

Minutes 439 of Swindon Parish Council Meeting Held at 1930hr
on Wednesday 10th October 2018 at Swindon Community Centre

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

In Attendance: Mr and Mrs Fox, 4 members of the public names withheld.

2. Apologies: Cllr Bridgewater, Cllr Massey, Cllr Robinson.

3. Declarations of Interest.

3a. Cllr Halford: Bowls Club.

3b. Cllr Halford and Cllr Fanthom: Swindon Community Centre Management Committee.

4. Minutes of the last meeting.

Resolved: Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 12th September 2018 were a true record and signed.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr Painter and Cllr Boote attended the Parish Summit on 28th September 2018.

Any other matter arising to be covered by Agenda.

6. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Crime report had been distributed and crime remained relatively low in Swindon Parish with no underlying trends or causes for concern identified.

7. Development Applications.

7a. 18/00749/FUL Old Smestow Gate Farm: 2 story extension to rear. No comment.

7b. Local Plan Review had commenced and concludes 30th November 2018. All documents relevant to Review are available online and also available to view in the Parish Office for anyone wishing to view them via appointment with Parish Clerk.

8. Health and Safety and Risk Management.

Details of repair scheme for Hinksford Lane still awaited along with details of traffic management throughout the repair that may involve road closures. Repairs to footpaths in Winston Road ongoing.

9. Correspondence.

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

9a. Street homeless survey received from South Staffordshire District Council. Response was agreed to be 'Nil' for Swindon Parish.

10. Community Benefit.

10a. Discussion on display boards for community use taken place with St John's Church and United Reform Church. Matter ongoing.

10b. Purchase of Silent Soldier memorial ongoing.

10c. Request made for Carol Service for St John's Church and United Reform Church to be on different dates to enable members of the Parish to attend both.

10d. A discussion took place on generating more volunteers to support next year's Best Kept Village competition. A call for volunteers would be included in the next Newsletter along with an appeal on notice boards and website.

11. Budgets and Accounts for Payment.

11a. Approve Payments Outstanding:

- i) Clerk Remuneration: £200.00.
- ii) BT Telephone and Internet: £248.29

Resolved: Cheques to be signed for payments outstanding.

12. Chairman's Announcements and Emergency Business.

12a. Local Community Governor at St John's Primary School has resigned. Opportunity for Parish Cllr to become a Governor. Volunteers should contact Parish Clerk.

12b. Cllr Painter represents South Staffordshire on the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association and term of office expires in December 2018. Cllr Painter requested support of Parish Council for nomination to Staffordshire Parish Councils Association to continue representing South Staffordshire. Resolved: Support nomination of Cllr Painter to represent South Staffordshire on Staffordshire Parish Councils Association.

12c. Residents have been turned away from Wombourne Re-cycling Centre and told to use facility at Stourbridge instead. Matter raised with Staffordshire County Council and staff at Wombourne Re-cycling Centre have been informed that use of the facility is not based on postal address and all residents of Swindon Parish may use the facility.

12d. The need for a Parish Meeting in December 2018 was discussed and it was agreed a meeting would take place that reflects previous years practice and the programme of meetings previously agreed.

12e. A free magazine for the Wombourne, Swindon, Penn and Kinver area contains an advertisement that comments on Site 313 and states "*this was the site favoured by the Parish Council*". Cllr Painter informed the Meeting that Swindon Parish Council had not submitted comments to the Site Allocation Document in support of Site 313 and the only comments submitted for Site 313 was connected to a need for further public consultation. The comments in the advertisement were considered misleading and should be rebutted as they misrepresent the actions of Swindon Parish Council. Resolved: Swindon Parish Council would issue a rebuttal to the comments made that would be agreed by a Working Group of cllrs.

13. Date of the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be on 14th November 2018 at 1930hr. As there was no other business the Meeting was closed at 2127hr

Signed: Chairman. Dated: