

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
on **MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2018 at 6.00pm at WEST SWINDON LIBRARY**

Present:

Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith (Chair)
Cllr Steph Exell
Cllr Suresh Gattapur
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Prakash Khaitan
Cllr Vinay Kumar
Cllr Tim Makofu
Cllr Nick Martin

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: Seven

Public Participation:

Mavis Read from Toothill Youth Club asked Councillors when considering the grant application to be aware that Swindon Borough Council had not been responsive to requests to sort out the lease for the Youth Club. With a tenancy at will, the Youth Club was seeking a more secure lease arrangement but it was taking a long time and may not be resolved within the current financial year. The Chair advised that this would be considered when discussing Item 8 on the Agenda.

Meeting start 6.10 pm.

230. Apologies

Cllr Tim Swinyard

231. Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation

Cllr Makofu advised that he had a connection as a service user with Toothill Tinies Agenda item 8.

232. Smoke Free Parks

Ms Chris Woodward, Public Health Programme Manager gave a presentation introducing the concept of smoke free parks. Ms Woodward advised that this initiative would aim to discourage adults from smoking in children's play areas. This is part of a wider strategy to reduce illegal sales of tobacco, promote smoking cessation and encourage a smoke free environment. Ms Woodward answered questions relating to the initiative.

RESOLVED that West Swindon Parish Council participates in Smoke Free Parks.

233. Prinnels Pond Update

The Parish Manager circulated a report setting out a schedule of works for the Prinnels pond, a copy of which is attached as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. Councillors considered the report and discussed the future of the structure for a life ring.

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Works for the Prinnels pond is approved.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager seeks quotes for the potential reinstatement of the life ring

234. Toothill/Westlea Pond Updates

The Parish Manager gave a verbal update. The work at Toothill pond has been completed with the exception of the installation of oak posts around the perimeter; these should be installed in the next month.

Westlea pond has had the digger remove debris from the top of the pond. The area is too wet to do any further work. Residents will monitor the natural perimeter of the pond over the next few months. This will enable a better understanding of where decking should go. Both ponds will require a review in the Spring.

235. Noticeboard - Westlea

Councillors received a written report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Councillors discussed the condition and suitability of the existing structure.

6.42 pm The Chair suspended Standing Orders to allow a resident to speak about the noticeboard.

6.44 pm The Chair reinstated Standing Orders.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager investigates ownership of the existing structure with a view to replacing it with a standard Parish noticeboard.

236. Play Areas

The Parish Manager gave a verbal update on the refurbishment of play areas. Clayhill Copse play area was opened formally on Saturday 8th December. Claypits play area has been completed however there were a number of minor problems regarding the installation that need to be resolved. Camden Close is complete however it awaiting a renewal of the perimeter fencing. It is planned for this work to be completed by 23rd December.

Middleleaze/Saltway play area is scheduled to begin in mid January 2019. Residents in the near vicinity will be sent a letter in the New Year.

237. Grant Applications

Councillors considered three grant applications a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

- Toothill Tinies applied for a grant of £1500 to extend existing activities and purchase equipment for the Friday Club.

RESOLVED that the grant application from Toothill Tinies is approved.

- Peatmoor Woodland Group applied for a grant for £1500 to purchase materials to replace the boardwalk, £1000 to commission a new management plan and £350 to part fund a beehive. Total grant request £2850.

RESOLVED that the grant application from Peatmoor Woodland Group is approved.

- Toothill Youth Club applied for a Buildings Fund grant to support the replacement of windows at Toothill Farmhouse. Quotes were submitted to support the application. The Committee acknowledged that without the lease in place, the repairing responsibilities of the Youth Club were unclear. The Committee acknowledged that the Youth Club were waiting to have lease finalised.

RECOMMENDED that the Building Grant funding allocated to Toothill Farmhouse site be reserved for a further six months to allow the issues involving lease arrangements to be resolved.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14th January 2019 at 6.00 pm.

Meeting closed 7.45 pm.

Signed:
Chair, Leisure & Amenities Committee

Date: