

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th DECEMBER 2019
IN SWINDON VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

Parish Councillors Present:

Peter Allen (Chairman)
John Conmee

Yvonne Pirso
Helen Wells

Also Present:

Shaun Cullimore (Clerk), Chris Mead (County Council Highways), two members of the public.

19/222 APOLOGIES

Cllr. James Cornish.

19/223 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

19/224 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the public were present.

The Council heard a complaint about the state in which football pitches are left after matches. Plastic water bottles are left strewn on the ground. This has been raised before. The Borough Council say that they have warned the hiring teams.

NEW ACTION 19/224/1 – Clerk to raise the issue again with the Borough Council.

The Council heard a complaint about nitrous oxide gas cannisters being left in the Village Hall car park. A total of 36 were found recently.

NEW ACTION 19/224/2 – Clerk to write to the police.

The Council heard a complaint about blocked drains in Manor Road. This is the responsibility of the County Council, to whom the matter had been reported. It was suggested that the resident also report the matter. The more complaints the County Council receive the more likely it is that the matter will be addressed.

NEW ACTION 19/224/3 – Clerk to write to the County Council.

The Council heard a complaint about dogs being off leads in the Parish. This is a matter for Cheltenham Borough Council. It was suggested that the resident report their concern to them.

19/225 DISCUSSION WITH CHRIS MEAD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GCC) HIGHWAYS

GCC Highways is a statutory consultee on planning applications. They provide the County Council's response to highways matters to the planning officer.

Cllr. Allen stated that the major developments that will take place in the area (Elms Park, the Cyber Park) will have a major effect on our parish. Developments in and around

Bishops Cleeve also push traffic through Swindon Parish. The developers only manage traffic to the boundary of their developments; it then becomes a matter for GCC. There is still no Traffic Management Plan for the area. The Parish Council had also met with Rob Vale (GCC Highways) on 20th November 2018. GCC Highways had agreed a number of actions which had still not been completed.

Mr. Mead outlined some difficulties GCC Highways face. If roads are improved the volume of traffic rises. If delays to traffic are introduced to make car use less attractive people complain. The Local Transport Plan will go before GCC's Cabinet in December. GCC wants to encourage people to walk or cycle or to use buses. The priority order for modes of transport will be pedestrians, cyclists, buses, taxis then cars. Park and ride schemes have a role to play.

Cllr. Allen observed that a Park and Ride in Elms Park won't help us as many people will drive through our area to get there.

Mr. Mead stated that developers have an obligation to mitigate the impact they have beyond their developments. The impact is assessed on a worst case basis. However, developers cannot be expected to solve pre-existing problems. GCC does not have capital for road schemes; they must be funded through developers (Section 106 agreements) or the government. GCC will be transparent about how the money is used.

Mr. Mead stated that GCC use census data as a starting point for traffic modelling. Road improvements are identified to the point where the road network can be made to work, but not necessarily in detail.

The West Cheltenham traffic model is being modified to include the effect of the West Cheltenham (Cyber Park) development. The Elms Park developers will be given the combined model as a starting point for their traffic modelling. The combined model is at least 4 to 6 months away.

If developments are refused on Highways grounds at some point GCC's view will be tested at appeal.

Mr. Mead welcomed engagement with the Parish Council as it provided him with a view on local highways issues. He invited the Parish Council to take a look at the draft Local Transport Plan and identify the top five issues that are of local concern.

Cllr. Allen thanks Mr. Mead for attending the meeting.

19/226 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 12th November 2019 as a true record.

19/227 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Details of all the month's payments are shown in appendix 1.

19/228 PLANNING AND LICENSING

- 19/02306/FTP – Cllr. Allen observed that drawings associated with the application were incorrect. The Parish Council had no objection in principle to the rerouting of the footpath.

NEW ACTION 19/228/1 – Clerk to write to the planning officer pointing out the issues.

NEW ACTION 19/228/2 – Clerk to refer the planning application to John Heathcott, footpaths officer.

19/229 SUNDIAL MOSAIC

Nothing to report.

Cllr. Perso had to leave the meeting at this point.

19/230 SPEED REDUCTION INITIATIVES

Cllr. Conmee had attended a Road Safety Event sponsored by GRCC. There were approximately 75 delegates. Cllr. Conmee was trying to obtain copies of the presentations to circulate. Many other parishes share our concerns about traffic volumes and speeding.

19/231 INCONSIDERATE PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

See action 19/169/1 above.

Cllr. Allen had heard similar concerns from the other Cheltenham parishes at the C5 meeting.

19/232 CHELTENHAM LOCAL PLAN

All councillors were again asked to submit individual responses, and to support other LGS proposals around Cheltenham.

19/233 EMERGENCY PLANNING

This item was deferred.

19/234 USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

This item was deferred.

19/235 RISK MANAGEMENT

This item was deferred.

19/236 VILLAGE HALL

This item was deferred.

19/237 BENCH FOR THE AMENITY AREA

It was **RESOLVED** that the wording on the plaque would be “In memory of Elizabeth Heathcott who did so much for the Parish of Swindon”.

NEW ACTION 19/237/1 – Clerk to ask the supplier for a delivery date.

19/238 WAR MEMORIAL

No progress.

19/239 REPORTS

Cllr. Wells reported that a new dog bin had been installed in Stantons drive.

Cllr. Conmee observed that the new noticeboard is some way from the pavement, making it difficult to read the notices. An area of hard standing would help.

Cllr. Allen reported that the jagged hole in the post by the level crossing had been covered with tape, not a very satisfactory solution. Shopping trolleys have been left in the park. Many local gullies are blocked.

Cllr. Allen had seen plans for a house on the island in the park. This had not proceeded to a planning application as yet.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Signed:	Date:
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APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF PAYMENTS

Description	Amount	Cheque Number
Glasdon UK Ltd for bench (ref 1920-041)	£757.39	1114
Cotswold District Council for printing November Village News (ref 1920-046)	£229.31	1115
Clerk salary and expenses (ref 1920-055)	£457.36	1116
Karen Evans collection of October Village News (ref 1920-054)	£17.55	1117
Cllr. John Conmee travel to GRCC road safety event 34 miles at 45p per mile (ref 1920-051)	£15.30	1118