

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE held at 6.00 pm.
ON WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT WEST SWINDON LIBRARY

Minutes

Present:

Cllr Umar Ali
Cllr Mike Burtenshaw
Cllr Steph Exell
Cllr Suresh Gattapur (Vice Chair)
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Tim Makofu
Cllr Trish Philpot
Cllr Tim Swinyard
Cllr Keith Williams (Chair)

Officers:

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

Public: Six

Public Participation:

A resident expressed concern about comments from the Chair on Facebook regarding the Wilmot Close Clean Up.

The Chair confirmed that his comments meant to highlight that another clean up was happening in the area at the same date and time and suggested that in future it would be helpful to coordinate community clean up events to ensure that people can attend more than one. Both events were good initiatives but need to avoid events overlapping. It was not intended to cause offence.

It was noted that a list would be created to avoid future conflicts and ideally link events/sessions to the grass cutting programme.

A resident expressed concern about the use of glyphosate chemical weed killers by the Parish Council grounds team and asked if Parish Councillors were aware of the use and whether it would consider alternatives. Cllr Philpot advised that she was in dialogue with Swindon Borough Council about alternative options.

The Chair agreed that the Parish Council could look into this in more detail.

A resident asked that due care and consideration be given to the Prinnels Pond project and ensure that it is done with care and sensitivity.

The Chair agreed that the Council could take advice from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust for future maintenance at the pond.

Meeting started 6.22 pm.

146. Apologies

Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith & Cllr Nick Martin – meeting commitment

RESOLVED that apologies received were approved.

147. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None.

148. Community Clean Ups

The Parish Manager circulated a report outlining three community clean up events; Wilmot Close, Conisborough and The Prinnels pond, a copy appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book.

Councillors noted the report.

149. Flint Hill Consultation (requested by Cllr Steph Exell)

A report outlining feedback from the consultation regarding Flint Hill and the youth shelter was circulated, a copy appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the youth shelter located in Flint Hill be removed.

150. Communications Update

The Assistant Clerk updated Councillors on social media interactions by the Parish Council, a copy of the update appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted the information and agreed that it was working well.

151. Play Area Tenders and Designs Update

Councillors received a written report updating on the play area tender process to date, a copy of which appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book.

152. Blagrove Allotments

The Parish Manager reported that allotment holders had experienced a number of thefts at the site. In response to this they have requested some additional signage at the entrance to deter theft/break ins e.g. CCTV surveillance. Signs can be purchased at a relatively low cost but will need to be appropriate for the site.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager investigates options available and purchases additional signs for the entrance to the allotment site.

Meeting closed 6.54 pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 7 October 2019 6.00 pm.

Signed:
Chair, Leisure & Amenities Committee

Date:

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