

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the
LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE held online at 6.00 pm.
on WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 2021**

Minutes

Present:

Cllr Mike Burtenshaw (V)
Cllr Steph Exell (V)
Cllr Suresh Gattapur (Vice Chair)
Cllr Nigel Gibbons (V)
Cllr Prakash Khaitan (V)
Cllr Nick Martin
Cllr Mary Martin
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith
Cllr Keith Williams (Chair) (V)

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)
Sgt Andrew Poole (Wiltshire Constabulary)

Public: Four.

Public Question Time:

None

Meeting started 6.10 pm.

753. Apologies

Cllr Ali due to Eid, Cllr Makofu due to work commitments, Cllr Swinyard due to meeting commitments and Cllr Philpot.

All apologies received were approved.

754. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Noted that Cllr Khaitan was not a member of this Committee and would not be voting.

755. Play Area Equipment Update

The Parish Manager updated that a number of play areas had equipment problems

- Middleleaze/Saltway swings were detached awaiting parts
- Minor repairs at Nine Elms and removal of rotten timber from the previous play equipment
- Whitehill Way swing has been ordered

- awaiting prices to replace toddler play equipment at Westlea park

756. Play Areas as requested by Cllr Exell

Cllr Exell reported on behalf of residents who'd raised concerns regarding anti social behaviour and drug misuse at play area locations. Councillors agreed that everyone should feel safe and able to use play areas as they were intended. Sgt Poole advised that reporting incidents and sharing intelligence to 101 or online would be helpful for police operations and to assess the issues. This would be reviewed as part of local concerns and priorities. The Parish could put up extra signage to promote reporting – this could also link with a grant recently awarded to Crimestoppers by the Parish Council.

Cllr Williams reported that following the last Leisure and Amenities meeting, Swindon Housing Development Company had determined a new location for the toddler play area. This location would be closer to the other facilities and should also resolve issues of flooding and drainage. It is estimated that this should be completed in July for the summer holidays.

757. CCTV – Bloomsbury Park – item deferred to the next Leisure & Amenities Committee

758. Bench Requests

A report summarising resident requests for benches was circulated, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the request for benches in Westlea Park and the vicinity of Westlea Primary School, as funded by the Westlea Clean and Green fund be approved.

759. Dog Park area – as requested by Cllr Swinyard

A report summarising a resident request to Cllr Swinyard for an enclosed space for dog walking was circulated, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Councillors considered a number of factors including budget, location, insurance and feasibility.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager considers a number of the queries raised and reports back to a future meeting.

Date of next meeting: Monday 14 May 2021 6.00 pm.

Meeting closed 6.45 pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair, Leisure & Amenities Committee