

## **WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the  
**FULL COUNCIL**  
held on **Monday 21st October 2024** at **18.30 pm**  
**Unit 25, Westmead Industrial Estate, Swindon, SN5 7YT**

### **Present:**

Cllr Peter Bates  
Cllr Suresh Gattapur  
Cllr Leon Grother  
Cllr Rose Llewellyn ( Chair )  
Cllr Trish Philpot  
Cllr Nandini Singh  
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith

**Officers:** Paula Harrison (Clerk)

**Public:** Two

### **Public Questions:**

Roger Ogle asked for a correction to the noting of his question in the September meeting to highlight that he had asked for the Parish Council to fund a worker to develop and grow interest and events to celebrate the West Swindon anniversaries.

Mr Ogle invited Councillors to attend a presentation of the book What the Eye Does Not See taking place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00 pm at West Swindon Library.

The Chair thanked Mr Ogle

Meeting start 6.35 pm

### **123. Apologies & Applications for Dispensation**

Apologies: Cllrs Dayan, Ertas, Makofu, G Philpot, Swinyard, Williams, Wilson

Applications for dispensation: None

### **124. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Full Council held on Monday 30 September 2024 be approved and adopted. Mr Ogle's statement noted.

### **125. Minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee**

**RESOLVED** that Recommendation (Minute 97) that the following payments are approved

- a) 68 payments retrospectively totalling **£76,206.64** for July 2024
- b) 50 payments retrospectively totalling **£96,872.26** for August 2024

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes from the last Finance & Staffing Committee meeting held on Monday 30 September 2024 be approved and adopted.

**126. Minutes of the Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee**

**RESOLVED** that Recommendation (Minute 110) that Council approves an outline budget for Shaw Ridge Play Area as £100-125,000 to support the tender process to be initiated and that a working group for play refurbishment be created to review life span and the play refurbishment cycle for future budget planning and inform a Play Strategy

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes from the Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee held on Monday 14 October 2024 be approved and adopted.

**127. Farmers Market as requested by Cllr Singh**

Councillors received a report setting out a proposal to initiate and facilitate a farmers market within West Swindon, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book.

Councillors discussed the merits of a regular market including access to local produce. The site proposed is within the footprint of the Link Centre.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk seeks further information and engagement to create a farmers market event.

**128. Services Report**

The Clerk distributed a summary of delivery services within a report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted the information.

**129. Swindon Local Council's Forum/Joint Council Group**

The Clerk advised that conversations were underway with the other larger parishes and included options to combine tenders and purchasing.

**130. Admission of Public and Press**

Resolved in accordance with Standing Order 3 (d) that 'in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw'.

7.45 pm

**131. Property Surveys**

The Clerk circulated copies of the recent Acquisition Surveys undertaken for the Parish Council by Easton Bevis. A second summary report setting

out a guide to costs should follow. A copy of the surveys appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. Councillors discussed the information.

**RESOLVED** that further detail including costs alongside feedback on the pros and cons of each building was requested for a future meeting.

Meeting closed 7.50 pm.

Signed: .....

Chair, West Swindon Parish Council

Date: .....