

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
FULL COUNCIL
held on **Monday 18 September 2023** at **6.45 pm**
Freshbrook Community Centre, Worsley Road.

Present:

Cllr Junab Ali (Chair)
Cllr Peter Bates
Cllr Mustafa Dayan
Cllr Mustafa Ertas
Cllr Leon Grother
Cllr Rose Llewellyn (Vice Chair)
Cllr Graham Philpot
Cllr Trish Philpot
Cllr Nandini Singh
Cllr Andrew Swinyard
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith

Officers: Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: Two

Meeting Start: 6.55 pm

104. Welcome & Declarations of Interest/Applications for Dispensation

Declarations of interest required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 22 May 2023: None received.

105. Minutes of the previous meeting:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 August 2023 be approved and adopted.

106. Minutes of the Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee

RESOLVED that Minutes from the Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee on 04 September 23 be approved and adopted.

107. Update from Swindon Borough Councillors

Cllr Ali reported that the Mead Way traffic signals were under review and should be resolved in the Autumn. The resurfacing works on Mead Way were delayed due to disputes with the Contractors.

Cllr Ali indicated that enquiries had been made as to the cause of the Peatmoor lake oxygen dump but no results have been issued.

Cllr Ali reported that despite instructions being circulated as part of the distribution of new recycling bags, there were issues with residents presenting mixed waste ahead of the collection start.

108. Update from Parish Councillors

- Cllr Sydney Smith reporting ongoing issues with garden waste flytipping
- Cllr G Philpot reported issues with street lighting being reported. He had attended the Freshbrook Church BBQ on Sunday and was able to speak to a range of residents.
- Cllr Dayan reported that he had followed the progress at Shaw Ridge Play area, street lighting issues had been reported and he had attended the Welcome session at Holy Trinity Church this week.
- Cllr Llewellyn reported progress at the pathway clearance through Nine Elms park by the Parish Team.
- Cllr Grother reported that there was flytipping on the entry to Blagrove that had been reported following contractors being on site.
- Cllr Swinyard reported issues relating to the doorstep recycling and graffiti at Windmill Hill subway.
- Cllr Singh requested that in light of the recent dog attacks in Birmingham, and London that the Parish Council support a social media campaign requesting dog owners to keep their dog on lead near the play areas, with some data on dog attacks on children. Cllr Singh advised that residents had raised issues of poor communication from Swindon BC on bins and changes to recycling. Cllr Singh also reported that residents were not happy with the weeds growing on the edges and the drains/gullies being blocked and asked if this is something the Borough Councillors could take up to avoid local flooding. Cllr Singh requested that the Parish Council website included information on help with flooding incidents.
- Cllr Grother reported requests for woodchip from volunteer groups had been noted. Cllr Grother indicated that he was liaising with another Councillor in South Swindon over local volunteer led gulley clearing.
- Cllr Ertas reported some issues in play areas in Freshbrook
- Cllr Ali also commended the work in Nine Elms park.

109. Parish Council Services Update

The Council noted the report circulated which set out a summary of the Parish services for September, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book.

110. Recommendation from the Play Working Party

Council received a summary report from the Play Working Party which met on 12 September 23, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the recommendation from the Play Working Party that the Parish Manager be instructed to issue tender documents for the Bess Road Kickabout up to a contract value of £52,000 be noted and approved.

111. Update from Community Growing Working Party

Councillors received a report setting out a short summary from the Community Growing Party which met on 12 September 23. A copy appears as **Appendix C**

in the Minute Book. Councillors noted the report and agreed that in order to progress community growing options, a flyer should be distributed locally.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager circulated information inviting residents to express interest in growing in the local vicinity of sites in Peatmoor and Freshbrook.

Meeting finished: 7.35 pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 30 October 2023 6.45 pm, Toothill Church, Dunwich Drive.

Signed:

Chair, West Swindon Parish Council

Date:

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