

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the online meeting of the
LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE held at 6.00 pm.
on
WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2022**

Minutes

Present:

Cllr Mike Burtenshaw (v)
Cllr Suresh Gattapur (v)
Cllr Nigel Gibbons (v)
Cllr Geoff Gould (v)
Cllr Nandini Singh (v)
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith (v)
Cllr Keith Williams (Chair) (v)

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager) (v)

Public: three (v)

Public Question Time:

Resident advised that work was still due on Langstone Road, corner by bus stop regarding hedge reduction.

Resident queried facebook post 04.11.21 that included a photo illustration. Resident asked if this was in West Swindon. Those present could not verify the location. The Chair advised it would be looked into and reported directly to the resident.

Resident queried facebook post in October advertising a weekly litter pick. The Parish Manager advised that were a number of litter picks happening across each month that might constitute a litter pick each week, however, the Parish itself was not organising a weekly litter pick. Chair confirmed that the Parish Council would create a calendar of events to help residents locate events and litter picks.

Resident advised that work on Eastleaze Road had decimated the hedge. Chair noted the comments.

Meeting start 6.12 pm

244. **Welcome & Introduction**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

245. **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

To receive any Declarations of Interest required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 24 May 2021.

Cllr Sydney Smith advised she was a resident in Loughborough Close in respect of Agenda Item 5 however she has no prior knowledge of this grant application.

246. **Play areas – Independent Inspections Update**

Councillors received a report updating on the independent play inspections, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. The Parish Manager indicated that this list were the summary of actions that were at the higher end of reporting scale although none had been flagged for immediate action. The Parish Manager reported that extra woodchip would deal with most of the issues. Generally there were no surprises and most of the routine play area work would resolve the issues. Councillors noted the report.

247. **Update on Play Area Refurbishment**

The Parish Manager reported that initial site visits from play companies had raised a number of questions regarding refurbishment on Shaw Ridge. It is likely that there are underground deposits from previous installations which would need consideration before any new installations. The Parish Council could

- a) excavate and grass over the worst affected areas and review the site again in 12 months.
- b) remove the roundabout and surf board springer and make good the surface and add additional equipment to the top area
- c) ask that play designers minimise the need for in depth excavation and remove and add equipment to the site

The Parish Manager was asked to set up a site meeting to review the next steps. Play companies invited to contribute ideas for the next meeting.

The Parish Manager advised that a refurbishment of Plattes Close would be feasible as is and play companies would be submitting some initial ideas and costs.

248. **Grant Application**

The Parish Manager circulated a grant application from Loughborough Close Neighbourhood Watch Association to have existing signs reprinted at a cost of £15. Cllr Gattaur suggested that grant applications of such a small size could be supported in a different way.

RESOLVED that the amount of £15.00 is approved.

249. **Communications Update**

The Parish Manager gave a verbal update indicating that four proposals had been received. These will be considered by the Communications Working Party and a recommendation brought to Full Council.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 09 February 2022 6.00 pm

Meeting closed 7.00 pm

Signed:

Dated:

Chair, Leisure & Amenities Committee

