

Minutes 418 of Swindon Parish Council Meeting Held at 1930hr on
Wednesday 11th January 2017 at Swindon Community Centre

1. Present.

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

In Attendance: Mr Hodgson, Mr A Lloyd, Ms S Anderton.

2. Apologies.

PCSO Irving (22578)

Chairman moved by resolution the meeting be adjourned to resume again on 25th January 2017 at 1930hr. Resolved: Meeting adjourned to resume again on 25th January 2017 at 1930hr.

Resumed meeting on 25th January 2017 at 1930hr.

3. Present.

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

In Attendance: Mr D Atkins, Mr A Hazeldine, Mr T Herrington, Mr Hodgson, Mr A Lloyd, Mr and Mrs Mocroft, Mrs C Rothwell.

4. Apologies.

Cllr Woods.

5. Declarations of Interest.

5a. Cllr Boote, Cllr Robinson: Allotment Society.

5b. Cllr Fanthom: Ongoing disagreement with landowner. DPI with FG Davies.

5c. Cllr Halford: Bowls Club.

5d. Cllr Halford, Cllr Fanthom and Cllr Robinson: Swindon Community Centre Management Committee.

5e. Cllr Massey and Cllr Rudge: 'Say No To The Quarry' group.

5f. Cllr Rudge: Informal disagreement with Cllr Painter.

Chairman moved by resolution to change the order of business in the agenda and bring forward items 6 to 14. Resolved: Change the order of business in the agenda and bring forward items 6 to 14.

6. Crime and anti- social behaviour.

Report had been forwarded and shows crime and anti-social behaviour remains relatively low for the area.

7. Development Applications.

7a. Site Allocations Document (SAD). Final documents published on 16th January 2017. Notices displayed giving details of the publication and details included in Newsletter.

7b. Marina Development. Planning permission for marina remains and further information awaited from developer.

7c. Application notices. No applications received.

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

8. Health and Safety and Risk Management.

Review of Risk Register ongoing.

8a. Hinksford Lane. Highways continue surveying the area. Unlikely to be resolved quickly as the work required is substantial and funding will need to be secured. County Council (Highways) will decide on the most appropriate action.

9. Correspondence.

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

9a. Letter from St John's Church thanking the Parish Council for their recent donations to the Church Roof Fund in remembrance of Cllr C Robinson and the donation to support Messy Church.

9b. Letter from URC requesting donation toward repairing a water leak in the toilet area. Meeting agreed to discuss the request and £100 donation proposed by Cllr Robinson and seconded by Cllr Boote. Resolved: £100.00 be donated to URC.

9c. Best Kept Village Competition 2017. Literature had been received. Meeting agreed to defer to the next meeting

10. Community Centre.

10a. Four quotes received for the proposed new tables and all within the budget agreed at the meeting on 26th October 2016. Meeting agreed to order the tables from the lowest quote. A sample table being delivered to inspect prior to the order being made.

10b. A few small holes appearing in tarmac of car park that need monitoring and white lines need re-painting when funds allow.

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

11a. Allotments: AGM to be held on 21st January 2017.

11b. Bowls Club: Meeting on 18th January 2017. Working in conjunction with Cricket Club to refurbish seating and carpet area in Pavilion.

11c. Cricket Club: AGM on 16th January 2017.

11d. Playing Fields: Nothing significant to report.

12. Budgets and Accounts for Payment.

12a. Approve Payments Outstanding:

i) Reinstall Windows 10 on Parish computer: £72.00.

ii) A3 laminator pouches: £19.99.

iii) Clerk's remuneration: £183.75.

Resolved: Cheques to be signed for payments outstanding.

12b. Parish Precept and Budget 2017/2018. Discussion took place noting Precept is currently £18,200.00. Precept was increased by £1,000.00 each year for the last 3 years to replace the £3,000.00 grant previously provided by South Staffordshire Council that had been withdrawn. Increase in precept had resulted in an increase in the Parish Council component of the council tax bill for each of the last 3 years. The need to increase the

precept further resulting in another increase in the Parish Component was not considered appropriate. The budget set for 2017/2018 would need to reflect the precept remaining the same as for 2016/2017. Retaining the precept at £18,200.00 was proposed by Cllr Painter and seconded by Cllr Fanthom. Resolved: Precept for 2017/2018 would be set at £18,200.00.

13. Chairman's Announcements.

Chairman's Announcements and Emergency Business

13a. Parish By-election. By-election to elect a Parish Councillor will take place on Thursday 9th February 2017. Parish Council will be responsible for the full cost of the by-election. Community Centre will be used as a polling station for the election.

13b. Communication Strategy. Communication methods discussed along with requirement to publish information in electronic format on a website that would be free of charge to access to meet legislation covering transparency requirements and provision of information about accounts and governance. Current website for the Parish Council hosted by South Staffs Council and does not meet the need. Website managed by the Parish Council required. Funding of £1294.50 secured to assist with supporting the electronic reporting of information. Funding will support purchasing equipment, software, set-up of website, training and maintenance. Agreed that website should be set-up by someone independent to the Parish Council and they would brief the Council at a future date on options available.

14. Date of next meeting

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

Chairman moved by resolution to exclude the public in accordance with the Access to Information Rules outlined in the Local Government Act 1972. Resolved: Exclude the public in accordance with the Access to Information Rules outlined in the Local Government Act 1972.

15. Remaining matters discussed constituted Exempt Information and as such are not for publication.

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

Signed: Chairman. Dated:
(Original copy signed and dated on 8th February 2017)