

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
PLANNING, LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on **WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2023** at **6.00 pm**
Unit 25, Westmead Industrial Estate, Swindon, SN5 7YT

Present:

Cllr Suresh Gattapur (v)
Cllr Geoff Gould
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Trish Philpot
Cllr Nick Martin (v)
Cllr Mary Martin (v)
Cllr Nandini Singh
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith (Chair)
Cllr Tim Swinyard

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: One virtual.

Presentation: Glynis Hales re: Ecofest

Resident Glynis Hales reported that following the volunteer meeting in December, conversations had taken place amongst local groups resulting in a proposal to have an Ecofest event on Saturday 3 June. This will be a joint collaboration with Savenake Community Centre Association. A venue is being established for the event in West Swindon. It is envisaged that there will be a two site approach with the engineering and mechanical side of sustainability featuring at Savenake St and the green, outdoor side in West Swindon. Music, talks and stalls are planned. Possible community growing starter packs to be distributed. Further details to be confirmed. The Chair thanked Glynis for her presentation.

Public Questions:

The Chair shared a communication from Peatmoor Woodland group to say that community tree planting in Peatmoor by Fovant Close is planned for Sunday 5 Feb from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. All welcome.

188. Welcome & Applications for Dispensation

Cllr Sydney Smith opened the meeting and invited declarations of Interest required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 23 May 2022:

- Cllr Gould declared that he was not a member of this Committee.
- Cllrs Martin noted property ownership in Pearl Road ref: Agenda item 7.

189. Allotments Update

The Parish Manager advised that three plots were in the process of being let to new tenants indicating on average a two year wait for a plot. Soil sample for the extension has not been finalised. It is proposed to remove the metal mobile on the allotment site as this is not in use. The Committee agreed that low cost removal

could be actioned. The area could then be upgraded to a community growing area with poly tunnel/greenhouse. Update to a future meeting.

6.40 pm Cllr Tim Swinyard joined the meeting.

190. Communications Update

The Parish Manager referred to a report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. This set out facebook activity in December. Councillors noted the information. It was requested that a comparison across a number of months be presented to a future meeting.

The Parish Manager advised that the electric van had been supplied and was ready for a logo and information to be applied.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council invites the public to contribute designs or ideas and reports to a future meeting.

191. Volunteering

- Following the meeting with volunteer groups held by Cllr Mary Martin and Cllr G Gould, a second session was proposed for January 2023. Volunteer feedback had asked for a session in the evening and in a central location. Councillors considered this and determined that a new date in the Spring would allow for lighter evenings and warmer weather. New date suggested as Wednesday 01 March 2023 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm.
- *Commemorative Bench*
Councillors noted the sad passing of Moya Pinson and jointly recognised her consistent commitment and dedication to making West Swindon a great place to live. Moya had been active as a volunteer in the years before the Parish Council was created. Cllr Gattapur volunteered to liaise with the family.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council commits to a commemorative bench being installed at an appropriate location.

192. Highways

The Parish Manager shared an email update from Swindon Borough Council regarding traffic restrictions proposed for Ashworth Road. A copy is attached as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted the feedback.

193. Changing Places – Lydiard Park

The Parish Manager circulated an email update regarding adult accessible toilets being installed at Coate Water and Lydiard Park, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. Councillors agreed that this was very welcome and appreciated.

194. Planning Report

The Parish Manager circulated the Planning Report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that there were No Objections to the following:

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| 194.a. S/HOU/22/1753 | Erection of a single storey side extension and conversion of garage into habitable space | 12 Pearl Road,
Middleleaze SN5 5TE |
| 194.b. S/HOU/22/1815 | Erection of a single storey side extension. | 18 Stancombe Park,
Westlea SN5 7AP |
| 194.c. S/HOU/22/1801 | Erection of a two storey side/rear extension and first floor front extension. | 6 Whitefield Crescent,
Peatmoor Swindon SN5
5AA |

Meeting finished at 7.00 pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 8 February 2023

Signed:

Chair, Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee

Date: