

**Minutes 454 of Swindon Parish Council Meeting Held at 1930hr
on Wednesday 12th February 2020 at Swindon Community Centre**

1. Present: Cllr Painter (Chairman), Cllr Boote, Cllr Chandler, Cllr Fanthom, Cllr Halford, Cllr Massey, Cllr Wood, Ms Caddick (Clerk).
2. Apologies: Cllr Lewis, Cllr Robinson.
3. In Attendance: Mr and Mrs Piper, PCSO Rathbone (23938).
4. Declarations of Interest.
No new Declarations.
5. Minutes of the last Meeting.
Resolved: Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 8th January 2020 were a true record and signed.
6. Matters arising from the Minutes.
Matters arising from last Meeting covered in Agenda items.
7. Crime and Anti-Social Behavior.
 - 7a. Residents expressed concern during Public Speaking prior to the Meeting following a burglary to their property resulting in the theft of a vehicle and damage to the property. Actions were agreed that included arranging meetings with the Member for Parliament, Police and South Staffs District Council (SSDC) to discuss crime and crime prevention within the Parish.
 - 7b. Police report not received. PCSO Rathbone summarised crime within the local area for last month and confirmed that Police were involved in operations during the night and offenders had been caught and arrested. A catalytic converter had been stolen from a vehicle in Winston Road while an attempted burglary to a van, also in Winston Road but on a different night, appeared to be abandoned when an alarm in the van went off. Vehicle theft remained most prolific crime across the area as a whole and Police recommend extra security for vehicles. The next Newsletter will highlight measures to enhance safety of property and vehicles. Chief Inspector Simon O'Donnell has been appointed Area Commander for South Staffordshire and stated tackling vehicle crime and residential burglaries will be among the priorities for the area along with working closely with neighboring Police to tackle cross-border crime.
8. Development Applications.
 - 8a. 19/00989/FUL: Whitehouse Farm, Swindon. Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 8 new houses. Resolved: Object.
 - 8b. Hinksford Farm. Eight applications had been submitted for change of use to buildings within the curtilage from agricultural storage to B2, General Industrial. Applications were retrospective and property falls within Himley Parish boundary. Resolved: No comment.

8c. 19/00584/LUE: Marina development. SSDC has determined development thus far to be lawful and planning permission for the marina remains extant.

8d. Manor Farm. Concern had been raised over the condition of Manor Farm as all the windows had been removed and the building was insecure, in danger of rapid deterioration and could attract crime. Cllr Painter would discuss the matter with SSDC.

9. Health and Safety and Risk Management.

Nothing to report.

10. Correspondence.

All relevant correspondence was distributed electronically.

11. Community Benefit.

The defibrillator cabinet for Hinksford Mobile Home Park should arrive before the next meeting and arrangements will be made for it to be installed on the outside of the Site Office.

12. Budgets and Accounts for Payment.

12a. Approve Payments Outstanding:

(1) Clerk Remuneration: £200.00.

Resolved: Cheque to be signed for payment outstanding.

13. Chairman's Announcements and Emergency Business.

13a. A Green Bin collection charge had been supported by SSDC to be introduced from July 2020 after which any household that had not subscribed to the collection scheme will not have the Green Bin collected. All residents within SSDC have been informed of the change by an article in the South Staffordshire Review, Issue 74 Winter 2020, that has been distributed to all residents within the Parish. Details were also displayed on the Noticeboard and in the Community Centre. The cost of the scheme to residents will be £43.60 for each Green Bin.

13b. Cllr Painter attended a briefing at SSDC from the Civil Contingencies Unit (CCU) for Operation Bridges that covers the protocol following the death of a senior member of the Royal Family or other significant person. The CCU also outlined the emergency planning, response duties and capability should the CCU be called in the event of an emergency arising within SSDC.

13c. 2020 marks the 200 year anniversary of the United Reform Church in Swindon and plans were being prepared to commemorate the event by staging a number of events that would require volunteer support and financial grants would be sought.

14. Date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on 11th March 2020 at 1930. As there was no other business the Meeting was closed at 21:20.

Signed: Chairman.

Dated: