

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
on **MONDAY 30 OCTOBER 2017** at **6.30pm**
at **WEST SWINDON LIBRARY**

Present:

Cllr Nick Martin (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Matthew Courtliff
Cllr Stephanie Exell
Cllr Suresh Gattapur
Cllr Ellen Heavens
Cllr Vinay Kumar
Cllr John Lenton
Cllr Timothy Makofu
Cllr Mary Martin
Cllr Peter Stoddart
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith
Cllr Matt Walker
Cllr Keith Williams

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: Eighteen

Cllr Nick Martin chaired the meeting.

Public Session:

Kevin Fisher, Shaw Residents Association asked that the Parish Council gives its support to protect Lydiard Park in perpetuity and create an environment of protection through the establishment of the 'Essential Setting' as described in the document for discussion under Item 11 on the Agenda. Mr Fisher reported that support was also being sought from local Members of Parliament. Once wide endorsement is secured, it would be released publicly and submitted to Swindon Borough Council.

Jane Francis submitted questions on behalf of Toothill Community Centre Charity. The Chair advised a written response would be provided. Cllr Exell asked that the questions be answered. Following a debate, Cllr Williams proposed that a meeting be convened outside of public question time to enable Councillors to understand the issues.

Mr Gould reported that there had been 9 grass cuts inclusive in his area.

Meeting start 6.50 pm

175. Apologies

Cllr Tim Swinyard
Cllr Nigel Gibbons

176. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Cllr Exell declared a personal interest as a Member of the Swindon Borough Council's Planning Committee in Item 11. and took no part in the discussion thereof.

177. Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25 September 2017 be confirmed and adopted.

178. Minutes of the Leisure and Amenities Committee

RESOLVED that Recommendation (Minute 161) that the Conditions of Tenancy Agreement for Allotment Holders be adopted.

RESOLVED that West Swindon Parish Council offers a discounted rate to allotment holders living within the Parish at £45.90 for a full plot (£61.20 living outside of the Parish) and £22.95 for a half plot (£30.60 living outside of the Parish).

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting held on Wednesday 4th October 2017 be confirmed and adopted.

179. Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 9 October 2017 be confirmed and adopted.

180. Minutes of Finance and Staffing Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance and Staffing Committee meeting held on Monday 9 October 2017 be confirmed and adopted.

181. Update from Swindon Borough Councillors

Cllr Matthew Courtliff reported that work to tackle the pavement parking issue was ongoing. Swindon Borough Council are using statutory powers under the Road Traffic Act and looking at what enforcement measures might be used to resolve some of the current issues.

Cllr Mary Martin as the Council's Cabinet member covering Highways, agreed that work was progressing with active work on pavement parking. Junction 16 improvement work is also on track for completion in Spring 2018. A Government Grant is enabling work to review Mead Way including widening the approaches to allow two lane stacking at Bridgemead and next roundabouts.

Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith highlighted road work impacting on Hook Street. The single track, one way is meant to lessen the impact of Junction 16.

Cllr Keith Williams reported changes to the reporting forms available to residents on the

Swindon Borough Council's website www.swindon.gov.uk with 40% of new services taking place online.

182. Reports from Parish Council Representatives

Cllr Matt Walker reported that he had attended Shaw Ridge Primary School to support pupils discussion and debate promoting the value of democracy.

183. Report from the Chair

The Chair had not provided a report.

184. Appointments and Vacancies

The Chair asked for confirmation of representatives to attend the Swindon Area Committee of the Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (SAC WALC)

RESOLVED that Cllr Vinay Kumar and Cllr Ellen Heavens to represent the West Swindon Parish Council at SAC WALC.

The Chair reported that Cllr Ellen Heavens had resigned from the Leisure and Amenities Committee due to other commitments resulting in a vacancy on that Committee.

185. Lydiard Park Essential Setting Statement

The Chair proposed that the Parish Council support the proposal to form a shared agreement to protect the Essential Setting of Lydiard Park.

RESOLVED that a letter of support be sent from the West Swindon Parish Council to Mr Kevin Fisher to support the protection of the Essential Setting at Lydiard House and Park.

(Cllr Exell requested that her vote be recorded : abstained)

The meeting closed at 7.11 pm

Signed.....

Date.....
Chair of the Council