

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7:30PM

Due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic this meeting was conducted as an audio/video conference in accordance with the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Parish Councillors Present:

Peter Allen (Chairman)
James Cornish

Yvonne Pirso
Helen Wells

Also Present:

Borough Councillor Cllr. Clucas, Borough and County Councillor Cllr. Fisher, Shaun Cullimore (Clerk) and one member of the public.

20/187 APOLOGIES

None.

20/188 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

20/189 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SESSION

Lisa Whitaker was present, having expressed an interest in joining the Council.

20/190 CONSIDERATION OF CO-OPTION

Lisa Whitaker introduced herself and answered questions from members. The Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to co-opt Ms. Whitaker onto the Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed and members welcomed Cllr. Whitaker to the Council.

20/191 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 13th October 2020 as a true record.

20/192 MATTERS ARISING

ACTION 19/106/1 – The Clerk to approach other local councils to firm up the requirement for evening training places. Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GAPTC) can run their “Being a Better Councillor” course via Zoom in the evening. It would require two evenings (two hours each). The cost would be £450. The maximum number of participants would be 15. The Clerk should establish the availability of the interested councillors. **Action continues.**

ACTION 19/169/1 – Cllr. Pirso to approach the school head teacher with a view to the school being represented at a meeting on the parking situation. Cllr. Pirso had spoken to Mr. Mills, head teacher. Cllr. Pirso had been advised by the local PCSOs that they would be willing to monitor the situation. At the moment the school is using a staggered start which reduces the problem. The Head had stated that both he and the school caretaker had received abuse when remonstrating with parents. It was suggested that the PCSOs be asked to do an article for the Village News. **Action continues.**

ACTION 19/195/1 – Cllr. Cornish to set up an informal meeting between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. Cllr. Cornish felt it would be too difficult to get everyone together and would draft a letter to GRCC asking on what basis they had advised the Village Hall Committee that they own the Village Hall. **Action continues.**

ACTION 19/210/1 – Clerk to send a summary of the County Council issues outstanding to the GCC Chief Executive. **Action continues.**

ACTION 20/78/1 – All to consider how our working methods could be improved. **Action continues.**

ACTION 20/115/1 – Clerk to share our thoughts on Elms Park traffic issues with Chris Mead (County Council) with a view to getting some Section 106 money invested in mitigation. Mr. Mead is no longer engaged with the County Council. The Clerk wrote to Craig Hemphill (CBC). A reply is awaited. **Action continues.**

ACTION 20/126/2 – Clerk to add the fact that accidents had happened at the mini roundabout on Hayden Road to the matters to be reported. This will be subsumed into action 20/115/1. Action discontinued.

ACTION 20/173/1 – Clerk to confirm with Karen Evans the arrangements for the Remembrance Day service. Cllr. Allen received our wreath and it was duly laid at the war memorial. Action complete.

ACTION 20/183/1 – Clerk to investigate the provision of a path near the gym. The Clerk, Cllr. Cornish and Cllr. Fisher will meet on site with representatives of Gloucestershire Highways. **Action continues.**

ACTION 20/184/1 – Clerk to investigate whether it would be possible to nominate all of our Coronavirus volunteers to the Neighbour of the Year award scheme. The Clerk had established that only individuals can be nominated. Action complete.

20/193 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council **RESOLVED** to make the payments shown in appendix 1.

20/194 PLANNING AND LICENSING

The M5 Junction 10 consultation is open until 25th November. Members will consider it at a working meeting to be held (via Zoom) on Sunday 22nd November at 7:00pm. Cllr. Clucas suggested that any submission we make also be sent to the Borough Council.

There were no licensing matters to consider.

20/195 COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

One of the last individuals receiving support through our Here to Help scheme is now doing online shopping.

One of our volunteers is moving away so Cllr. Cornish will allocate another volunteer to the supported individual. They will arrange payment for shopping between themselves without any involvement from the Council.

NEW ACTION 20/195/1 – Clerk to mention in the Village News that support continues to be available to those who need it.

20/196 EMERGENCY PLANNING

No progress.

20/197 VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall is only being used by the Early Years playgroup during lock down.

NEW ACTION 20/197/1 – Clerk to write to GAPTC to ask for advice regarding Village Hall ownership.

20/198 COUNCIL WORKING METHODS

No progress.

20/199 SUNDIAL MOSAIC

No progress.

20/200 SPEED REDUCTION INITIATIVES

See action 20/115/1 above.

20/201 CAR PARKING AT SCHOOL

See action 19/169/1 above.

20/202 WAR MEMORIAL

No progress.

20/203 RECYCLING BANKS AT SAINSBURY'S

The charity clothing donation banks are overflowing. Sainsbury's do not accept responsibility for the banks. Cllr. Cornish had tried to contact Oxfam but had not received a response.

NEW ACTION 20/203/1 – Clerk to write to the charities operating the donation banks at Sainsbury's.

20/204 REPORTS

Noted that the drain outside the school had received attention. Work will also be done on other drains in Church Road.

Queues of vehicles at the McDonalds drive-through are stretching back to the roundabout, creating traffic chaos. The police are aware.

The electronic speed sign in Hyde Lane is not working again.

A bus shelter will be installed on Windy Ridge Road.

In Mandarin Way the long term issue of flooding in a parking area has been dealt with and Network Rail have been asked to deal with self seeded trees.

A grit bin has been located in Pendil Close.

Cllrs. Clucas and Fisher agreed to arrange a meeting with representatives of the

Borough Council planning team to discuss the implications of the Government's proposed planning reforms.

In the Amenity Area the chestnut trees are in poor condition. Also, manhole covers had appeared at the base of the trees as a result of the Manor Farm housing development. The land is owned by the Parish Council but permission for the works had not been sought. A fence had appeared around the development but it is unclear who will be responsible for its ongoing maintenance.

NEW ACTION 20/204/1 – Clerk to liaise with the Manor Farm developer regarding the trees, the manhole covers and the fence.

The wall to Swindon Lodge is in a dangerous state.

NEW ACTION 20/204/2 – Clerk to contact the owner of Swindon Lodge regarding the dangerous wall.

The meeting closed at 9:55pm.

Signed:	Date:
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APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF PAYMENTS

Description	Amount
Grant to RBL Poppy Appeal (ref 2021-082) <i>Cheque 1150 signed in advance of meeting</i>	£90.00
Clerk salary and expenses for October (ref 2021-081) <i>Payment by BACS</i>	£477.18
Karen Evans reimbursement for travel picking up Village News (ref 2021-083) <i>Payment by BACS</i>	£17.55
James Cornish reimbursement for Covid-19 support payments made to volunteers (ref 2021-076, 077, 078) <i>Payment by BACS</i>	£446.56