

## **WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the  
**LEISURE AND AMENITIES MEETING**  
on **WEDNESDAY 06 SEPTEMBER 2017** at **6.00pm** at **WEST SWINDON LIBRARY**

### **Present:**

Cllr Vinay Kumar  
Cllr Timothy Makofu  
Cllr Nick Martin  
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith  
Cllr Matt Walker (Vice Chair)

### **Officers:**

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: Two

### **Public Session:**

A resident asked whether or not Toothill would be getting a noticeboard? The Chair indicated that one would be considered once there was a clearer understanding about potential changes at the village centre. In the meantime, the Toothill Community Centre had given permission to share their exterior noticeboard with the Parish Council.

The resident asked if work would be done on hedges at Stamford Close and fly tipping removed from Flint Hill. The Chair noted the issues.

Mr Roger Ogle asked if the Committee would be considering wildflower planting for West Swindon. This would support local conservation. Cllr Sydney Smith reported on a visit to Park Farm. Mr Ogle suggested that John Ball, resident in Grange Park might be interested in assisting the Parish with wildflower planting. The Chair suggested the Parish Manager liaise with Mr Ogle to progress this discussion further.

Cllr Matt Walker joined the meeting.

Meeting opened 6.02 pm.

Cllr Nick Martin chaired the meeting.

### **127. Apologies**

Cllr Matthew Courtliff  
Cllr Nigel Gibbons  
Cllr Ellen Heavens  
Cllr Tim Swinyard

**128. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

None

**129. Noticeboards (Minute 101)**

The Parish Manager reported that Property Services were finalising a Licence for the installation of a noticeboard at Shaw Village Centre. The Parish Manager reminded councillors of the design submitted previously by the Parish Noticeboard Company. With installation, this is likely to be a cost in the region of £900. Councillors confirmed the location by the circular bench, and, agreed that a green noticeboard would be preferred. The Parish Manager reported that Tesco's at Freshbrook village centre have confirmed that the Parish Council can use the window adjacent to the cashpoint for notices but would prefer it if this was in the style of a hook up board. The Parish Manager reported that to have a board made would be in the region of £120. Freshbrook Community Centre have also confirmed access to their front facing window for notices.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Manager

- To progress the installation of a green metal noticeboard at Shaw Village Centre subject to the relevant permissions and agreeing the licence with Property Services.
- Works with Tesco's at Freshbrook Village Centre to install a small noticeboard in the store window

**130. Review of Litter Bins (Minute 102)**

The Parish Manager submitted a report regarding litter bins within the Parish a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. The Parish Manager agreed to arrange a site visit at Freshbrook Village Centre to review and potentially relocate the current provision of bins.

**RECOMMENDED** that Council agrees a budget of £6,854 to be allocated to renewal and installation of dual purpose bins in 2017/2018.

**Budget:** 4890 Litter/Dog Bins £1,000 Vire remainder from 4870 Street Furniture/Art £1,000, 4880 Seats £2,000, 4820 General Maintenance £2,854.

**Power:** Provision of bins, Litter Act 1983, ss.5, 6

**RESOLVED** that:

- a) The Committee agrees the areas proposed in the litter bin report, exact locations to be subject to confirmation via a site visit.

**131. Belsay Fencing Request (Minute 103)**

The Parish Manager gave a verbal update on the costs associated with the replacement of fencing at Belsay/Idovers Drive in Toothill. The Committee considered the quotes for the work provided by Streetsmart, Kudos Fencing and LWBC Building Services.

**RESOLVED** that:

- a) The Parish Manager confirms Kudos Fencing to undertake the fencing work quoted At £2478 including VAT.

**Budget:** Vire from 4830 Tree Maintenance

**Power:** Power to maintain open spaces, Open Spaces Act 1906 ss.10

**132. Planting (Minute 104)**

The Committee considered possible locations for spring bulb planting as set out By Mr Martin Hambidge, Swindon Borough Council, Streetsmart.

In terms of wildflower planting, the Committee recognised that wildflower planting required specialist maintenance and would need a designated space.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) Two locations to be identified including an option for bulb planting that is visible off road. Responses to be collated by the Parish Manager and reported to Streetsmart. Confirmed as Blagrove/Whitehill Way entrance and Shaw Ridge open space.
- b) The Parish Manager to liaise with Roger Ogle and Streetsmart to identify potential areas to trial wildflower planting such as Peatmoor Lagoon.

**133. Play Areas (Minute 105)**

Councillors received a report outlining condition of play areas in West Swindon. Councillors considered three options; closure, replacing current provision or replacement with alternative equipment e.g. outdoor fitness equipment.

**RESOLVED:**

- a) that the Parish Manager to arrange for site visits to those play areas listed for priority action
- b) that the Parish Manager identifies population information to help inform decision making relating to local demand for play areas, to be reported to a future meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.16 pm.

Signed: .....  
Chair, Leisure and Amenities Committee

Date: .....