

Minutes 438 of Swindon Parish Council Meeting Held at 1930hr
on Wednesday 12th September 2018 at Swindon Community Centre

1. Present: Cllr Painter (Chairman), Cllr Bridgewater, Cllr Fanthom, Cllr Halford, Cllr Ingram, Cllr Robinson, County Cllr Wilson, Mrs L Hammett (Clerk).

In Attendance: Mr T Herrington, 3 other names withheld.

2. Apologies: Cllr Boote, Cllr Massey, Cllr Woods.

3. Declarations of Interest.

3a. Cllr Halford: Bowls Club.

3b. Cllr Halford and Cllr Fanthom: Swindon Community Centre Management Committee.

4. Minutes of the last meeting.

Resolved: Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 8th August 2018 were a true record and signed.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Any matters arising to be covered by Agenda.

6. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Cllr Painter confirmed that PCSOs would not be routinely attending Parish Meetings or providing crime reports as details of crime were available to the general public via the Staffordshire Police website. Crime remained relatively low in Swindon Parish.

7. Development Applications.

Site Allocation Document (SAD) had been approved by South Staffordshire District Council on 11th September 2018. A period of 6 weeks ending 24th October 2018 would commence for any legal challenge to the SAD.

8. Health and Safety and Risk Management.

Awaiting details of repair scheme for Hinksford Lane. County Councillor Wilson suggested the work will be carried out between October and December 2018. Some pavements in Winston Road have been repaired and information regarding the repair to other areas will be chased. Central heating boiler and heating system maintenance and breakdown contract needs renewing at a cost of £542.40. Resolved: Renew contract for central heating maintenance and breakdown for £542.40. Wall at the entrance to the playing field has been knocked down and the Cricket Club will be arranging for it to be repaired. Defibrillators were discussed along with the first aid training and CPR.

9. Correspondence.

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

9a. Correspondence received raising concerns about a bonfire and effect on horses in adjacent fields in a field. Cllr Painter has responded that the matter is not Parish Council business.

9b. South Staffordshire District Council have forwarded a bill for repair to a lamppost but it was on public footway and was not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

9c. Correspondence received from South Staffordshire District Council requesting information on the removal of shrubs from outside the shops. Details of work completed and the 3 cllrs involved provided.

9d. Correspondence received from Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) regarding a complaint received relating to the release of information. Complaint was not upheld and ICO required no further action by Parish Council.

10. Community Benefit.

St John's Church had welcomed the purchase of new display boards. A newsletter and public meeting would be generated once details of the repair details for Hinksford Lane were known. The option of providing a 'Silent Soldier' to commemorate the 100 year Armistice is ongoing, The option of providing more Christmas lights was discussed.

11. Budgets and Accounts for Payment.

11a. Approve Payments Outstanding:

- i) Clerk Remuneration: £200.00.
- ii) Central heating service and maintenance contract: £542.40.
- iii) Web hosting renewal: £250.00.
- iv) BT Telephone and Internet: £240.08.

Resolved: Cheques to be signed for payments outstanding.

12. Chairman's Announcements and Emergency Business.

12a. Bowls Club open day went well and raised the profile of the Club.

12b. A framed Best Kept Village certificate will be presented to St John's Primary School to recognise their efforts towards the "Highly Commended" award.

12c. Cllr Painter attended Wolverhampton Airport liaison meeting today. The Airport are investigating ways of broadening their business base which will not include any large aircraft using the facility.

12d. The Parish Summit would take place on Friday 28th September 2018 at South Staffordshire District Council Offices commencing 0900hrs and all Cllrs were encouraged to attend.

12e. Cllr Wilson outlined possible changes to be implemented by Staffordshire County Council (SCC) in order to reduce operational costs and provide savings in order to meet shortfalls and balance budgets. A full statement from SCC would be made in due course.

13. Date of the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be on 10th October 2018 at 1930hr. As there was no other business the Meeting was closed at 21:05hr

Signed: Chairman. Dated:

(Original copy signed and dated on 10th October 2018)