

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the online meeting of the  
LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE held at 6.00 pm.  
on  
MONDAY 13 DECEMBER 2021**

**Minutes**

**Present:**

Cllr Umar Ali (v)  
Cllr Mike Burtenshaw (v)  
Cllr Steph Exell (v)  
Cllr Suresh Gattapur (v)  
Cllr Nigel Gibbons  
Cllr Geoff Gould  
Cllr Tim Makofu (v)  
Cllr Mary Martin (v)  
Cllr Nick Martin (v)  
Cllr Trish Philpot (v)  
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith  
Cllr Keith Williams (Chair)

**Officers:**

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

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**Public Question Time:**

Resident advised that hedgecutting on Eastleaze Road had not been resolved satisfactorily. Chair advised this matter had been responded to previously.

Meeting start 6.28 pm

221. **Welcome & Introduction**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

222. **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

To receive any Declarations of Interest required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 24 May 2021.

None received.

223. **Play areas – Maintenance & Renewal**

Councillors received a report updating on Bess Road play area a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted the report and agreed that the equipment swaps proposed in the report would improve options for more accessible play.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Parish Council purchases the Bess Road Toddler Play Area equipment from Proludic Total supply incl discount £15,998.00

The Parish Manager circulated a summary of maintenance work, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted the information.

The Parish Manager circulated a discussion paper to consider options for refurbishment in 2022-23, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted that Whitehill Park would need equipment updating over the next 12-18 months and there may be significant issues at Shaw Ridge with drainage and underground fixtures.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Manager invites informal designs for Shaw Ridge play area and Plattes Close play area.

224. **Update on West Wheels Project**

The Parish Manager reported that the contract had been issued to 414 Skateparks who have been busy over the last 12 months. They have installed paths and skate parks during this time. They have advised that costs would likely be in the range quoted however this will be confirmed. The Planning department have advised that a certificate of lawfulness (proposed) would be the appropriate pathway for permission.

The Parish Manager was asked to ensure that the play area lease demise for Rivermead reflects the proposed footprint of the skate park.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 12 January 22 6.00 pm

Meeting closed 7.00 pm

Signed:

Dated:  
Chair, Leisure & Amenities Committee