

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE held online at 6.00 pm. on WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2020

Minutes

Present:

Cllr Mike Burtenshaw
Cllr Steph Exell
Cllr Suresh Gattapur
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Geoff Gould
Cllr Tim Makofu
Cllr Nick Martin
Cllr Mary Martin
Cllr Trish Philpot
Cllr Tim Swinyard
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith
Cllr Keith Williams (Chair)

Officers:

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

Public: None.

Meeting started 6.00 pm.

566. Apologies

None.

567. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Noted that Cllr Gould is not a member of this Committee.

568. Newsletter

The Committee reviewed a report setting out options for a Winter newsletter to share information about the Parish precept and other news. A copy of the report appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. Councillors discussed the report and expressed concern about the safety and viability of a hand delivered newsletter as a single item in the current times. Councillors agreed that returning to a page in the Link Magazine for early 2021 would be the best option. The Parish Manager was asked to request that the article is located on an odd numbered page, and, in the front part of the magazine.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager books a page in the Link Magazine for Jan/February 2021.

569. Play Area Update

The Parish Manager reported that repair works were due to start at Shaw Ridge play area. Issues had been reported regarding a team of adults using the ball court at Sparcells play area and consequently restricting public use. The Parish Manager advised that they would be keen to speak to the team to review their needs.

The Parish Manager reported that the play area inspections were due to start in November. In response to plans to add an extra exit at Shelfinch toddler play area, the Inspector had been asked to make contact with the Operations Supervisor to discuss the Parish's plans and to give advice on this from a safety perspective.

570. Bins Update

The Parish Manager circulated a report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. The report set out details of bin locations following the purchase of bins in the Summer. Councillors noted the list and requested additional bin locations if feasible.

- bus stop at Dunwich Drive to Bodiam Drive
- replacement post mounted bin at Bloomsbury Park youth shelter

Cllr Swinyard reported that Gerrard Walk had become a magnet for flytipping and rubbish. Cllr Swinyard requested that a community skip be arranged to help tackle the problem.

RESOLVED that a skip could be provided if located on public open space and if it was part of a wider community clean up event – subject to any Covid-19 restrictions allowing an event.

571. BMX Update

Councillors discussed and reviewed designs tendered for a BMX track at Rivermead. Councillors agreed there were a number of questions arising. A summary report was circulated, a confidential copy appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that a BMX Working Party be established to review designs, establish and assess accessibility, and, initiate wider engagement.

Date of next online meeting: Wednesday 09 December 2020 6.00 pm

Meeting closed 7.13 pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair, Leisure & Amenities Committee