

Minutes 424 of Swindon Parish Council Meeting Held at 1930hr on
Wednesday 12th July 2017 at Swindon Community Centre

1. Present.

Cllr Painter (Chairman), Cllr Boote, Cllr Fanthom, Cllr Ingram, Cllr Massey, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Rudge, Cllr Woods.

In Attendance: R Jones, J Madylus, W Rudge, T Herrington.

2. Apologies. Cllr Halford, PCSO Irving (22578), Mrs Hammett (Parish Clerk).

3. Declarations of Interest.

3a. Cllr Boote: Allotment Society.

3b. Cllr Fanthom: Ongoing disagreement with landowner.

3c. Cllr Halford: Bowls Club.

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

Cllr Rudge declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application notice 17/00519/FUL.

Cllr Fanthom agreed the ongoing disagreement with landowner was not required to be classed as an Interest and could be removed.

4. Minutes of the last meeting.

Proposed Cllr Boote and Seconded Cllr Ingram. Resolved: Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 14th June 2017 were a true record and signed.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

5a. Annual Return for year ending 31st March 2017 had been subject to Internal Audit and forwarded for External Audit.

5b. St John's School had made enquiries for quotes to have overhanging trees pruned following Resolution for Parish Council to provide grant of £500.00 towards the cost of the work.

6. Monthly crime report received with a 12 month summary. Crime remained relatively low for the area. Cllr Painter informed the Meeting the fly tipping in Himley Lane was reported to both South Staffs District Council (SSDC) and the Police as there was clear evidence of an address on the waste. The reporting of fly tipping to SSDC using either the website or a mobile app was strongly encouraged and the process by doing so was presented.

7. Development Applications.

7a. Site Allocations Document (SAD). Nothing significant to report.

7b. Marina Development. Nothing significant to report.

7c. Application notices.

i) 17/00519/FUL: Shed at Farloe House. No comment. Cllr Rudge took no part in the discussion and left the Council Chamber.

ii) 17/00556/FUL: Extension to kitchen and dining room at 22 Swin Forge Way. No comment.

7d. Enforcement Notices.

None relevant to Parish of Swindon.

8. Health and Safety and Risk Management.

8a. Hinksford Lane. Cllr Painter outlined the action taken to ensure the water leak at the junction of Hinksford Lane and High Street was considered an emergency by Highways who ordered Severn Trent to commence immediate repair work. Unfortunately this resulted in an emergency road closure and suspension of bus services. Cllr Painter encouraged all cllrs to use the Report a Fault Online facility at Highways Staffordshire County Council that also allowed photographs of the faults to be uploaded. Work to support repair of the land slip area would commence on 24th July 2017 and last for a maximum of one week. During this period the bus would be suspended and Cllr Painter was working with County Cllr Victoria Wilson to provide an alternative service.

Cllr Painter noted:

i) Steps on approach to shops require painting with white propriety outdoor paint. Cllr Painter to liaise with Clerk.

ii) Holes and been filled with tarmac on the approach ramp to the upper car park on the Playing Field site.

iii) A large waste bag that had been left in The Close following refurbishment of properties had been removed following the bag being reported as a health and safety hazard.

9. Correspondence.

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

Additional correspondence had been received from the Constituency Secretary for the Rt Hon Gavin Williamson CBE MP following a resident highlighting the lack of bus service during the imminent road closure to Hinksford Lane. Cllr Painter informed the meeting he had spoken to both the Constituency Secretary and the resident about options available and had offered full practical support should transport be required. The matter was also discussed with the resident during the Public Forum prior to the Parish Council Meeting.

10. Community Centre.

Community Centre Management Committee (CCMC) held a meeting on 10th July 2017. The suggestion of a blue plaque to commemorate the significance of the site was discussed and a blue plaque was supported as a joint venture between CCMC and Parish Council.

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

11a. Allotments: Work taking place at the rear of a house in Hinksford Lane that backs onto the allotments. Fence has been breached and owner agreed to reinstate fence after work was complete.

11b. Bowls Club: Nothing significant to report.

11c. Cricket Club: Nothing significant to report.

11d. Playing Fields: Cost of replacement springer equipment discussed along with repairs to surface. Quote of £1308.00 excluding VAT was considered excessive.

12. Budgets and Accounts for Payment.

12a. Approve Payments Outstanding:

- i) Clerk remuneration: £183.75.
- ii) Staples printer toner: £55.99.
- iii) SPCA training course: £17.50.
- iv) Best Kept Village painting materials: £73.50.
- v) BT telephone bill: £232.09.
- vi) Scanner: £79.00.

Approve payments Proposed by Cllr Woods and Seconded by Cllr Boote.

Resolved: Cheques to be signed for payments outstanding.

12b. Clerk Remuneration. Clerk had not received any incremental pay rise that was normally considered at Annual Parish Council meeting. Cllr Painter suggested remuneration be increased. A monthly payment of £200.00 was Proposed by Cllr Boote and Seconded by Cllr Woods. Resolved: Remuneration for Clerk would increase to £200.00 per month with immediate effect.

13. Chairman's Announcements and Emergency Business.

13a. Vision and Priorities for Swindon Parish Council. In the absence of any further feedback from cllrs on the matter, Cllr Painter reiterated the priority remained serving the community and building a better community spirit.

13b. Best Kept Village. Suggestions circulated by Cllr Painter were supported that included gravel boards to the front of the low wooden posts in front of the shops and Community Centre to contain the bark used as a surface covering, flower box to cover remains of old tree stump in The Close, low flower boxes alongside the wall facing the shops. The purchase of a new noticeboard was discussed and the design presented was agreed as being within the previously agreed budget and suitable for use.

13c. Provision of benches in Parish. Following a presentation of existing benches and opportunities for walking routes within the Parish, it was considered unnecessary to purchase additional benches as sufficient were already provided. Resolved: Expenditure on additional benches was not required as sufficient benches were already provided.

14. Date of next meeting 9th August 2017.

As there was no other business the Meeting was closed at hrs 2142hr following agreement by all Cllrs for the meeting to continue after 2130hr to fully consider Item 13c.

Signed: Chairman. Dated:

(Original copy signed and dated on 9th August 2017)