

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th AUGUST 2021 AT 7:30PM

Parish Councillors Present:

Natalie Blankley
Yolande Booyse

Sharon Collicutt
Helen Wells

Also Present:

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

21/134 APOLOGIES

Peter Allen, James Cornish, Lisa Whitaker (though Cllr. Whitaker listened to proceedings via Zoom).

21/135 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of Cllr. Allen the meeting elected Cllr. Wells to the chair.

21/136 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

21/137 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SESSION

Ben Williams was present and outlined his reasons for resigning his position as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. He was prepared to stay in post until the end of the year or until a successor is found (whichever comes first). Mr. Williams was also happy to continue to help with specific projects. The Council thanks Mr. Williams for the tremendous work he and the committee had done to secure the future of the Village Hall.

21/138 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

21/139 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. This issue is on the agenda. Action complete.

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

ACTION 21/127/1 – Clerk to follow up with the solicitor requesting a formal report and an invoice. This issue is on the agenda. Action complete.

ACTION 21/133/1 – Clerk to get quotes for the appropriate work on the chestnut trees. This issue is on the agenda.

21/140 CONSIDERATION OF CO-OPTION

Stuart Deakin was present and was willing to rejoin the Council. The Council **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr. Deakin and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

21/141 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

21/142 PLANNING AND LICENSING

The following planning applications were considered.

- 21/01734/CONDIT – Variation of conditions Unit 5 Kingsditch Trading Estate. No objection.
- 21/01759/FUL – Replacement/erection of racking Country Building Supplies Chosen View Road. No objection.

There were no licensing applications to be considered.

21/143 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Clerk's revised document.

21/144 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Clerk's revised document.

21/145 COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Nothing to report.

21/146 EMERGENCY PLANNING

In the absence of Cllr. Cornish the matter was deferred.

21/147 VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk had received and circulated a response from the solicitor regarding the constitution of the hall. The solicitor recommended that the constitution be updated and that the hall charity should become an Incorporated Charitable Organisation.

NEW ACTION 21/147/1 – Clerk to write to Ben Williams advising him of the solicitor's recommendations and suggesting that it would be appropriate for the Management Committee to fund any changes to the constitution of the hall.

21/148 COUNCIL WORKING METHODS

Deferred.

21/149 WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported that the Church was following its process for approving the works. The proposed works must be advertised for 28 days to allow for comment.

21/150 FOOTPATH BY THE GYM

Nothing further to report. Waiting on investigations of ground services by GCC Highways.

21/151 FOOTPATH BY NEXT

Cllr. Fisher had asked the County Council to clear the rubbish in the area.

The Council felt that it was getting little action from GCC Rights of Way. Cllrs. Allen and Cornish would raise the matter at C5 to see if the other Cheltenham parishes had similar issues. During the meeting Cllr. Clucas wrote to Helen Down (CBC) asking that the matter be put on the C5 agenda.

21/152 CLIMATE CHANGE

Cllrs. Boosie suggested that we hold a public meeting on 25th September. Raechel Kelly (local sustainable communities consultant) was proposed as guest speaker.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council join the Cheltenham Zero initiative.

It was agreed that we should review the Climate and Ecology Emergency (CEE) Bill. A representative was willing to attend one of our meetings (virtually).

NEW ACTION 21/152/1 – Clerk and Cllr. Boosie to look into CEE Bill and the attendance of a representative at a Parish Council meeting.

It was agreed that Cllrs. Boosie and Whitaker could attend the NALC Biodiversity virtual event. The Council **RESOLVED** to fund the cost of £30 per person.

21/153 TRAVELLERS

Sometime during the night of 14th July a group of travellers had again managed to get into the park. They moved out on 20th July having threatened and intimidated local residents and significantly damaged the play area. They left behind rubbish and human waste. The bill to CBC for clearing up the mess will be in the thousands.

The Parish Council is incensed that the travellers manage to regularly infiltrate the park and the police seem unable or unwilling to curb their behaviour.

Cllrs. Clucas and Fisher suggested that a meeting should be called between the police, the Borough Council, Ubico and the Parish Council.

21/154 REPORTS

Cllr. Clucas reported that “boy racers” had been using the Centrum Retail Park car park. The police could not act as it is private land. The landowner had been approached. There had also been issues with drug use. CBC are trying to engage youth workers. Up Hatherley and Charlton Kings Parish Councils had made some funding available.

Cllr. Deakin left the meeting.

Bonfires have again be creating a nuisance. Anyone experiencing a problem can contact CBC’s Environmental Health department on (01242)264135.

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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 July (ref 2122-027, 028, 029)	1165	£477.49
Came & Company insurance (ref 2122-026)	1166	£358.26