

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
FINANCE & STAFFING COMMITTEE
held on **Monday 17th March 2025** at **6.00 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 Keith Williams

Officers: Paula Harrison (Parish Manager/Clerk)

Public: Two

Public Questions:

A resident asked for clarification on a number of payments and numbers of staff enrolled in the NeST pension scheme (7).

Meeting start 6.09 pm

218. Apologies & Applications for Dispensation

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

219. Bank Statements

The bank statements for February 2025 were circulated with the accompanying bank reconciliation, copies can be found in the Minute Book as **Appendix A**. The information was noted.

220. Schedule of Payments

A schedule of payments for February 2025 was circulated, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Payments were as follows:

Payee Name	£ VAT	£ Total Amnt	Transaction Detail
K Allen Accounts		£150.00	TEMP ACCOUNTS SUPPORT
Three (H3G)	£3.67	£22.00	BROADBAND
Barclays Mixed Payments Acct		£18.74	CHARGES
Lex Autolease	£198.93	£1,193.60	VEHICLE LEASE
Barclaycard Credit Card		£1,167.88	CREDIT CARD TRANSFER
Abax UK Ltd	£38.70	£232.20	VEHICLE TRACKERS
Lister Wilder Ltd	£72.15	£432.91	TRACTOR PARTS
Lyreco UK Ltd	£15.53	£93.18	OFFICE CONSUMABLES

Truston Security Services	£6.20	£37.20	DEPOT SECURITY
PHS Group	£59.01	£354.07	HYGIENE BAG
Sutcliffe South West	£50.34	£302.05	PLASTIC COVERS
B and Q Trade Point	£4.50	£27.00	PARTS
B and Q Trade Point	£13.33	£80.00	HARDWOOD PLYWOOD
B and Q Trade Point	£0.79	£4.74	DIAL KNOTTED CHAIN
Mid Solutions 4 Documents	£10.24	£61.47	PRINTER SUPPORT
Barclaycard		£35.38	CHARGE
Fuel Genie	£14.84	£89.01	FUEL
Octopus Energy	£131.63	£1,014.94	ELECTRICITY AND GAS
Zurich Municipal		£8,545.93	COUNCIL INSURANCE
Wessex Fleet	£13.00	£78.00	MAINTENANCE YS20VKA
Wessex Fleet	£13.10	£78.60	MAINTENANCE YP21 VUK
Wessex Fleet	£13.00	£78.00	MAINTENANCE YP20 ZPS
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Swindon Bearings SBL	£2.46	£14.79	BELT DRESSING
Swindon Bearings SBL	£0.01	£0.07	BELT DRESSING
Swindon Bearings SBL	£7.20	£43.20	RUBBER SEALS
Screwfix	£7.62	£45.69	RIGGER GLOVES
Colliers International UK Ltd	£3,023.55	£18,141.29	QUARTERLY RENT 25.03
Screwfix	£4.16	£24.95	THERMAL WINTER
Swindon Borough Council	£20.63	£123.78	FUEL JANUARY 2025
Wiltshire Pension Fund		£5,929.01	WILTS PENSION MONTH
Clean & Green Fund		£29.98	SCREWFIX
Screwfix		£51.34	DIAMOND BLADE
HMRC Cumberland		£9,514.75	HMRC PAYROLL
Fuel Genie	£13.76	£82.59	FUEL
Nest Pension Scheme		£1,116.73	NEST PENSION
Everflow Water		£43.66	WATER 12.03 TO 11.04.25
WSPC payroll		£30,043.22	PAYROLL
Fuel Genie	£13.15	£78.88	FUEL
E W Russell		£625.00	ED POSTER MURAL
Michaels Work Wear	£3.73	£22.38	UNIFORM
GHS (UK) Ltd	£12.00	£72.00	BROADBAND
Michaels Work Wear	£16.07	£96.40	UNIFORM
Lister Wilder Ltd	£7.73	£46.36	MACHINE PARTS
Swindon Bearings SBL	£10.53	£63.20	MACHINE BEARINGS
Tudor Environmental	£7.83	£46.99	HAND TOOLS
J Fox		£625.00	MURAL PROJECT
47 Payments Total:	£3,822.39	£81,056.16	

RECOMMENDED that Council approves 47 payments totalling £81,056 for February 2025

221. 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'. For confidential staffing discussion purposes.

222. Staffing Update

The Parish Manager circulated a report setting out recruitment details including a draft job advert for the Engagement Officer, draft person specification and job description and terms and conditions. Feedback was given to enhance the positive benefits of working for the Parish Council including, pension, parking, leave.

RESOLVED that

- a) The job particulars for the Engagement Officer be approved.
- b) The recruitment process is initiated.

Meeting closed 6.19 pm

Signed:

Chair, Finance & Staffing Committee

Date: