

Minutes 419 of Swindon Parish Council Meeting Held at 1930hr on
Wednesday 8th February 2017 at Swindon Community Centre

1. Present.

Cllr Painter (Chairman), Cllr Boote, Cllr Fanthom, Cllr Massey, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Rudge, Cllr Woods, Mrs Hammett (Parish Clerk).

In Attendance: Mr B Hodgson, Mr R Jones.

2. Apologies.

Cllr Halford, PCSO Irving (22578).

3. Declarations of Interest.

3a. Cllr Boote, Cllr Robinson: Allotment Society.

3b. Cllr Fanthom: Ongoing disagreement with landowner. DPI with FG Davies.

3c. Cllr Halford: Bowls Club.

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

3e. Cllr Massey and Cllr Rudge: 'Say No to the Quarry' group.

3f. Cllr Rudge: Informal disagreement with Cllr Painter.

4. Minutes of the last meeting.

Resolved: Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 11th January 2017 were a true record and signed.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

5a. Parish precept of £18,200.00 had been confirmed by South Staffs District Council (SSDC) and additional housing within the Parish would result in a small overall decrease in precept for individual properties.

5b. A resident of Swindon would be scoping the production of a website for the Parish.

6. Crime and anti- social behaviour.

Two incidents in Swindon had been highlighted by the Staffordshire Smart Alert system: burglary in Himley Lane on 2nd February 2017 in which intruders left empty handed and theft of tools from a shed in The Brooklands on 3rd February 2017. Police had issued crime incident numbers for both events. Crime summary reports for Himley and Swindon showed that compared to other areas in South Staffordshire, crime and anti-social behaviour remains relatively low.

7. Development Applications.

7a. Site Allocations Document (SAD). The SAD was the main concern at the Public Meeting on Saturday 4th February 2017. Cllr Fanthom requested that it was not discussed at the current meeting due to the election on 9th February 2017. Cllr Painter noted the consultation period would end at 12 noon on 27th February 2017 and considered the Parish Council had a responsibility to discuss the matter. Cllr Painter Proposed SAD be discussed and was Seconded by Cllr Robinson. Resolved: SAD be discussed at the current meeting. Following a discussion on the Site Allocations Publication Plan it was agreed that Cllr Painter would forward comments agreed to the Local Plans Team stating the Plan was considered unsound because it was unjustified in selecting Site 313 and further public consultation should take place regarding Site 313.

7b. Marina Development. Nothing further to report. Planning permission for marina remains extant and further information on development awaited from developer.

7c. Application notices.

i) 17/00041/FUL: Extension to rear of mobile home, retaining wall and ramp for disabled access. 12 Hinksford Park. No comment from meeting

ii) 17/00112/VAR: Variation to condition 2 – amended plans. Electricity Sub Station, Swindon Road, Hinksford. No comment from meeting

7d. Enforcement Notices. No notices pertinent to Swindon Parish.

8. Health and Safety and Risk Management.

Review of Risk Register ongoing.

8a. Hinksford Lane. Will be closed from Monday 13th to Fri 17th February 2017 from the entry to Hinksford Lane to OCL from 0930hr to 1530hr for BT to work on underground structures. The bus service will be affected and further information is being sought.

9. Correspondence.

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

9a. Thank you letter from Swindon URC for the £100.00 donation towards the repair of the toilets.

9b. Letter from Mrs A Robinson thanking the Parish Council for all the support provided following the sad loss of Cllr C Robinson.

9c. Best Kept Village Competition 2017. Literature had been received. Entry required by 20th February 2017. Cllr Painter Proposed funding of £25.00 to enable the Parish to enter the Competition that was Seconded by Cllr Boote. Resolved: £25.00 be spent on entry to the Best Kept Village Competition 2017.

10. Community Centre.

A sample table has been considered by regular users of the Centre, all members of the Parish Council and Centre Management Committee. All supported purchase of new tables and purchase of storage trolleys. Purchase of items to be progressed.

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

11a. Allotments: AGM took place and new Chairman elected. During the AGM the matter of rent had been raised along with the support provided by the Parish Council. Cllr Painter suggested a sub-lease was more appropriate along similar arrangements to the Cricket and Bowls clubs and would be discussed with SSDC. Cllr Painter proposed the Parish Council fund reducing the height of trees bordering the allotments as the trees were too high and providing too much shade. Cllr Boote would liaise with the Allotment Society Chairman on this matter.

11b. Bowls Club: nothing significant to report

11c. Cricket Club: nothing significant to report

11d. Playing Fields: Nothing significant to report.

12. Budgets and Accounts for Payment.

Chairman informed the meeting that £1294.50 had been received from external funds to support the publication of data to meet the transparency requirements and the Community Centre Management Committee had donated £3000.00 to support the cost of new tables.

12a. Approve Payments Outstanding:

- i) Telephone bill: £202.48.
- ii) Prontaprint Newsletter: £60.00.
- iii) Donation to URC for repairs to toilet: £100.00.
- iv) Clerk's remuneration: £183.75.

Cllr Woods Proposed, seconded by Cllr Rudge. Resolved: Cheques to be signed for payments outstanding.

13. Chairman's Announcements and Emergency Business.

13a. Vision and Priorities for Swindon Parish Council. Cllr Painter requested that all Cllrs consider what the vision and priorities should be for Swindon Parish Council. Various comments had been made regarding the Parish Council and the manner in which it was serving the local community. It was considered necessary to address such comments and decide what the priorities were. The matter would remain an agenda item.

13b. Staffordshire Parish Councils Association (SPCA). Cllr Painter would like to put himself forward as a South Staffordshire representative for SPCA. Proposed by Cllr Robinson and Seconded by Cllr Boote. Resolved: Cllr Painter to be forwarded as a representative for SPCA.

14. Date of next meeting

Date of next Meeting will be Wednesday 8th March 2017 commencing 1930hr in Council Chamber, Swindon Community Centre. Public Forum will commence 1915hr and all Cllrs are requested to be in attendance.

As there was no other business the Meeting was closed at hrs 2130hr.

Signed: Chairman. Dated:

(Original copy signed and dated on 8th March 2017)