

Present: Cllrs Mr S Massey (Chairman), Mrs P Halford, Mrs D Chandler, Mr A Osbourne, Mrs L Page, Dr R Painter, Mr G Fanthom, Mr S Hewitt

Also, present Mrs J Cree –Clerk and a member of the public.

109/24. Apologies for Absence

All members were present.

110/24. To fill the councillor vacancy via co-option

No candidates have come forward, so the vacancy remains open. There are posters on the noticeboard and the website still advertising the vacancy.

111/24. To receive any information on Crime and Anti-social Behaviour.

There was no Police report to be circulated to members as it is now quarterly.

The Chairman has received a number of complaints regards to the riding of electric scrambler type bikes by children in Winston Rd, this has been reported to PCSO's who have visited the address where they live to provide advice.

The Chairman will mention the speeding that occurs in the early hours to the PCSO's to see if they can be around to help catch them.

112/24. Declarations of Councillors' Interest.

Cllrs Mr G Fanthom, Mrs L Page and Mr S Massey re affirmed that having previously declared an interest as they are serving members of Swindon Community Centre.

113/24. To receive for confirmation and adoption, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th July 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th July 2024 were proposed by Cllr Mr S Massey and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Page and were agreed.

114/24. County Councillor to address the Council on any matters relevant to the Parish

County Cllr Mrs V Wilson was not in attendance, so this was deferred until the next meeting.

It was noted that there have been road closures that have not been told to the bus company. It was proposed by Cllr Dr R Painter to write to Cllr Mrs V Wilson to ask why Hinksford and Wombourne Road were closed without official closure notice, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs P Halford and on a vote was carried.

Dr R Painter noted from the Kinver meeting that Cllr Mrs V Wilson reported that in future Staffordshire County Council will take into account the number of complaints along with the category of road complaints.

115/24. To discuss Development Applications received, decisions and appeals.

New applications

24/00632/FUL Part Retrospective Demolition of Existing Buildings and Proposed Redevelopment to Include Erection of Nine New Houses with Associated Access, Parking and Garden Areas (resubmission of application ref. 19/00989/FUL). Location: Prime Oak Whitehouse Lane Swindon

It was proposed by Cllr Dr R Painter and seconded by Cllr Mr G Fanthom to make the following comments “If this application is approved that the S106 allocation should not be decided until discussions have taken place with the Parish Council, on how those funds allocated could be used in the Parish to benefit the residents of Swindon”.

As a point of order Cllr Dr R Painter requested he wanted a formal apology from the Chairman for a comment he made, the Chairman continued with the meeting.

24/00415/COUM Proposed extension and alterations to existing, established fenced dog walking and exercising facility with associated car parking Location: Smestow Grange Farm Smestow Road Swindon

It was agreed to Cllr Mr S Masey proposed and Cllr Mr G Fanthom seconded to make the comment to approve the development but if the business ceases to trade then the area should be returned back to the previous condition of Greenbelt land. On a vote this was carried.

116/24. To receive an update and discuss grounds maintenance / repairs at the playing fields and the village

The Chairman reported that he has put forward ideas for a grant for village improvements, the ideas were circulated to members and the following items were circulated:-

1. New Bench outside community centre
2. New Bench at Hinksford mobile home park
3. Create Pavement between canal and brook bridge (opposite community centre)
4. Re lining of car park at playing fields, plus additional lining for parking area and hatched area for emergency vehicles
5. Digital kiosk at Community centre, interactive screen to display the large number of photos SPC have been gifted to tell the story of Swindon / steel works
6. Cllr Mr S Hewitt suggested exercise equipment for playing fields

There was a drop in event at Codsall for ideas / information and Cllr Dr R Painter attended and he raised the pavement idea (this would be joint enterprise with the County and would need to be undertaken by an approved County Contractor, but may be an option) and the Gym Equipment idea this may not be supported. All of the projects have to be match funded. The Chairman is liaising with the officer at SSDC who is organising the grants and they have advised him to get quotes for the works to be pavements to put forward.

Trysull Tigers have accepted the Councils proposal to increase the ground rent from £500.00 to £625.00, and the additional income will contribute towards the increase in grounds maintenance costs which the Council will see in 2025/26.

Help has been requested from a resident in Winston Road, needs help with some garden work, the Housing officer is coming out next week and the Chairman will ask for his help and advice.

The Playground Inspection has taken place, there is nothing worthy of note that differs from previous

years, all items were noted as low risk, including the wet pour surface and the Council should still look towards making good the surfaces maybe early 2025. This was noted.

The Chairman reported that the barrier at the playing fields has been replaced and paid for by Dudley MBC Insurers.

The dog waste dispenser is being well used and is being topped up regularly.

For Information the Bowls Club have plans for some improvements and are looking for funding for new LED lighting, replacement fence (in same location as existing) two shelters. This was noted.

The leases are completed, but the original documents have not yet been returned due to the land registry having a back log and the expected return from them is October 2025.

Cllr S Hewitt has done a fantastic job on painting the railing at the Community Centre, members thanked him for his work.

117/24. Update on new SID locations

Chairman has spoken with Andy Aston at the District, due to delays with Highways/County Council Andy Aston is now seeking assistance from Morelock to erect new poles. He is awaiting costing and further updates are awaited.

SID data for August emailed to Andy Aston and all Councillors, the Chairman asked members for their ideas on what to do next. It was proposed by Cllr Mr S Massey and seconded by Cllr G Fanthom to turn off the display and review at the next meeting. On a vote this was agreed.

118/24 To discuss CCTV in the village

The Chairman reported that he has emailed Maggie Quinn again for an update, and received an out of office reply stating she was back on the 16th September. The Chairman will progress this item for the next meeting.

119/24. To appoint a new Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr Ms D Chandler and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Halford to appoint Cllr Mr G Fanthom and on a vote this was carried by majority.

120/24. To add new signatories to the bank account

It was agreed to add the Cllr G Fanthom as a full signatory with internet banking access.

121/24. To receive the report of the Clerk

The following were noted:-

SCC - Better Health Staffordshire - weight management campaign – July
SPCA - Voluntary Sector News for Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire
Update on recycling centre
Smart alert – Rural thefts
Code of conduct training 19th September 2024
SCC Climate Action Fund
SPCA – Rural speed limits

NALC Community safety survey
SCC Fixing roads
Branch over hanging Road – referred to Staffs App to report.
Kewford Eagles premises license exp Mid-August
Gambling consultation exp 30th August
Staffordshire County Council's new Communities Strategy
Home Upgrade Grants
SSDC 50th Anniversary information

Fireworks display cricket club on Friday 1st November 2024. The event will be ticketed at a maximum of 300 people, with tickets to be bought ahead of time. The fireworks display will be 10 minutes long around 7pm & will be conducted by a local professional company. There will be the bar open & a food van on site to cater for the event. Parking we will do an assessment of the carpark & make provisions and directions for extra parking needed to not effect any residents. They have looked into insurance & will source the best relevant package for the event. There will be no bonfire or sparklers. Profits from the event will go to the Jake Morris Foundation - a new local charity providing financial help and support to those experiencing the sudden loss of a young adult. The Council had no objection in principal.

It was suggested that the organisers check with SSDC to see if they need to undertake anything to comply with any rules for such events.

122/24. To agree accounts for payment

The accounts for payment are detailed below:-

Clerks Wages	£357.07 (to be paid)
Clerks HMRC	£89.20 (to be paid)
TalkTalk	£31.42 (DD)
Grounds Maintenance	£1181.10 (to be paid)
Play safety Inspection	£78.00 (to be paid)
Access Barriers	£1155.65 (to be paid)
Bryland Fire	£128.49 (paid)
Paint (railings)	£25.98 (invoice to be supplied)

Incoming

Insurance	£1192.50 + vat
Trysull Tigers	£500.00
Interest	£70.91

It was proposed by Cllr Mr S Massey and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Halford to accept the accounts for payment above. On a vote this was agreed.

123/24. Items for future agendas (to be submitted by the 1st October to Chairman and Clerk for consideration)

124/24. Date of next meeting – Thursday 10th October 2024 at 7.15pm

Meeting closed 8.18pm