

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
PLANNING, LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on **Monday 20th January 2025 at 6.00 pm**
Unit 25, Westmead Industrial Estate, Swindon, SN5 7YT

Present:

Cllr Suresh Gattapur (virtual)
Cllr Leon Grother (Chair)
Cllr Rose Llewellyn
Cllr Tim Makofu
Cllr Trish Philpot
Cllr Nandini Singh
Cllr Andrew Swinyard
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith

Officers: Steven Anns (Operations Supervisor), Paula Harrison (Parish Manager/Clerk)

Public: One

Presentation by Mural Artists Jacksta Art/Ed Poster

Two mural artists introduced their work completed on outdoor spaces in Swindon and other places. It was noted that a specific brief was helpful to artists and a discussion was undertaken about the size and type of murals that would suit subways. Councillors thanked the artists. The Parish Manager shared a presentation from Jenna Fox on recent mural work. It was noted that subway mural painting would ideally take place prior to the Easter holidays (weather allowing). It was noted that additional business sponsorship would extend the number of subways that could be completed. Councillors proposed the subway by Brookfield School and Link Centre plus Windmill Hill business park, Mannington and Toothill to Blagrove. The Parish Manager advised that work was underway to seek sponsorship and a more detailed brief would be created for the artists.

Public Questions: None.

Meeting start 6.20 pm

168. Apologies & Applications for Dispensation

Apologies received from Cllrs Bates, Dayan, G Philpot and Wilson. Declarations of Interest required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 20 May 2024: None

169. Graffiti Wall Update

The Parish Manager referred to a report that set out options for free standing graffiti walls, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in Minute Book. The Operations Supervisor advised that the walls would be made from similar materials as site hoardings and whilst temporary in nature, are generally robust. Locations along the footpath from Blagrove to Mannington and Rivermead skate park open space were proposed.

RESOLVED that the Operations Supervisor progresses the creation and installation of boards at Rivermead (subject to any relevant permissions)

170. Thermal Camera Home Heat Loss Scheme

The Parish Manager circulated a report outlining the scheme, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. The Chair advised that this scheme was well underway in Wiltshire and was being promoted by South Swindon Parish Council alongside Swindon Borough Council. Initial indications were that libraries were suitable organisations from which cameras could be loaned. The Chair suggested that further learning was due to be reported from the Wiltshire scheme and should help inform new schemes in Swindon.

Councillors discussed the information accepting that the weather was likely to improve making the camera loan less effective. It was also noted that the West Swindon Library will have closure periods as part of the refurbishment.

RESOLVED that the Committee agreed its interest in the scheme and would welcome a report on the Wiltshire scheme in due course, noting that any new programme would be more likely to be promoted next Autumn/Winter.

171. Projects Update

Councillors received a report setting out an update on recent projects, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted the information regarding the Christmas activities, defibrillators, community pantry and litter picking A boards.

172. Pavement Weed Control

Councillors received an outline of costs associated with pavement weed removal from the Operations Supervisor, a copy of which appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book. Councillors discussed the matter. It was generally understood that manual removal/control treatment was effective and low cost. It was noted that the most effective form of weed control was the application of spot treatment weed killer. The Operations Supervisor confirmed that any chemical treatments would be done only as and when necessary and in abidance of guidance/requirements.

RESOLVED that the Parish Team adds pavement weed removal and control to its existing duty and that the Council receives regular updates on progress and effectiveness.

Cllr T Philpot voted against. Cllr Grother abstained.

173. Electric Van Signage Design

The Committee was invited to share ideas on appropriate decoration on the new electric tipper. Committee members viewed the existing Citroen electric van's design.

RESOLVED that the same design motif as the Citroen van be applied to the new electric tippers to ensure consistency.

174. Planning Report

Councillors received the Planning Report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix E** in the Minute Book. No objections were raised.

Meeting ended 7.25 pm

Signed:.....
Chair, Planning & Leisure Committee

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