

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL** on **MONDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2018** at **6.30pm** at **WEST SWINDON LIBRARY**

Present:

Cllr Steph Exell
Cllr Suresh Gattapur
Cllr Nigel Gibbons (Chair)
Cllr Prakash Khaitan
Cllr Vinay Kumar
Cllr John Lenton
Cllr Nick Martin (Vice Chair)
Cllr Mary Martin
Cllr Tim Swinyard
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith
Cllr Matthew Walker
Cllr Keith Williams

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: Seven

Public Session:

Presentation: Mr Angus MacPherson, Police & Crime Commissioner, Wiltshire & Swindon

Mr Macpherson gave a presentation setting out the work of the police service in recent months including the resources associated with the Salisbury and Amesbury incidents. Mr Macpherson answered questions about the police service and reported that speeding, drugs, and anti social behaviour were important issues. Mr Macpherson reported on the growth in the numbers of police community support officers in Wiltshire and Swindon. Visibility of police locally and at public meetings was discussed. Mr Macpherson suggested that a police representative could attend the Full Council meeting bi-monthly. Residents were encouraged to sign up to community messaging <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>. The Chair thanked Mr Macpherson.

Resident submitted a list of questions. Chair advised that these would be responded to in writing directly.

Resident asked for an update on volunteers and parking/litter enforcement. The Parish Manager advised that discussions were underway but a date for training had not been agreed due to very limited interest in participating from other Parish Councils.

Meeting start 7.15 pm

146. Apologies

Cllr Matthew Courtliff, Cllr Ellen Heavens, Cllr Timothy Makofu.

147. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None.

148. Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th August 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

149. Minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee

Expenditure and project work at Toothill pond was noted.

RESOLVED that Recommendation (Minute 131) that work is undertaken at Westlea pond at a cost of £1637.00. *Budget: 4690 Power: Public Health Act 1875 s. 164* be approved.

RESOLVED that Recommendation (Minute 132) that a budget of £10,000 is spent on spring bulb planting with locations to be confirmed subject to satisfying ground conditions be approved.

RESOLVED that Recommendation (Minute 133) that the Council approves work at Sparcells Youth Play Area at an estimated cost of £3741.00 subject to clarification on whether the installation of the toddler play area will cover the bark costs be approved with due attention to timing of the planned installation.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5th September 2018 be approved and adopted.

150. Minutes of Planning & Environment Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

7.23 pm. Cllr Mary Martin joined the meeting.

151. Minutes of Finance & Staffing Committee

RESOLVED that Recommendation (Minute 141) that the Payment Schedule for August of seven payments totalling **£10,111.60** be approved.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance and Staffing Committee meeting held on Monday 10th September 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

152. Update from Parish Council Chair

The Chair reported that there had been discussion with a number of residents with a range of concerns such as graffiti, littering and payments to Swindon Borough Council. Some liaison with other Parishes regarding the grounds maintenance future arrangements but still trying to work through the negotiations.

153. Update from Swindon Borough Councillors

Cllr M Martin reported that since the work was continuing at Mannington Roundabout with the additional slip road from Great Western Way on to Wootton Bassett Road. The final stage would be the exit slip road from the retail park on to Great Western Way avoiding Mannington Roundabout. Cllr M Martin updated that Swindon Borough Council had launched a consultation on its draft waste and recycling Strategy. The current waste to energy plant at Waterside is very effective however changes to the export of plastic waste were impacting on local authorities across the country. The consultation sets out a summary of the issues and residents are encouraged to give their feedback. Options include separate food recycling and no separated plastic recycling. Consultation feedback forms are available in public libraries or further information online till 19th October: https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20019/consultations_engagement_and_surveys/942/managing_swindons_waste_in_the_future

Cllr Williams gave an update on ongoing progress at Lydiard Park and events:
www.lydiardpark.org.uk

154. Reports from Parish Council Representatives

None.

155. Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) Consultation on Employment Support

Councillors received a consultation report from the Parish Manager regarding the Wiltshire Association of Local Council's consultation on employment support to Parish Councils, a copy of which is attached as **Appendix A** to the Minute Book. Councillors discussed the report.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council agrees to the option to include Employment Support through WALC.

The meeting closed at 7.48 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council