

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL on
**MONDAY 18 June 2018 at 6.30pm at WEST
SWINDON LIBRARY**

Present:

Cllr Steph Exell
Cllr Nigel Gibbons (Chair)
Cllr Ellen Heavens
Cllr Vinay Kumar
Cllr John Lenton
Cllr Timothy Makofu
Cllr Tim Swinyard
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith
Cllr Matt Walker
Cllr Keith Williams

Officers:

Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)
Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)
Leanne Curtis (Assistant Clerk)

Public: Eight

Public Session:

A resident queried why Freshbrook didn't have the same style noticeboard as Shaw. The Chair confirmed that the window noticeboard in Freshbrook was seen to be sufficient at the present time.

A resident queried the £9,000 payment to Swindon Borough Council (SBC). The Parish Manager advised that it was for general works to play areas, such as power washing and bark replacement.

Resident asked for a replacement salt bin at Edington Close. The Chair responded that this would be reported to Swindon Borough Council.

Resident requested a streetlamp for the corner/alley into Edington Close. The Chair responded that this would be reported to Swindon Borough Council.

A resident reported that SBC mowers were seen cutting grass on Wiltshire County Council (WCC) land. Cllr Keith Williams advised that there is likely to be an arrangement between SBC & WCC.

A resident reported issues with streetlight on Belsay/Conisborough and poor visibility on footpath from Wooton Bassett Road to Toothill. Chair advised that this would be reported to Highways (SBC).

A resident asked for an update regarding the conservative election promise: 'As Parish Councillors who live in the Parish we will... crack down on litter using new powers to impose fine of up to £400'.

Cllr Williams advised that the fly tipping working party is progressing this and looking to train staff.

Resident queried monthly payment to South Swindon Parish Council, this was confirmed as Clerk services.

Meeting start 6.42 pm

52. Apologies

Cllr Matthew Courtliff, Councillor Suresh Gattapur, Councillor Nick Martin, Councillor Mary Martin.

53. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None.

54. Minutes of the previous meeting

Correction Resident Mr Gould asked for correction to wording relating to proposing of Vice Chair to Leisure and Amenities Committee.

Correction to the minute number 10, that Councillor Keith Williams is the Chair for Planning & Environment Committee.

RESOLVED that subject to the corrections above, that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st May 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

55. Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6th June 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

56. Minutes of Finance and Staffing Committee

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Payments for June 2018 of six Payments totalling £10,806.40 be agreed as follows:

- (John Lewis) Barclaycard £139.99
- (Dell) Barclaycard £603.10
- (Asda) Barclaycard £26.54
- Swindon Borough Council (Retrospective) £9,000.00
- Wiltshire Association of Local Councils: £1571.35 & £865.20

- (Viking) Barclaycard (Retrospective) £104.77

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance and Staffing Committee meeting held on Wednesday 6th June 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

57. Minutes of Leisure and Amenities Committee

Noted that 3 additional bins be installed as listed in Toothill.

RESOLVED that Recommendation (Minute 48) that the order of 30 new bins be approved at a cost of £12,000.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting held on Thursday 7th June 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

58. Update from Swindon Borough Councillors

Cllr Keith Williams reported he was the Lead Member for Swindon Borough Council Communications, there is currently a consultation on the Customer Access Strategy, details can found online here:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20019/consultations_and_surveys/917/

Councillor Keith Williams gave an update on Lydiard Park, the conference facility is now serving hot meals and open 7 days a week

59. Reports from Parish Council Representatives

None

60. Link Magazine Summer Article

Councillors agreed that the next Link edition will focus on litter and flytipping.

Councillor Exell proposed that the Parish Council considers a range of options to improve and extend communication with local residents.

RESOLVED that the item be discussed in more detail at the next Leisure & Amenities Committee, the Parish Manager will investigate options and costs.

61. Admission of Public and Press

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', the public were asked to leave the meeting.

62. Appointment to the Casual Vacancy

Presentations were given by candidates; Mr Ken Kimber, Mr Mark Warchal and Mr Prakash Khaitan. Councillors voted on the candidates. Councillor Exell abstained.

The public were invited to re-join the meeting at 7.30pm

The Chair invited Mr Prakash Khaitan to join the Council

RESOLVED that Mr Prakash Khaitan be co opted as a member of West Swindon Parish Council.

RESOLVED that a standard process for co-option is agreed at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.34 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council