

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
FULL COUNCIL
held on **Monday 24th February 2024 at 18.30 pm**
Unit 25, Westmead Industrial Estate, Swindon, SN5 7YT

Present:

Cllr Peter Bates
Cllr Rose Llewellyn (Chair)
Cllr Graham Philpot
Cllr Trish Philpot
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith
Cllr Sean Wilson

Officers: Paula Harrison (Clerk)

Public: Three

Public Questions:

A resident asked about the landowner for Bloomsbury Park. The Parish Manager confirmed that it was the original developer – Bradleys and that they had been written to in order to open a dialogue regarding the play area. The resident reported that every effort should be made for the matter to be resolved.

Meeting start 7.10 pm

204. Apologies & Applications for Dispensation

Apologies: Cllrs Ali, Dayan, Ertas, Gattapur, Grother, Makofu, Singh, Swinyard
Applications for dispensation as required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 20 May 2024: None

205. Minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee

RESOLVED that Recommendation (Minute 177) that **37 payments totalling £115,612.23 for December 2024** are approved.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee held on Monday 27 January 2025 be approved and adopted.

206. Minutes of the Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee held on Monday 10 February 2025 be approved and adopted.

207. Services Report

Councillors received a report setting out a summary of activity from the Parish Team, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted the report.

208. 2025-26 Meeting Arrangements

Councillors received a report setting out information relating to options for meeting dates in 2025-26, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted that it would be helpful to move the position of the Finance & Staffing Committee from starting before a second meeting, as it often includes the exclusion of the public and can overrun.

RESOLVED that

- a) The Annual Parish Council meeting and Annual Parish meeting be held on the same date, and that date be agreed as Monday 19 May 2025.
- b) Finance & Staffing Committee be moved to follow the Full Council meeting on the 2025-26 Calendar of meetings

209. West Swindon Parish Council Insurance Renewal 2025-26

Councillors received confirmation of the Parish Council's insurance documentation from Zurich, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book.

210. Boundary Commission

The Parish Manager circulated a summary of the recently published Boundary Commission Review, a copy appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book. The Parish Manager advised that the primary change relating to West Swindon was the changes to Lydiard and Freshbrook, Shaw and Mannington and Western wards, creating two new wards of Lydiard, Freshbrook and Toothill and Shaw and Westlea.

211. VE Day Celebrations

The Council had a discussion on the potential celebrations for VE day on 8 May 2025. A number of ideas were considered. It was proposed that the item be deliberated further at the next Planning, Leisure and Environment Committee.

Meeting closed 7.30 pm

Signed:

Chair, Full Council

Date: