

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th MAY 2021 AT 7:30PM

Parish Councillors Present:

Peter Allen (Chairman)
James Cornish

Helen Wells
Lisa Whitaker

Also Present:

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

21/77 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Allen was proposed by Cllr. Wells, seconded by Cllr. Cornish and re-elected unanimously.

21/78 APOLOGIES

None.

21/79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

21/80 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SESSION

Sharon Collicutt was present and was considering joining the council. This matter was on the agenda.

21/81 CONSIDERATION OF CO-OPTION

Sharon Collicutt was unanimously co-opted on to the council and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

21/82 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 13th April 2021 as a true record.

21/83 MATTERS ARISING

ACTION 20/215/1 – Cllr. Cornish to write a report of the working methods meeting. **Action continues.**

ACTION 21/42/1 – Clerk to summarise the findings of the solicitor for the Council. The Clerk was waiting for the invoice and final report from the solicitor. **Action continues.**

ACTION 21/49/1 – The Clerk to enquire about getting the two rights of way onto the definitive map. **Action continues.**

ACTION 21/65/1 – Clerk to ask Craig Hemphill attend the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss the Swindon Farm planning application and the wider Elms Park development. Action complete; Mr. Hemphill was not available.

NEW ACTION 21/83/1 – Clerk to invite Craig Hemphill to a Parish Council meeting. We

would like to discuss our objections to the Swindon Farm development; our Local Green Space and how to use, protect and maintain it; the government's planning reforms.

ACTION 21/65/2 – Clerk to liaise with the Village Hall regarding the return to physical meetings. Action complete; tonight's meeting is the first back at the hall.

ACTION 21/76/1 – Clerk to ask Western Power why power cuts were happening (based on information Cllr. Cornish would supply). Cllr. Cornish gave the Clerk a list of occurrences in the meeting. However, time had passed and unless there were more power cuts it was decided to let the matter rest. Action discontinued.

21/84 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

21/85 PLANNING AND LICENSING

- 21/00885/FUL – Proposed porch and garage conversion 47 Glynbridge Gardens. Members had not had an opportunity to review the application and would correspond via email.

There were no licensing applications to be considered.

21/86 COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Cllr. Cornish reported that the Parish Council were no longer involved in supporting residents.

21/87 EMERGENCY PLANNING

Deferred.

21/88 VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. Cornish reported that the Village Hall Committee planned to spend £10,000 on roof insulation and fans to improve the effectiveness and economy of heating the hall. The hall would be receiving an £8,000 COVID recovery grant from the Borough Council and would be pursuing other grants.

A new booking system was also being put in place.

21/89 COUNCIL WORKING METHODS

Deferred.

21/90 WAR MEMORIAL

The stone conservator had delivered his report. He recommended specialist cleaning for the memorial and had provided a quote for the work. His report could also be used as a specification to obtain other quotes.

21/91 FOOTPATH BY THE GYM

Cllr. Fisher will be meeting the Area Representative of Gloucestershire Highways.

21/92 FOOTPATH BY NEXT

Cllr. Fisher continues to press for the clearance of the rubbish.

21/93 ALLOTMENT RENTS

The Council agreed to increase the rents to £30 per year provided Ian Brown, allotments manager, had no strong objection.

21/94 REPORTS

McDonald's now have an employee directing traffic to prevent the backing up of their queue on to the Tewkesbury Road.

Bus shelters are being installed on Windyridge Road.

Mandarin Way and Seneca Way will be resurfaced.

The pallets have been removed from the hedge along Swindon Lane.

The electronic speed indicator sign in Hyde Lane is being refurbished.

The flooding that occurs on Hayden Road should be fixed this financial year.

There was some discussion about how the recurring fly tipping in the Amenity Area might be discouraged. It was suggested that rocks could be placed at the entrance off Manor Road, but access to mowers is still needed.

Cllr. Cornish expressed his concern that the Connecting Cheltenham strategy assumed that all travel was between the outskirts of the town to the centre.

The meeting closed at 10:05pm.

Signed:	Date:
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APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF PAYMENTS

Description	Cheque	Amount
Clerk salary and expenses for April (ref 2122-002, 003, 006, 008)	1152	£483.49
GAPTC membership for 2021-2022 (ref 2122-005)	1153	£439.19
Information Commissioner data protection registration (ref 2122-007)	1154	£40.00
Karen Evans reimbursement for collecting the printed Village News from Cirencester (ref 2122-009)	1155	£17.55
O'Hare Stone Conservation report on the War Memorial (ref 2122-010)	1156	£200.00