

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
on **WEDNESDAY 4 JULY 2018** at **6.00pm** at **WEST SWINDON LIBRARY**

Present:

Cllr Suresh Gattapur
Cllr Vinay Kumar
Cllr Timothy Makofu
Cllr Caryl Sydney-Smith (Chair)

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)
Leanne Curtis (Assistant Clerk)

Public: 4.

Public Participation:

Resident asked if anyone knew whether Toothill surgery was closing. The Chair advised that the surgery was grouping with other practices so would remain open but clinics and appointments might be offered at other surgeries such as Moredon.

Resident (John Ball) updated on work that he and other volunteers had been undertaking at Shaw Ridge. This included creating pathways through the copse and supporting the wildflower meadow work. Anyone interested can join the group who meet at Shaw Ridge on the second Saturday of each month for a couple of hours. The Chair thanked the resident for their contribution.

Resident suggested that Lydiard Park Academy pupils could help with the Parish newsletter which could support learning about journalism. The Chair thanked the resident for their suggestion.

Resident suggested that the litter bin poster windows could include messages designed by young people. The Chair advised that this was under consideration and thanked the resident for their suggestion.

Meeting start 6.14 pm.

77. Apologies

Cllr Matthew Courtliff (Vice Chair)
Cllr Steph Exell
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Nick Martin
Cllr Tim Swinyard
Cllr Matthew Walker

78. Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation

None.

79. Update on Play Area Tendering

The Parish Manager gave an update on the play area tendering process, the closing date is Friday 6th July.

RESOLVED that Councillors meet with the Parish Manager on Monday 9th July at 11.00 am to Review tenders received.

80. Play Area Gates - Inspections

The Parish Manager gave a report on play area gates a copy of which appears in the Minute Book as **Appendix A**. Gates are tested on a weekly inspection cycle. Councillors identified a range of options, suggestions included hydraulic closures, rubber stoppers, and sensors.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager reports back on other safety options for Play Area gates.

81. Wildflower Meadows

Mr John Ball (Swindon FAB) gave an update on the Wildflower Meadows.

Lydiard Turkeys farm undertook the first cut on 4th July and it went well. Residents were interested in what was going on and it would be useful to have a communication about the meadows. Meadow areas to be monitored over the next month and later cuts to be reviewed depending on the weather and growth. The Chair thanked Mr Ball and his volunteers for their time and enthusiasm.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager updates the website and newsletter with information about the meadows.

82. Update on Litter Bins

The Parish Manager gave an update on litter bins, they have been ordered and now waiting on a delivery and installation date. The Parish Manager circulated a quote for narrow bins designed to replace post mounted bins, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Further requests for litter bins have been received and site requests noted.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager reports a list of post mounted bin requirements to the next meeting.

83. Westlea Park and Pond

The Parish Manager circulated a report on Westlea Park, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. As it's a static pond it has not been cleaned for a long time, so there is rubbish and wild overgrowth. Suggestions were made around wildflowers and creating a small fence to the play area side of the pond. There has been resident interest in sponsoring a bench.

RESOLVED that

- a) The Parish Manager seeks support and advice to enable safe cleaning and pond restoration.
- b) The Parish Manager investigates the cost of replacing the Thamesdown sign at Westlea Park.

- c) The Parish Manager instructs Streetsmart to remove the willow and brambles around the pond perimeter.

83. Parish Newsletter

The Parish Manager gave an update on parish newsletter styles and costs, a copy of the report appears **Appendix D** in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that this is an item for discussion on the agenda for the next Full Council Meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8th August 7.00 pm.

Meeting closed 7.09 pm.

Signed:
Chair, Leisure & Amenities Committee

Date: