

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th JANUARY 2018
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 Councillor Flo Clucas, Borough and County Councillor Bernard Fisher, Police Inspector Roddy Gosden, Police Constable Phil Clark.

17/168 APOLOGIES

None.

17/169 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

17/170 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

17/171 DISCUSSION OF THE CRUISER SITUATION

Roddy Gosden (Neighbourhood Inspector for Cheltenham) stated that the police had developed a plan governing their operations in respect of the cruisers. In accordance with that plan PCSOs had been patrolling the Malmesbury Road area on Sunday evenings since the incident in July. No cruiser activity had been seen. Inspector Gosden wished to suspend the plan and use his resources elsewhere. If activity was seen again the plan could immediately be reinvoked. The cruisers have been operating in Gloucester.

The police believe that the cruiser community consists of two groups; those who want to look at cars and those who wish to perform. The police feel that the first group are frustrated by the presence of the second group and a degree of self policing may be possible.

The possibility of having a raised platform ("sleeping policeman") built into Malmesbury Road was discussed. The police have a responsibility to the community as a whole and would not actively support any initiative not backed by the businesses on the industrial estate. Also, the police do not want to displace the cruisers to areas where the risk to the public would be higher (e.g. the town centre).

In response to a query the police agreed to supply an edited version of their plan to the Council. Phil Clark would also put the Clerk in touch with the

appropriate person so that the Council could obtain data about cruiser incidents.

Inspector Gosden and Constable Clerk were thanked for their participation.

17/172 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 12th December 2017 as a true record.

17/173 MATTERS ARISING

ACTION 15/122/1 – Clerk to make enquiries about possible sightings for a noticeboard and to obtain quotes. The cost will be of the order of £500 plus fitting. The siting depends on a conversation with Mr. Vale (see action 16/95/4). **Action continues.**

ACTION 16/99/1 – Loan of vehicle speed monitoring equipment. Simon Ellson had agreed to investigate this. The Clerk had sent a reminder but no reply received. In view of how long this matter been going on it was agreed to discontinue the action.

ACTION 16/154/1 – Clerk to set up a meeting with Craig Hemphill (Planning Officer) to discuss our concerns regarding the Elms Park application. We are awaiting confirmation from Craig regarding which meeting he can attend (he was reminded on 4th June, 17th July and 26th July 2017). Cllr. Wells has requested a meeting on behalf of Save the Countryside. **Action continues.**

ACTION 17/81/1 – Cllr. Allen to draw up a plan of the park. **Action continues.**

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

ACTION 17/143/2 – Clerk to arrange installation of additional dog signs. Action discontinued as the item is on the agenda (item 17/176 below).

ACTION 17/149/1 – Clerk to pursue the installation of a stile and play equipment in the park with Mr. Reynolds. The stile was now complete. The Clerk had written to Mr. Reynolds asking what we needed to do to progress the play equipment. Action discontinued as this is now a standing item on the agenda (see 17/182).

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. **Action continues.**

ACTION 17/160/1 – Clerk to notify Cheltenham Borough Council of the precept. The Clerk had written to Paul Jones (CBC). Subsequently, the Clerk had received notification from Mr. Jones that CBC would pay £310.00 in Council Tax Support Grant. Mr. Jones asked if the Council wished to change its precept in

the light of this. The Council **RESOLVED** to keep their precept requirement unchanged at £11,516.90. Action complete.

ACTION 17/162/1 – Clerk to contact Neil Goodwin and Jackie Bailey to discuss maintenance of the horse trough. This is covered in item 17/178 below. Action discontinued.

ACTION 17/167/1 – Clerk to modify and print the notice regarding burglaries. This had been done and Cllr. Simpson had distributed it. Action complete.

17/174 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council agreed the payments shown in appendix 1.

17/175 PLANNING AND LICENSING

There were no planning or licensing applications to consider.

Cllr. Allen stated that he and Cllr. Simpson had attended the recent C5 (Cheltenham Parishes) meeting. The matter of inadequate documentation accompanying planning applications had been raised. Many applications fail to meet the Borough Council's own requirements.

Cllr. Allen had also raised the fact that we receive no notification of significant planning applications for land in Tewkesbury Borough but adjacent to and affecting our area. Cllr. Allen thought that a protocol for communication between the JCS councils could be put into the JCS.

17/176 DOG NOTICES

The Clerk had been in touch with Clive Evans (CBC) and they would arrange to meet.

17/177 REPAIRS TO THE SUNDIAL MOSAIC

No progress.

17/178 HORSE TROUGH

The Clerk had written to Neil Goodwin, who had offered to take on the planting, and Jackie Bailey (representing the Rainbows and Rangers), who had offered to water the trough on Friday nights. A meeting would be arranged.

Cllr. Fisher asked if the trough was insured. The Clerk said that it was not; the Council had taken a policy decision not to insure its assets.

17/179 SPEED RESTRICTIONS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Ian Brown had requested that "Village Only" signs be placed to discourage lost goods vehicles from going through the local roads.

It was noted that some authorities (e.g. Bath) had gone away from 20mph

zones as there was evidence that accidents can increase.

Cllr. Clucas stated that as a result of the feedback CBC had received in their consultation our roads will be considered in any further County Council deliberations.

The previous meeting had discussed a number of possible traffic calming measure (minute 17/163). It was agreed that we should produce a consolidated map of the changes to traffic management that we would like to see in the area. The Clerk could then write to Scott Tompkins (GCC) to make our case. The Council wished to remain part of any future deliberations. Cllr. Clucas stated that section 106 monies from developers should be made available for traffic management purposes.

Cllr. Deakin left the meeting at 9:45pm.

17/180 JOINT CORE STRATEGY (JCS)

Nothing to report.

17/181 INTERNAL AUDIT

By law the Council must have an internal audit undertaken each year. On the recommendation of the Clerk the Council **RESOLVED** to use the GAPTC audit service as last year.

17/182 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARK

The Clerk was waiting to hear from Adam Reynolds.

17/183 REPORTS

Cllr. Fisher reported that the development of the stables off the "D" in Hyde Lane had been stopped. The groundworks were not compliant with the permission granted. A new application would have to be made.

Cllr. Fisher reported that the funding available to County Councillors is changing. Highways Local and the Lengthsman Scheme had gone but councillors were to receive £30,000 over three years. The details are not yet known.

Cllr. Clucas had also taken up the matter of inadequate planning applications with Tracey Crews (see item 17/175 above).

Highways are looking at the junction of Windyridge Road and Swindon Road following many complaints.

The large yew tree in the park had been damaged in the bad weather. CBC's tree department have done an inspection. A small tree had also fallen near the lake in park. CBC were aware and intend to replace it with a pine.

The Council **RESOLVED** to remove the padlocks from the grit bins for the time being.

Cllr. Allen stated that Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC) can make mobile CCTV cameras available to the parishes. The Council was unsure how they were intended to be deployed and monitored. CBC will provide more information.

Waste and recycling collection had been disrupted by the holidays and the bad weather. Refuse vehicles had been used to pick up recycling but the materials were then separated again at the depot.

The Council noted receipt of a statement of the Council's financial position as at 31st December 2017 (end of our third quarter) produced by the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 10:00pm.

Signed:	Date:
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APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF PAYMENTS

Description	Sub-Total	Total	Cheque Number
Clerk			
• Salary (ref 1718-071)	£397.34		
• Expenses (ref 1718-071)	£32.00		
• Cost of web hosting (Dec) (ref 1718-072)	£3.59		
• Purchase of printer paper (ref 1718-074)	£2.75		
		£435.68	1032