

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
LEISURE AND AMENITIES MEETING
on **WEDNESDAY 07 FEBRUARY 2018** at **6.00pm** at **WEST SWINDON LIBRARY**

Present:

Cllr Matthew Courtliff (Chair)
Cllr Suresh Gattapur
Cllr Timothy Makofu
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith
Cllr Matt Walker (Vice Chair)

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: Four

Public Participation:

Resident asked if the Parish Council planned any activities for the Great British Spring Clean week. Chair advised that this would be posted on the website.

Resident asked about bins on Stokesay Drive, Affleck Close and Conisborough. Chair advised that the first phase of new bins was underway and a second phase would follow shortly.

Resident advised that litter was visible along the perimeter fencing of Lydiard Park Academy and the alleyway behind Hazelwood Academy. Chair advised that this was noted for communication to the schools.

Resident asked Councillors to be aware that the large building empty by the Renault building had been vacant for over 17 years and had potential for residential. Chair advised that this was not owned by the Parish Council but was duly noted for the future.

281. Apologies

Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Vinay Kumar
Cllr Nick Martin

282. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None

283. Update on Logos (Minute 255)

The Parish Manager updated and circulated ideas for a logo for the Parish Council, copies attached as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. Councillors agreed that the logo should be amended with

- a circular design
- compact with the name of the Parish Council within the design
- incorporate different types of leaves

RESOLVED that revisions be presented to the next Leisure and Amenities Committee.

284. Update on Play Areas/Play Area Inspections

The Parish Manager circulated a report on the Play Area Inspections, a copy of which is attached as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. The Parish Manager also circulated a letter from Councillor Mary Martin, a copy of which is attached as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. A refurbishment list was circulated, a copy of which is attached as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book. Councillors discussed the report and considered those play areas that were highlighted as a priority for updating and renewal.

Councillors agreed that the Inspection Reports highlighted a number of maintenance activities that could be addressed and in so doing, would be visible but low cost improvements. This would be a maintenance programme comprising treatment of rust, repaint where appropriate, replace rotten timber, top up bark, pressure clean all surface areas and replace missing fixings

RECOMMENDED that a maintenance budget of up to £9,000 be allocated from the current 'General Maintenance' (4590) budget to undertake a maintenance as highlighted in the Play Inspection Reports. Public Health Act 1875, Section 164.

RESOLVED that the Committee members undertake visits to the play areas highlighted for potential improvement/investment: Clay Pits, Clayhill Copse and Middlelease Park

285. Update on Allotments

The Parish Manager provided a report setting out potential investigation into additional allotments in West Swindon, a copy of which appears as **Appendix E** in the Minute Book. Councillors agreed that whilst Blagrove was at full capacity with a waiting list, the scale of demand for allotments was unclear.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager makes preliminary investigations into the potential sites; including archaeology, permissions, installation/infrastructure and access costs.

286. Update on Litter Bins

The Parish Manager reported that new Parish Council bins were currently being installed in locations previously proposed by the Parish Council. If existing bins were in good condition in these locations, these would also remain in situ, however if bins were damaged or in poor repair, they would be replaced by the new bin.

The Parish Manager indicated that a list of locations for new bins in Phase Two, had so far identified that bins were required in Freshbrook (adjacent to bus stops in Freshbrook Way and Gainsborough Way), walkway from Asda through to Westlea School, cycle path from West Swindon District Centre to Freshbrook.

RESOLVED that feedback on the new bins would be considered by the Committee prior to initiating a second phase.

Meeting closed 7.00 pm.

Signed:
Chair, Leisure and Amenities Committee

Date: