

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL on
MONDAY 19 August 2019 at 7.00 pm at
WEST SWINDON LIBRARY

Present:

Cllr Mike Burtenshaw
Cllr Steph Exell
Cllr Simon Firth
Cllr Geoff Gould
Cllr Prakash Khaitan
Cllr Nick Martin – Vice Chair
Cllr Mary Martin
Cllr Trish Philpot
Cllr Tim Swinyard
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith
Cllr Keith Williams

Officers:

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

Public: Nine

Public Session:

No questions.

Councillor Nick Martin chaired the meeting.
Meeting start 7.05 pm

122. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Suresh Gattapur, Umar Ali, Nigel Gibbons and Timothy Makofu due to holiday commitments

RESOLVED that the apologies are accepted and approved.

123. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Cllr Swinyard declared an interest to matters relating to Freshbrook and Roughmoor Community Centres.

124. Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Monday 22 July 2019 be confirmed and adopted.

125. Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee

RESOLVED that the following be approved: Recommendation Minute (105)
That subject to confirmation from Swindon Borough Council that additional street lamps will be subject to their full adoption in all aspects of repair and maintenance that the funding for Stokesay Drive at £5603.08 be approved.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 07 August 2019 be approved and adopted.

126. Minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee

RESOLVED that Recommendation (113) that 12 payments totalling £164,090.92 are approved.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee meeting held on Wednesday 07 August 2019 be approved and adopted.

127. Minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee

RESOLVED that Recommendation Minute (118) that the Council vires funds to increase the current budget for litter bins by £7,000 is approved.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting held on Wednesday 07 August 2019 be approved and adopted.

128. Update from Swindon Borough Councillors

Cllr Tim Swinyard updated that the Local Plan Review and emerging strategies was currently out for consultation until 23 September. Residents are able to comment on this and the Parking Standards for new developments. Details of how to comment are on the Swindon Borough Council website.

Cllr Mary Martin reported that an Ofsted inspection has been completed in Childrens Services and was rated 'Good'. Four years ago it had been rated as 'Requiring Improvement'. Fifteen months ago it was criticised for the referral process. These matters have been addressed resulting in a 'Good' rating.

Cllr Mary Martin reported that work will start in October on Mead Way. Quotes had been sought for reduced costs in the redesign for the diversion of utilities. The subway to the

Chesters will be open throughout the work but may have temporary closures for short periods of time.

Cllr Keith Williams reported that Lydiard Park Conference Centre was doing well with good occupancy rates and good numbers of wedding bookings.

129. Reports from Parish Council Representatives

None.

130. Play Area Tenders

The Parish Manager gave an update on play tenders. This is open to applications until the end of the month. After the closing date, Councillors will be invited to view the designs at each site. A panel will meet to shortlist designs submitted and depending on how this progresses, there may be presentations or clarifications sought from shortlisted companies. Leisure and Amenities Committee recommendations on the approval of designs and quotations will be made to Full Council in the October or November.

RESOLVED that all Councillors be invited to attend the site meetings (lunchtime meetings preferred).

RESOLVED that all Councillors be invited to attend the scoring panel.

131. Road/Path Sweeping

The Parish Manager reported that the Services Working Party had been considering the use of a sweeper vehicle dedicated to the Parish area. It has been indicated that there are generally two vehicles:

- One for main roads, gully cleaning and road clearance
- A smaller compact sweeper for footpaths and pavements.

The Services Working Party were seeking feedback on which vehicle type would be best for West Swindon

RESOLVED that

- a) Swindon Borough Council continues to deploy the main road sweeping vehicle to roads in West Swindon
- b) That the Services Working Party pursues the clarification of costs and deployment of a compact sweeper for footpaths and cycle ways.

Date of next meeting: Monday 23 September, 7.00 pm, West Swindon Library.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council