. Approve Payments Outstanding:

- i) Clerk Remuneration: £200.00.
- ii) Newsletter: £60.00.
- iii) Grant to Swindon Bowls Club: £250.00.
- iv) Grant to Swindon Cricket Club: £250.00.

Resolved: Cheques to be signed for payments outstanding.

11b. Precept for 2019/2020 required to be set. Resolved: No increase in Precept.

12. Chairman's Announcements and Emergency Business.

Cllr Painter had represented the Parish at a number of external meetings and was re-elected to Staffordshire Parish Councils Association to represent South Staffordshire.

13. Date of the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be on 9th January 2019 at 1930hr. As there was no other business the Meeting was closed at 2028hr.

Signed: Chairman. Dated:

(Original copy signed and dated on 9th January 2019)