

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th JUNE 2016
IN SWINDON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present:

Peter Allen (Chairman)
Glenn Simpson (ViceChairman)
John Conmee

Stuart Deakin
Helen Wells

Also Present:

Shaun Cullimore (Clerk) and Karen Phimister (GRCC).

16/73 APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Cllrs. Frances Hunter and David Iliffe and Borough Councillors Bernard Fisher and Flo Clucas.

16/74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

16/75 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SESSION

Karen Phimister of Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) described GRCC's role in the Borough Council's "Engaging Communities" project funded by DCLG. GRCC could provide the Parish Council with three days of effort if it wished to participate. The project would be looking at local attitudes to planning matters. Suggestions made included:

- Linking the Amenity Area and the park
- The proposed improvements to the park
- How any land declared as Local Green Space should be used

The project is scheduled to finish at the end of July but might slip.

It was agreed that the Church Fete might provide an opportunity for public consultation.

NEW ACTION 16/75/1 – Clerk to enquire whether the Parish Council/GRCC could have a table at the fete on 2nd July to conduct a consultation.

NEW ACTION 16/75/2 – Clerk to email Karen Phimister's contact details to Helen Wells.

16/76 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accuracy of Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of 10th May 2016 be accepted

as a true record.

Matters Arising

ACTION 15/122/1 – The Clerk to make enquiries about possible sightings for a noticeboard and to obtain quotes. **Continues.**

ACTION 16/49/1 – The Clerk to contact Chris Coleman (CBC Cabinet Member for Green Space) and Adam Reynolds (CBC) to establish what plans need to be drawn up to garner support for the plans to improve the park. The Clerk had written to Adam Reynolds and Bernard Fisher was also making enquiries in the Borough Council. **Continues.**

ACTION 16/69/1 – The Clerk agreed to look into the Tesco grant scheme as a possible source of funding for the park. **Continues.**

ACTION 16/70/1 – The Clerk to approach Ian Soule (Amey) to determine if he is still the point of contact for footpath matters and also John Heathcott (our footpath warden) to discuss what can be done. Ian Soule has confirmed he is the point of contact at Amey. The Clerk had also been in touch with John Heathcott. Sadly Elizabeth Heathcott had recently passed away. John would be kept informed of any actions. The Parish Council were very sorry to hear about Elizabeth and and wished to recognise the contribution that both Elizabeth and John had made locally. Action complete.

ACTION 16/72/1 – The Clerk to enquire whether the land at the bend in Quat Goose Lane belongs to Gloucestershire Highways. **Continues.**

16/77 JOINT CORE STRATEGY

The Planning Inspector had published her interim report. The report recommends reducing the number of houses in the North West Urban Extension by 500 and supports the principle of our Local Green Space application. However, the report also recommends releasing the area between Swindon Lane and Hyde Lane from the Green Belt.

The report will be considered by the Borough Council on the 30th June and there will be a public consultation in September, despite the fact that the latest transport study will not be available until October.

Phil Hardwick of Robert Hitchens had requested a meeting with the Council. It was agreed that he should be invited to a meeting or asked to submit a proposal.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would make a formal response to the interim report after the Borough Council meeting on 30th June.

Cllr. Wells left the meeting at this point.

16/78 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council agreed the payments shown below.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>
Clerk			
• Salary (ref 1617-011)	£400.49		
• Expenses (ref 1617-011)	£32.00		
• Web site hosting (ref 1617-010)	£3.30		
• Purchase of printer toner cartridges (ref 1617-009)	£19.77		
• Clerk's travel to GL52 9QW (Woodmancote) to deliver books for internal audit 8 miles at 45p per mile	£3.60		
• Cost of posting Annual Return (ref 1617-015)	£0.96	£460.12	964
Karen Evans (ref 1617-014) (cost of picking up Village News from Cirencester)		£17.55	965
GAPTC (ref 1617-013) (cost of internal audit)		£150.00	966
Cotswold District Council (ref 1617-012) (printing June Village News)		£231.93	967
CPRE (ref 1617-016) (membership for 2016-2017)		£38.00	968

16/79 PLANNING AND LICENSING

There were no planning or licensing matters for the Council to consider.

It was noted that Cllrs. Wells and Deakin had attended the Borough Council planning seminar.

16/80 THE COUNCIL'S INTERNAL AUDIT

The Internal Audit had been completed by a GAPTC-appointed Internal Auditor. No major concerns had been raised and the Council's Annual Return had been signed off.

NEW ACTION 16/80/1 – Clerk to circulate the Internal Audit report to all councillors.

16/81 FIELDS IN TRUST CENTENARY FIELDS SCHEME

The above scheme may offer additional protection against development.

NEW ACTION 16/81/1 – Cllr. Allen agreed to look into the scheme to see if it would be appropriate to seek designation for part of the Local Green Space area.

16/82 ENHANCEMENTS TO THE PARK

It was agreed that this item be carried forward.

16/83 REPORTS

The Council were grateful for written reports from Borough Cllrs. Clucas and Fisher.

It was noted that the three bollards were still missing along Manor Road.

NEW ACTION 16/83/1 – Clerk to ask Cllr. Fisher about the matter.

It was reported that the hedge along Manor Road was obstructing the footpath again. The Clerk recommended the web site "FixMyStreet.com". Matters reported through the site are immediately referred to the appropriate authority.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

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