

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
on **WEDNESDAY 8TH AUGUST 2018** at 7.00pm at **WEST SWINDON LIBRARY**

Present:

Cllr Steph Exell
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Vinay Kumar
Cllr Timothy Makofu
Cllr Nick Martin
Cllr Caryl Sydney-Smith (Chair)

Also in attendance: Cllr Mary Martin, Cllr Keith Williams

Officers:

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

Public: Eight.

Public Participation:

Resident asked for date on installation of new litter bins. Chair confirmed that bins had been purchased but no delivery date agreed.

Resident suggested that the Litter and Flytipping Working Party consider community skips to enable people to dispose of bulky waste. Chair confirmed this would be passed on to the Working Party.

Meeting start 19.02 pm.

110. Apologies

Cllr Matthew Courtliff (Vice Chair)
Cllr Suresh Gattapur
Cllr Tim Swinyard
Cllr Matthew Walker

111. Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation

Cllr Sydney Smith declared an interest as a member of Toothill Big Local Committee in respect of Agenda Item no.3.

Standing Orders suspended 19.03 pm

Toothill Big Local (TBL) Chair, Mrs Kareen Boyd, addressed the Committee. Mrs Boyd indicated that TBL had a budget in the region of £15,000 for improvements to outside areas including bins and benches at Flint Hill, Bellver, Toothill Park and Shellfinch play area. TBL hoped to work in collaboration with the Parish Council to assist and support ongoing maintenance.

Standing Orders reinstated 19.14 pm

112. Toothill Big Local Update

RESOLVED that Councillors continue to discuss the matter with TBL and considers costed proposals from Toothill Big Local at a future meeting.

113. Westlea Pond

The Parish Manager circulated a report on Westlea Play Area, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the retaining walls be replaced and decking reviewed in the Spring.

RESOLVED that a site visit is agreed for Toothill Pond.

114. Social Media & Communication

The Assistant Clerk reported that a *share to facebook* link had been created on the Parish Council's website. An Instagram account had been set up for the Parish Council. Councillors considered the option of creating a Parish Council facebook page. Councillors asked for checks to be undertaken to restrict facebook posts without a comments function before any Facebook page is set up.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Instagram Account is progressed and goes live
- b) an online reporting form is added to the Parish Council's website

115. Play Area Tenders

The Parish Manager gave an update on play area tenders and circulated a report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Councillors reviewed the submissions.

RECOMMENDED that Hags-SMP be appointed as the preferred contractor for the play area upgrades of Camden Close (£25,000) and Middlelease/Saltway (£80,000) and Sutcliffe Play South West be appointed as the preferred contractor for the play area upgrades at Clayhill Copse (£25,000) and Claypits (£25,000) with installation instructed for Autumn 2018.

Budget: 4720 Play Renewal Fund (£155,000)

Power: Power to provide a wide range of recreational facilities Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th September 6.00 pm.

Meeting closed 20.02 pm.

Signed:
Chair, Leisure & Amenities Committee

Date: