

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th NOVEMBER 2017
IN SWINDON VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

Parish Councillors Present:

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

Stuart Deakin
Frances Hunter
Helen Wells

Also Present:

Shaun Cullimore (Clerk), Borough and County Councillor Bernard Fisher.

17/137 APOLOGIES

None.

17/138 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

17/139 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

17/140 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of 12th September and 10th October 2017 be accepted as a true record.

17/141 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council agreed the payments shown in appendix 1.

17/142 PLANNING AND LICENSING

The following planning applications had been received.

- 17/01411/OUT – Outline application for residential development of up to 90 dwellings off Old Gloucester Road. This application had only just come to light. Although it was outside the parish boundary it would affect our roads. It was to go to the CBC planning committee on Friday.

NEW ACTION 17/142/1 – Clerk to ask why the parish council had not been consulted on application 17/01411/OUT.

- 17/02061/FUL – Proposed single storey rear extension to provide dining room and utility 6 Manor Court. No objection.
- 17/02029/FUL – Proposed replacement of existing front porch to provide ground floor W.C. 20 Drayton Close. No objection.

17/143 DOG NOTICES

There was concern that notices may not be effective and that offenders should be prosecuted.

NEW ACTION 17/143/1 – Clerk to ask how many people CBC had prosecuted for not clearing up after their dogs.

It was **RESOLVED** that we would ask for signs at the following locations:

1. The allotments end of Stantons Drive
2. The start of Brockhampton Lane
3. Brockhampton level crossing

NEW ACTION 17/143/2 – Clerk to arrange installation of additional dog signs.

17/144 REPAIRS TO THE SUNDIAL MOSAIC

The Clerk had met with Adam Reynolds (CBC Green Space Manager). Mr. Reynolds had no objection in principle to a wider border being constructed around the mosaic to protect it from mowers. Cllr. Allen stated that resin-bonded gravel could be considered for this.

Eileen Allen had spoken to Jane Bywater. She potentially could let us have another contact to look at the maintenance and repair issues.

17/145 BUDGET FOR 2018-2019

The Clerk had prepared a budget based on a 2% increase in the precept. The budget showed a deficit as did the budget for the current year. However, some of the expenditure budgeted for this financial year may not now be incurred (e.g. ground and tree works, park improvements).

The Clerk stated that the Council Tax Support Grant was being withdrawn.

The final payment on the council's loan would be made in January 2018.

NEW ACTION 17/145/1 – It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should prepare a 2018-2019 budget based on a 3% increase in the precept.

17/146 WATER SUPPLY TO THE ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk stated that the Council had not received a bill in August as was usual. He had been informed that in future as the allotments are regarded as a commercial premise we will be able to choose our water supplier. We had also received a refund of £159.51. The Clerk could not see that this was justified so we should not assume that we will be able to retain this.

17/147 HORSE TROUGH

The ladies who had been planting and watering the horse trough no longer live

in the parish and wish to pass the task to someone else.

The Clerk had written to the school and Swindon Village Society. Cllr. Wells agreed to approach the scouts. The Clerk would put a notice in the Village News.

17/148 JOINT CORE STRATEGY (JCS)

The planning inspector had declared the JCD to be sound subject to transport issues. A revised Transport Plan is to be produced within 6 months. The three councils (Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Gloucester) will vote on the modified JCS.

Cllr. Wells said that we need to ensure that the key issues (transport, schools, Local Green Space, noise, air quality) are properly addressed.

It was noted that archaeological surveys of the land are being made.

17/149 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARK

The Clerk had met with Adam Reynolds. Whilst Mr. Reynolds was not in favour of a new major entrance to the park near the Lodge he thought that a stile might not be a problem.

Mr. Reynolds confirmed that CBC were still holding £20,000 to be used on this project. He suggested that play equipment could be installed along the path through the park. This would have the advantages of reducing the need to spend money on surfacing and fencing. It would also mean that the additional play area did not encroach on the sports facilities.

NEW ACTION 17/149/1 – It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should pursue these initiatives with Mr. Reynolds.

17/150 REPORTS

The Council noted that seven bollards are now missing along Manor Road. Cllr. Fisher agreed to look at this and also at the widening of the path by getting the turf scraped back where it encroaches on the edge of the path.

Concern was expressed that bonfires continued to be lit during the day. There is no legislation prohibiting this but people should be considerate of their neighbours.

The County Council appear to be moving towards a policy of having cyclists and pedestrians share space.

NEW ACTION 17/150/1 – Clerk to ask Rob Vale what the County Council's policy is regarding cycle paths and also to ask if there is a map of Cheltenham's cycle paths.

Cars speeding through the Village remains a concern. CBC are consulting on the possible introduction of 20mph zones in Cheltenham. We are not an area being considered but the survey allows other areas to be suggested.

In Winchcombe the main road had been narrowed in places. This seems to be an effective means of reducing speeds.

NEW ACTION 17/150/2 – The Clerk to ask if road narrowing could be considered in Church Road as a means of reducing speeds.

Cllr. Fisher agreed to enquire about electronic speed signs.

It was agreed that it would be useful if councillors identified where they thought speed reduction measures should be implemented.

NEW ACTION 17/150/3 – The Clerk to send a map of the roads in the village to councillors.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council should reach a consensus on any speed reduction initiatives before Rob Vale GCC (Highways) be approached and that the issue should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr. Deakin left the meeting at this point.

Cllr. Conmee stated that the drains in Manor Road were blocked. Cllr. Fisher stated that it should be possible to view on the Amey web site when the drains had been cleared.

Regarding making the Freeman presentation to David Iliffe, it was suggested that a Friday night might work well as the bar would be open. The only Friday night that everyone could make in the near future was 24th November.

NEW ACTION 17/150/4 – The Clerk to ask David Iliffe if 24th November would be convenient for him.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Signed:	Date:
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APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF PAYMENTS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>
Clerk			
• Salary (ref 1718-055)	£397.34		
• Expenses (ref 1718-055)	£32.00		
• Cost of Pritt sticks (ref 1718-058)	£1.50		
• Cost of web hosting (October) (ref 1718-059)	£3.59		
		£434.43	1024
Cotswold District Council for printing of October Village News (ref 1718-052)		£130.81	1025
Karen Evans for collecting the September and October editions of the Village News plus purchase of 12 second class stamps (ref 1718-042, 1718-054)		£41.82	1026