

Minutes of the Annual Parish Swindon Parish Council Meeting held at 6.30pm on Thursday 12th May 2022 at Swindon Community Centre

Present: Cllr Mr S Massey (Chairman), Cllr Mrs V Boote (Vice Chair), Cllr Mrs P Halford, Cllr Dr R Painter, Ms D Chandler, Mr D Piper, Cllr Miss C Pratt, Mr G Fanthom.

Also, present Miss J Cree—Locum Clerk,

1. Welcome from Chairman of the Parish Council ~ Councillor Sean Massey

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting, he explained this is a meeting for the electorate of the Parish to have a say and make comments.

2. To receive Apologies of absence

An apology of absence was received from Cllr Mrs B Wood.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 28th April 2021 (held via Zoom)

The minutes of the previous year's meeting were approved as an accurate record of that meeting.

4. Parishioners Questions – An opportunity for elected members of the Parish to ask questions or raise any matters of local interest

It has been a challenging 12 months, zero documents to work from. The Parish has done well and the chairman thanked those that had supported the council.

The shop improvements, community centre refurb, this year there have been positive contributions to the community.

Reductions have been made in utility bills, the Parish Council are in a strong position and have spent the money wisely.

Dr R Painter raised

What are the views of the council re the Marina site re the increase to a 199 berth marina. He asked whether Swindon Parish Council challenge the legality of the marina.

The site is for sale would the Council contribute to the purchase?

Code of conduct / decorum is requested to be an agenda item – and will be added when the agenda is small enough.

The Chairman previously declared an interest in the April Annual Meeting 2021, Dr R Painter asked why the Chairman did not declare an interest and took part in the decisions re expenditure.

Standing orders were agreed to be updated in May this has not been completed.

A safety barrier was requested for the opposite side of the road, this was to be looked at to stop vehicles. Cllr Mr G Fanthom answered that this barrier was to be funded from the High Street fund but this could not be used for this fund. He is talking to the County on this matter, their initially response was that it was not feasible. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting for an update.

Mr D Piper asked what can the Council do about speed and quantity of traffic through the Parish. Also, the Himley traffic light priorities need reviewing a 4 sequence lights would be better than a 3 way sequence that is currently in place. These issues are the responsibility of the County Council and perhaps the County Councillor could help with this matter.

Meeting was closed at 19.00pm