

## **WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

### **Present:**

Cllr Matthew Courtliff (Chair)  
Cllr Suresh Gattapur  
Cllr Timothy Makofu  
Cllr Nick Martin  
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith

### **Officers:**

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

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### **220. Apologies**

Cllr Nigel Gibbons  
Cllr Vinay Kumar  
Cllr Matt Walker (Vice Chair)

### **221. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

None

### **222. Noticeboards (Minute 157) and Litter Bins (Minute 130)**

The Parish Manager reported that the Parish Council was awaiting a date for installation for the Shaw Village Centre noticeboard and the window frame for the West Swindon Library was scheduled for Tuesday 12 December 17.

The Parish Manager reported that it had been confirmed that 18 new litter bins were on order but no time for delivery had been specified. It was expected that installation would place in January to February.

### **223. Logo Competition**

The Parish Manager reported that one entry for the Logo Competition had been received. In addition, a small group of students at Lydiard Park Academy were working on a logo. An update will be given to the Committee in the New Year.

### **224. Elm Ridge Play Area (Minute 191)**

The Parish Manager provided a report on the outcome of the consultation from Elm Ridge in Shaw, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. The Parish Manager

provided a summary of the questionnaires, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Manager secures design proposals for new equipment at Elm Ridge and then Committee members will undertake further local consultation.

**225. Fencing (Minute 192)**

The Parish Manager provided a report regarding a request for fencing at the underpass from Toothill Park to Blagrove, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. A quote was provided which appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Manager commissions the installation of a fence as quoted.

**226. Project Skylark**

The Parish Manager circulated a proposal from Swindon Flowers and Butterflies (FAB), a copy of which appears as **Appendix E** in the Minute Book.

Standing Orders were suspended at 6.22 pm to enable a presentation and dialogue with Mr John Ball.

Standing Orders were resumed at 6.37 pm.

**RESOLVED** that members of the Leisure and Amenities Committee undertake a site visit to Shaw Ridge with Mr John Ball and further operational requirements are considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

**227. West Words Grant Application**

The Parish Manager circulated a report and grant application called West Words a copy of which appears as **Appendix F** in the Minute Book. The project proposes to bring together former pupils who originally wrote a poem about West Swindon together with current pupils to revisit the poem and document the process.

Standing Orders were suspended at 6.40 pm to enable a presentation and dialogue with Mr Rogle Ogle, Mr Keith Phillips and Ms Cathy Urquhart.

Standing Orders were resumed at 6.55 pm

**RESOLVED** that a grant of £2,000 be awarded to West Words.  
Budget: 4510 Community Grants.

**228. Allotment Signs**

The Parish Manager submitted a report to purchase additional Caution signs for the approaches to the Allotment site on the Blagrove cycle path, a copy of which appears as **Appendix G** in the Minute Book.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Manager purchase the signs as quoted.

**229. Blagrove Roundabout**

The Parish Manager circulated a quote from Mr Rob Core, setting out costs for renewal of planting and maintenance of Blagrove roundabout following the loss of corporate sponsorship, a copy of which appears as **Appendix H** in the Minute Book.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Manager makes further enquiries into how the sponsorship has worked in the past and relative costs.

Meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

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

Date: .....

