

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th JULY 2021 AT 7:30PM

Parish Councillors Present:

Peter Allen (Chairman)
Yolande Booyse
Sharon Collicutt

James Cornish
Helen Wells

Also Present:

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

21/115 APOLOGIES

Natalie Blankley, Lisa Whitaker, Borough Councillor Clucas.

21/116 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

21/117 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

21/118 CONSIDERATION OF CO-OPTION

No candidates for co-option were present.

21/119 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 8th June 2021 as a true record.

21/120 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 21/113/1 – Cllrs. Whitaker and Booyse to draft an initial plan of action for the Council in respect of the climate change emergency. This issue is on the agenda.

21/121 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

21/122 PLANNING AND LICENSING

It was noted that a document had been added to the Manor Farm planning application (20/00749/FUL). It is a survey of the condition of the barn.

There were no licensing applications to be considered.

21/123 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk had recently distributed a revised draft. Discussion was deferred.

21/124 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk had recently distributed a revised draft. Discussion was deferred.

21/125 COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Nothing to report.

21/126 EMERGENCY PLANNING

Cllr. Cornish had distributed a draft document and invited comments.

We need contact details for people with resources/capabilities that could assist in an emergency. It was agreed that we could ask people to come forward in the Village News.

21/127 VILLAGE HALL

NEW ACTION 21/127/1 – Clerk to follow up with the solicitor requesting a formal report and an invoice.

21/128 COUNCIL WORKING METHODS

Deferred.

21/129 WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported that the Church was following its process for approving the works.

21/130 FOOTPATH BY THE GYM

Nothing to report.

21/131 FOOTPATH BY NEXT

Cllr. Cornish had reported the dumped rubbish via Fix My Street.

21/132 CLIMATE CHANGE

Cllrs. Boosie and Whitaker reported that they are working with Charlton Kings Parish Council. Charlton Kings Parish Council had achieved excellent community engagement.

A consultant had been involved who would be happy to come to one of our meetings.

Charlton Kings were focussed on key themes including the natural and built environments, waste reduction and local shopping.

It was agreed that we could aim for a public meeting in mid September. This would allow the event to be advertised in the Village News.

It was agreed that we would allocate an initial budget to this activity of £500.

21/133 REPORTS

Cllr. Collicutt reported that one of the chestnut trees in the Amenity Area had shed a large branch. Fortunately it had fallen towards the brook not across the path.

NEW ACTION 21/133/1 – Clerk to get quotes for the appropriate work on the chestnut trees.

Cllr. Fisher reported that Cheltenham Borough Council are considering the controversial government planning reforms and will be making a response.

Cllr. Wells left the meeting.

Cheltenham Borough Council are moving to ensure that the Local Green Space continues to be protected in the next revision of the Joint Core Strategy (JCS).

Members noted that many local hedges need cutting.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.

Signed:	Date:
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APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF PAYMENTS

Description	Cheque	Amount
Karen Evans reimbursement for collecting the printed Village News from Cirencester (ref 2122-021)	1161	£17.55
Helen Wells expenses (ref 2122-020)	1162	£47.38
Printing Village News (ref 2122-024)	1163	£203.21
Clerk salary and expenses for May (ref 2122-011, 012, 014, 016, 019)	1164	£477.49