

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
LEISURE AND AMENITIES MEETING
on **WEDNESDAY 01 NOVEMBER** at **6.00pm** at **WEST SWINDON LIBRARY**

Present:

Cllr Matthew Courtliff (Chair)
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

186. Apologies

Cllr Suresh Gattapur
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Ellen Heavens

187. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 as a resident of Loughborough Close and took no part in the discussion thereof.

188. Noticeboards (Minute 157)

The Parish Manager reported that the Licence had been signed and agreed, the metal noticeboard for Shaw Village Centre was on order and should be installed before the end of December. Signage for the inside of the library had been ordered.

The noticeboard for Tesco's at Freshbrook was progressing but needed sign off by the Manager at Tesco's. Notices have been going up at Toothill Village Centre.

189. Review of Litter Bins (Minute 158)

The Parish Manager reported that progress had stalled as the Parish Council is waiting for the delivery of the new litter bins. Once confirmed, the exact locations can be confirmed by members of the Committee.

190. Planting (Minute 159)

The Parish Manager reported that the bulbs were due to be planted and circulated a

quote from Mr Paul Davies at Streetsmart, for bedding plants for the planters on Wootton Bassett Road, this is attached as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. Central North Parish Council are considering part payment. In terms of developing wildflowers, a meeting was planned with Swindon FAB and an update would be given at the next meeting.

RESOLVED

- a) that an order be placed for bedding plants for the planters on Wootton Bassett Road as quoted for Summer £352.80 and Winter/Spring £252.00.
- b) bulb planting be allocated in the draft budget for 2018/2019

191. Play Areas (Minute 160)

The Parish Manager reported that no feedback from Bevirs Solicitors on the draft play area lease had been received to date. Annual inspections had been booked with the Play Inspection Company and were expected to take place in December 2017. The Parish Manager circulated a draft letter and survey form, this is attached as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Manager initiates the consultation with residents in the Elm Ridge area about local preferences for future use of the current play area and provides a Summary Report to the next meeting of this Committee.

192. Fencing

The Parish Manager reported that two requests for fencing had been made to the Parish Council. Fencing around a culvert that runs behind Loughborough Close and along the boundary of Great Western Way and Toothill Park. The Parish Manager had undertaken site visits with Streetsmart. Streetsmart advised that the majority of the Toothill Park boundary has an existing fence with thick bramble which is likely to impede loose dogs. Where Toothill Park descends into the subway, it is more open and this could benefit from some form of fencing. Fencing could be installed over the culvert at Loughborough Close however there would need to be permission from the landowner who is likely to be the developer of the Oatlands estate. The Parish Manager confirmed that residents had requested assistance with reducing the hedgerow at the rear of Loughborough Close. Streetsmart had advised that it was possible that machinery could reach to take the hedgerow back. There is an existing barbed wire fence which would need to be avoided as well as issues about land ownership to resolve.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Manager reports to the next meeting with estimated costs for fencing at Toothill Park and Loughborough Close.

Meeting closed at 6.43 pm.

Signed:
Chair, Leisure and Amenities Committee

Date: