

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
FULL COUNCIL
held on **Monday 27 November 2023 at 6.45 pm**
Parish Council Office, Westmead Ind Estate, SN5 7YT

Present:

Cllr Junab Ali (Chair)
Cllr Peter Bates
Cllr Mustafa Dayan
Cllr Mustafa Ertas
Cllr Leon Grother
Cllr Rose Llewellyn (Vice Chair)
Cllr Tim Makofu (virtual)
Cllr Graham Philpot
Cllr Trish Philpot
Cllr Nandini Singh
Cllr Andrew Swinyard
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith
Cllr Keith Williams
Cllr Sean Wilson

Officers: Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: One

Meeting Start: 6.54 pm

Public Questions:

A resident queried the Council's views and awareness of the proposal for a Moto service station off Junction 16 and whether a parcel of land allocated for conservation could be utilised as allotments.

The Chair confirmed Swindon Borough Council Highways were engaged with it and related enquiries could be made by the Parish Council.

159. Welcome & Declarations of Interest/Applications for Dispensation

Apologies: Cllr Gattapur

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

18.58 pm. Cllr Williams joined the meeting.

160. Minutes of the previous meeting:

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 30 October 2023 be approved and adopted.

161. Minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee

RESOLVED that Recommendation (Minute 122) that 40 payments totalling **£175,016.41** be approved.

RESOLVED that the Minutes from the Finance & Staffing Committee held on Monday 30 October 2023 be approved and adopted.

162. Minutes of the Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee

RESOLVED that Recommendation (Minute 144) that purchase of a high pressure washer and trailer be purchased with a budget expenditure up to £10,000.

RESOLVED that Minutes from the Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee on Monday 06 November 2023 be approved and adopted.

163. Update from Swindon Borough Councillors

Cllr Wilson reported that he had raised questions about the Link Centre and library closures.

Cllr Ali advised that the pool and ice rink would be reopened but the library is not confirmed. It was noted that issues with CCTV stemming from the flooding should be dealt with through insurance claims.

Cllr Williams reported that residents had been making waste related enquiries.

164. Update from Parish Councillors

- Cllr Singh reported that lights were not working for a long time at Middleleaze subway
- Cllr Makofu reported that an online meeting had taken place with Pcso James Young and Cllr G Philpot regarding increased anti social behaviour as a result of the low presence of police at Westpoint and poor CCTV coverage.
- Cllr G Philpot agreed that security and visible policing was a concern around the West Swindon District Centre
- Cllr T Philpot reported that the Freshbrook annual Christmas lunch was available for booking and was taking place on Friday 1 December from noon. Cllr Philpot also questioned the delay in installation of signs at Shelfinch toddler play area.
- Cllr Wilson queried the responsiveness of the grounds team to Swindon Borough Councillor requests.
- Cllr Sydney Smith updated that the Hub at Toothill was delayed due to resolving building issues but that waste collection in Grange Park had gone well.

165. Parish Council Services Update

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

166. Swindon Borough Council Services Transfer Update

Council received an outline document from Mr Brian Pinchbeck, Swindon Borough Council's Corporate Director, Inclusive Economy and Sustainability, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted the information.

167. Swindon Borough Council Election Cycles Consultation

Councillors received a consultation document from Swindon Borough Council, a copy appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted the information.

RESOLVED that the matter be deferred to the December Full Council

168. Swindon Borough Council Election Cycles Consultation

Councillors received a consultation document, a copy appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book. Councillors agreed with the proposal.

169. Recruitment Update

It was agreed that Councillors would discuss recruitment of the Deputy Clerk role at a future meeting once the budget has been resolved.

170. Staffing Working Party Update

It was noted that the Sickness Absence Policy had been updated and that the Finance and Staffing Committee had approved a Capability Procedure and an amended Disciplinary Policy.

Meeting finished: 8.00 pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 22 January 2024 6.45pm

Signed:

Chair, West Swindon Parish Council

Date: