

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: Eight

Public Participation:

Resident queried the provision of uniform/livery and costs associated with it. Resident advised that magnetic vehicle signs were not always safe or effective. The Chair confirmed that the principle would be considered as part of that item on the Agenda.

Resident asked if the website could include a map of play areas. The Chair agreed this would be a good idea and advised the website would be updated accordingly.

Resident asked if the bins at Gainsborough Way bus stops were still progressing. The Parish Manager confirmed these were on the list of locations.

Resident queried whether main roads were regularly litter picked. Another Resident advised that roads such as Whitehill Way and Tewkesbury Way don't get done. The Chair advised that with the exception of Great Western Way, the main roads are on a 3-4 weekly cycle of litter removal.

Resident asked for a progress update on abandoned house on Oakham Close. The Chair advised there was no progress to date.

Meeting start 6.10 pm.

299. Apologies

Cllr Matthew Courtliff – work commitment.
Apologies accepted and approved.

300. Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation

None.

301. West Swindon Play Areas

The Parish Manager updated the Committee that work had now been completed at Clayhill Copse and Claypits. Camden Close needed adjustments which were underway with the contractor. Middleleaze play area is nearing completion with an opening planned for the end of March. The Parish Manager advised that discussions were underway with residents in Toothill about play ideas and needs. Play facilities at Flint Hill (Folly Park) and Shelfinch were both part of the discussion. The group will be meeting again later in March to look at scheme ideas. Councillors agreed that it would be worth considering smaller schemes as well as well as established play areas.

302. Social Media

Councillors considered a report on social media options a copy of which is available as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. The Assistant Clerk advised that a number of conversations had been active on Facebook in recent months regarding Parish Council related issues. The Assistant Clerk proposed that a Facebook page be set up to enable monthly updates on Parish projects and a Facebook account be set up to allow interaction with other established pages. Councillors discussed the options.

Standing Orders suspended to allow for resident feedback 6.25 pm
Standing Orders resumed 6.27 pm

RESOLVED that a Facebook account and a Facebook page is created and reviewed in six months.

6.30 pm. Cllr Gattapur joined the meeting

303. Uniform/Livery

Councillors received a written report setting out the potential options to have Parish funded staff and vehicles badged with a Parish logo/label, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Councillors were advised of reports that it is difficult to visually identify Parish grounds and street cleaning crews when they are out and about.

RESOLVED that further work is undertaken to assess costs and suitable materials and reported back to a future meeting of this committee.

304. Wildflower Meadows

The Parish Manager advised that the grass cutting season was about to get underway and circulated a report confirming the locations of wild flower meadows for 2019/20, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. The new area proposed as Toothill Park would need to be assessed for access. The Lydiard Turkey's farm would also need to confirm that they would be willing to cut and bale again this year.

RESOLVED that the wildflower areas be extended to include the areas above Chandos Close and Rycote Close and potentially Toothill Park (subject to access)

305. Litter Bins

The Parish Manager reported that following on from the previous meeting, research had been undertaken to consider bins constructed of a different material. The Parish Manager circulated a sample of stainless steel bins, a copy of which appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book. Councillors requested that Mead Way bus stops be

included on the next round of bin locations. Councillors considered relative costs for installation with a fixed base and installation with a weighted base.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager issues a purchase order for steel bins, and that these be installed with weighted bases where appropriate.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 6.00 pm.

Meeting closed 7.06 pm.

Signed:
Chair, Leisure & Amenities Committee

Date:

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