

Minutes 420 of Swindon Parish Council Meeting Held at 1930hr on
Wednesday 8th March 2017 at Swindon Community Centre

1. Present.

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

In Attendance: Mr A Hazeldine, Mr M Rothwell, Mrs C Rothwell, Mr D Hope, Mr T Herrington, Mr A Lloyd, Mr B Hodgeson

2. Apologies.

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.

Proposed Cllr Rudge, Seconded Cllr Boote. Resolved: Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 8th February 2017 were a true record and signed.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

5a. 17/00041/FUL: Extension to rear of mobile home, retaining wall and ramp for disabled access at 12 Hinksford Park. Application approved.

5b. 17/00112/VAR: Variation to condition 2 at Electricity Sub Station, Swindon Road, Hinksford. Application approved.

5c. Cllr Painter has been accepted to represent the South Staffordshire area on the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association (SPCA).

6. Crime report has been received and circulated. Crime remains very low in Swindon. Staffs Smart Alert reported a recent incident in Woodland View regarding theft from a motor vehicle overnight at a property.

7. Development Applications.

7a. Site Allocations Document (SAD). Comments had been forwarded to the Local Plans Team regarding Site 313 and the 'Soundness' of the Site Allocations Publication Plan. A note has been circulated around the residents of Swindon with a map which has led to confusion and spreading misinformation.

7b. Marina Development. Nothing further to report. Planning permission for marina remains extant and further information on development waited from developer. Minerals plan has been agreed by Staffordshire County Council.

7c. Application notices.

- i) 17/00117/FUL: Proposed rear two storey extension and new hipped roof at The Homestead, Smestow Road. No comment.
- ii) 17/00134/FUL: Proposed stable building with associated hard standing area for parking. Old Smestow Gate Farm, Smestow Road. Object and comment to support comments made by Highways.
- iii) 17/00139/LBC: Internal alterations to reduce residential units from six to five along with minor external alterations. No comment.
- iv) Licence Application: The Staffordshire Golf Club to open from 0600-0230 hours open every day of the year. No comment.

7d. Enforcement Notices. Land off The Holloway allegedly being used for dog breeding. Notice supported.

8. Health and Safety and Risk Management.

Review of Risk Register ongoing.

- 8a. Hinksford Lane. Road has deteriorated near the edge. Highways and South Staffs District Council have been informed. Potential road closure and diversion route has been discussed with Highways and bus operator.

9. Correspondence.

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

10. Community Centre.

New tables and storage trolleys had arrived. Old tables had been offered to other organisations via the South Staffs Village Hall Association. No responses received.

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

11a. Allotments: Trees have been cut.

11b. Bowls Club: Bowling green is now open.

11c. Cricket Club: Refurbishment of pavilion has been temporarily suspended due to a sewage leak.

11d. Playing Fields: Nothing significant to report.

12. Budgets and Accounts for Payment.

12a. Cllr Painter presented the budget for financial year ending 31st March 2018. (Copy enclosed). Proposed Cllr Painter, Seconded by Cllr Robinson. Resolved: Budget for financial year ending 31st March 2018 approved and adopted.

12b. Funding had been secured amounting to £250.00 to develop a website for the Parish Council and the funding could only be spent on website development. Website is required to meet the requirements of the transparency code applicable to small parish councils. A resident of Swindon had been approached to develop the website. Proposed Cllr Halford, Seconded by Cllr Woods. Resolved: Development of website to be progressed.

12c. Approve Payments Outstanding:

- i) Telephone bill: £188.61
- ii) SPCA Training for cllrs: £70.00.
- iii) Tables for Community Centre: £3827.82.
- iv) Signs for Community Centre car park: £30.00

- v) Tree cutting for Allotments: £650.00
- vi) Best kept Village Entry: £25.00
- vii) Insurance for Parish Council (Aon) £2024.68
- viii) Clerk's remuneration: £183.75.

Cllr Painter noted that changing insurance provider from Zurich to Aon for the Parish Council resulted in a saving of £1091.47 compared to the previous cost of £3116.15. Cllr painter also noted that Aon were selected by the National Association of Local Councils as its 'Gold plus' status partner for insurance services. Cllr Painter Proposed, Seconded by Cllr Woods. Resolved: Cheques to be signed for payments outstanding.

12d. Appoint an Internal Auditor. The meeting supported continuing to use same Internal Auditor for financial year ending 31st March 2016 for financial year ending 31st March 2017. Cllr Painter Proposed continuing with current arrangements, Seconded by Cllr Rudge. Resolved: Internal Auditor used for financial year ending 31st March 2016 will be used for financial year ending 31st March 2017.

13. Chairman's Announcements and Emergency Business.

13a. Vision and Priorities for Swindon Parish Council. Informal meeting of all Cllrs to discuss the vision and priorities proposed by Cllr Painter for the fourth Wednesday in March 2017 commencing 1930hr.

13b. Newsletter and Public Meetings. Cllr Painter proposed a newsletter every 3 months followed by a public meeting every 3 months. Next newsletter would be issued in April 2017 and the next public meeting would be in May 2017.

14. Date of next meeting

Date of next Meeting will be Wednesday 12th April 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 12th April 2017)

Enclosure:

- 1. Budget for financial year ending 31st March 2018.

BUDGET 2017 - 2018

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
Precept	18200.00	Loan Repayment	2500.00
Pitch Hire and VAT Refund	1800.00	Wages	3000.00
		Insurance	3000.00
TOTAL	20000.00	Grounds Maintenance	2500.00
		Telephone and Internet	1000.00
		Administration and Audit	1200.00
		Subscriptions	450.00
		Newsletter and Communications	500.00
		Best Kept Village	1000.00
		Grants and Charity Support	1000.00
		Outstanding Purchases	2000.00
		Miscellaneous / Improvements Community	1850.00
		TOTAL	20000.00