

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 5th 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. The original Acquisition Surveys can be found in the dedicated Property Survey file. 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: