



West Swindon Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 22 May 2023

6.00pm

Minutes

Present:

12 Residents

West Swindon Parish Councillors: Junab Ali, Mustafa Dayan, Mustafa Ertas, Suresh Gattapur, Leon Grother, Rose Llewellyn, Timothy Makofu, Graham Philpot, Trish Philpot, Nandini Singh, Andrew Swinyard, Caryl Sydney Smith, Keith Williams.

Others: Clerk – Paula Harrison

Meeting Start: 6.00 pm

West Swindon Parish Council's Clerk, Paula Harrison opened the meeting and invited Cllr Suresh Gattapur (standing Vice Chair for West Swindon Parish Council) to Chair the meeting.

Cllr Gattapur welcomed residents and opened the meeting for public questions.

Representatives from The Prinnels requested that a no mow area be established near the pond and adjacent field.

A resident asked if there could be consideration to how flytipped waste could be tackled and contained including enforcement and education.

A resident asked if the newly elected Council could work to achieve a weight limit for HGV vehicles to make it more difficult for parking overnight near the junction. It was also suggested that speed bumps might deter racing cars from using Whitehill Way as a circuit.

Resident asked if there could be closer collaboration with volunteer groups to take an eco sympathetic approach.

A Review of a Year in the Parish

The Parish Manager shared a powerpoint presentation detailing progress through the year, a copy of the slides are attached as Appendix A.

The Parish Manager explained how the budget was spent:

PRECEPT BUDGET INCOME: £995,027.00

	2022-23	2023-24
ADMINISTRATION	£27,575	£27,973
DELIVERY COSTS	£255,200	£244,400
ELECTION EXPENSES	£7,500	£7,500
ALLOTMENTS	£10,000	£1,000
GRANTS & COMMUNITY	£54,707	£29,000
PARISH IMPROVEMENTS	£11,250	£11,655
LEGAL & INSURANCE	£21,500	£32,500
OPEN SPACES	£15,000	£5,000
PLAY AREAS	£98,500	£93,800
STAFFING	£485,179	£534,400
VOLUNTEER RELATED	£9,015	£7,800

The Presentation displayed pictures of projects completed in the last 12 months including Bess Road toddler play area refurbishment, the completion of the West Wheels track at Rivermead and the replacement of Plattes Close toddler play area.

The equivalent of 26,500 bins were emptied, thousands of plants and bulbs and hundreds of tree whips were planted, and the equivalent of 2500 acres of grass were cut.

Special mention was given to the passing of Mrs Moya Pinson who was a loyal contributor to volunteering in West Swindon. It was agreed that she would be very much missed.

Meeting closed 6.29 pm.

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