

Minutes 423 of Swindon Parish Council Meeting Held at 1930hr on
Wednesday 14th June 2017 at Swindon Community Centre

1. Present.

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

In Attendance: B Hodgson, J Madylus, W Rudge, E Szwarc, J Williams, PCSO Murphy (6645) for Items 1 to 6.

2. Apologies. Cllr Massey

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.

Cllr Painter stated that some Declarations of Interest were no longer applicable due to declarations being duplicated with Register of Disclosable Interests and Other Interests, no longer fulfilling the role, and/or inappropriate to meet the requirement. The changes required would delete aspects of 3a for Cllr Robinson, 3b for Cllr Fanthom, 3e for Cllr Massey and Rudge, 3f for Cllr Rudge.

4. Minutes of the last meeting.

Proposed Cllr Halford, Seconded Cllr Boote. Resolved: Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 12th May 2017 were a true record and signed.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Nothing to report

6. Monthly crime report has been received and circulated along with a 12 month summary. Crime remained low. Cllr Painter attended a meeting at Wombourne Police Station on 24th May 2017 during which the Police reported that the South Staffs area is an extremely safe place to live relative to other areas. PCSO Murphy requested that we all remain vigilant and report anything suspicious so they can investigate. A discussion took place around the length of time it takes to get a call answered when they call 101 and PCSO Murphy reminded everyone that if it was an emergency then 999 was the appropriate number to ring.

7. Development Applications.

7a. Site Allocations Document (SAD). Cllr Painter has had an informal discussion with Local Plans regarding incorrect information that had been submitted as part of the Public Consultation and would write to confirm the position of the Parish Council regarding the SAD process and sites nominated.

7b. Marina Development. Nothing significant to report.

7c. Application notices.

i) 17/00477/FUL: Conservatory at Miller House. No comment.

- ii) 17/00455/FUL: Removal of conditions at The Greyhound. No comment.
- iii) 17/00504/FUL: Erection of shed at 42 Winston Road. No comment.

7d. Enforcement Notices.

Hollow Mill Bungalow: Groundwork taking place and large excavation.

8. Health and Safety and Risk Management.

8a. Hinksford Lane, the work has gone to tender, a contractor selected and discussions are taking place about closure of the road and re-routing the bus.

8b. Wall by the steps outside the chip shop has been rebuilt and is now safe.

8c. Trees opposite properties in The Brooklands appear safe and do not appear in danger of falling. Trees remain the responsibility of the landowner.

9. Correspondence.

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

10. Community Centre.

New tables were proving to be very useful by providing increase flexibility to hirers.

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

11a. Allotments: All plots were taken.

11b. Bowls Club: Nothing significant to report.

11c. Cricket Club: Nothing significant to report.

11d. Playing Fields: Cllr Ingram reported St John's School had no preference regarding replacement equipment at the playground area. Resolved: The springer horse was the preferred piece of equipment for £368. Cllr Painter informed the Meeting that further work would be required in the playground area.

12. Budgets and Accounts for Payment.

12a. Approve Payments Outstanding:

i) Best Kept Village plants and compost: £181.75.

ii) Newsletter copying (Prontaprint): £60.00

iii) Clerk remuneration: £183.75.

iv) Staffordshire Playing Fields Association subscription: £15.00.

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

Resolved: Cheques to be signed for payments outstanding.

12b. Annual Return and Internal Audit. New Internal Auditor needs to be appointed as the previously agreed Internal Auditor was no longer available. Cllr Painter Proposed Mr R Seggar complete the Internal Audit and was Seconded Cllr Halford. Mr Seggar is a former Parish Councillor, Youth Club Treasurer and current Chairman of Swindon and Smestow Royal British Legion. Resolved: Mr R Seggar would be invited to complete the Internal Audit.

13. Chairman's Announcements and Emergency Business.

13a. Vision and Priorities for Swindon Parish Council. Attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting was very limited and the request for suggestions in the last Newsletter did not generate any response. Cllr Painter suggested the purpose of the Parish Council was to build community and that should be the vision and priority for the Parish Council.

13b. Best Kept Village. All weeds have been removed from outside the shops, the close and the alleyway between Wombourne Road and The Close. A meeting had been arranged between SSHA and Cllr Painter regarding the pruning of trees in The Close that were considered too tall for the area. No response had been received from the public in regarding an article published in the Newsletter requesting support and volunteers. Cllr Painter suggested a "Spring clean" next year.

13c. Concert took place to remember Cllr Chris Robinson and raise funds for the Church Roof Fund. Cllr Painter reported it was an excellent event and thanked those Cllrs who attended.

13d. Funeral for Mr Ken Hill had taken place and Cllr Painter thanked those Cllrs who attended to support the family of a notable character within the Parish.

13e. Trees in the playing field at St John's School were overhanging gardens in Winston Road and complaints had been received. Meeting considered whether it was appropriate to support the School by means of a grant towards the work to cut-back the trees. Resolved: Grant of up to a maximum of £500 would be provided to St John's School subject to the School obtaining three quotes for the work to be completed.

14. Date of next meeting 12th July 2017

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

Signed: Chairman. Dated:

(Original copy signed and dated on 12th July 2017)