

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021 AT 7:30PM

Parish Councillors Present:

Peter Allen (Chairman)  
Natalie Blankley  
Yolande Booyse

Helen Wells  
Lisa Whitaker

Also Present:

Shaun Cullimore (Clerk) and one member of the public.

**21/172 APOLOGIES**

Sharon Collicutt, James Cornish, Stuart Deakin, County, Borough Councillor Bernard Fisher and Borough Councillor Flo Clucas.

**21/173 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**21/174 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SESSION**

One member of the public was present. Regarding the security arrangements for the park, the meeting was advised that travellers' caravans are 8 feet wide. This is wider than most vehicles. If the entrance was restricted to this width the travellers would be unable to enter.

Cllr. Booyse reported that she had attended the Borough Council sponsored meeting on the situation with the travellers. The meeting had suggested the use of boulders to restrict the width of the entrance and that Ubico could use two smaller mowers rather than the large tractor so that their entry would not be impeded.

The member of the public stated that bonfires were creating a nuisance in the Village. With the coronavirus pandemic more people were suffering with lung problems. He asked if the Village could be designated a smoke control area.

Lastly, the member of the public stated that the footpath past the former stables off Hyde Lane was quite restricted in width.

**NEW ACTION 21/174/1** – Clerk to seek the opinion of John Heathcott regarding the width of the footpath past the former stables.

**21/175 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 as a true record.

**21/176 MATTERS ARISING**

**ACTION 21/49/1** – The Clerk to enquire about getting the two rights of way onto the definitive map. It was suggested that the advice of John Heathcott be sought. **Action continues.**

**ACTION 21/152/1** – Clerk and Cllr. Booyse to look into CEE Bill and the attendance of a

representative at a Parish Council meeting. **Action continues.**

ACTION 21/165/1 – Clerk to contact Hugh Evans (churchwarden) to find out where we are in the process of approving work on the war memorial. The Clerk had been informed by Mr. Evans that we had to wait for formal notification from the Chancellor that work could proceed. Action complete.

ACTION 21/171/1 – Clerk to put a map of the parish on the website. Action complete.

ACTION 21/171/2 – Clerk to express our support for the “20 is plenty” initiative. The Clerk had received and circulated an email from “20s Plenty” and would add the matter to the agenda. Action complete.

#### **21/177 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

#### **21/178 BANK RECONCILIATION**

The Clerk had circulated a bank reconciliation for 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 to members.

#### **21/179 FINANCIAL POSITION**

The Clerk had circulated to members a statement of the Council's financial position against the budget as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (the end of the half year).

#### **21/180 PLANNING AND LICENSING**

The following planning applications were considered.

- 21/01493/FUL – Single storey front and side extension 56 Mandarin Way. The application appears to show a door exiting onto an area of land that is not owned by the applicant. The Council **RESOLVED** to make no objection.
- 21/02120/FUL – Drive-through food outlet on Gallagher Retail Park. The Council **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the grounds that:
  1. The footpath should be extended around the end of the drive-through to the existing “pear” shaped crossing refuge.
  2. The parapet walls are unnecessary. They add height and bulk and are not in keeping with the existing hard landscaping.
  3. The Design and Access Statement planting strategy does not include any planting.
  4. Having the drive-through share the same access as Sainsbury's could lead to the entrance to Sainsbury's being blocked by queuing traffic. Traffic at the McDonald's drive-through regularly backs up to the roundabout on the Tewkesbury Road.

There were no licensing applications to be considered.

#### **21/181 EMERGENCY PLANNING**

This item was deferred.

#### **21/182 VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr. Booyse reported that the members of the Village Hall Committee had been unable to agree regarding the installation of a new sound system. The Council felt that was a

matter for the Village Hall Committee to resolve.

**21/183 WAR MEMORIAL**

See action 21/165/1 above.

**21/184 FOOTPATH BY THE GYM**

In his written report Cllr. Fisher reported that a test hole had been dug on the site.

**21/185 FOOTPATH BY NEXT**

No progress.

**21/186 CLIMATE CHANGE**

The public meeting will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**NEW ACTION** 21/186/1 – The Clerk to set up a Parish Council email address for Cllr. Booyse.

Posters will be put in the parish noticeboards.

**NEW ACTION** 21/186/2 – The Clerk to contact other local Parish Councils regarding the climate change meeting.

**21/187 TRAVELLERS**

Cllr. Deakin and the Clerk were working on a consolidated report of recommendations for the Parish Council to consider.

Cllr. Booyse and others had met with the Borough Council solicitor regarding the potential use of injunctions against the travellers. An injunction would cost £300 and last for 2 years. It would need to target a named individual (the head of the traveller family).

See also Cllr. Booyse's report under item 21/174 above.

**21/188 TREES**

The Clerk had met with Graham King (arborist). Mr. King thought that the chestnut tree furthest from the footpath might survive but the other is a lost cause and would need to be felled. The Borough Council Tree Officer had wondered whether it would be appropriate to take the branches off the tree and leave it standing as a wildlife habitat. Mr. King said that it would decay quite quickly and would have to be felled sooner rather than later. He suggested that the resulting pieces of wood be left on the site as a wildlife habitat.

Regarding the sycamore tree overhanging the back garden of a Manor Court resident, Mr. King stated that the Parish Council were under no obligation to cut it back unless the tree represented a safety hazard. If the resident wanted to cut it back he would still need planning consent.

**21/189 PHOTO COMPETITION**

The Council **RESOLVED** to offer a prize of £50 for the photo competition being run in the Village News.

**21/190 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL**

The Council **RESOLVED** to give a grant of £90 and would receive a wreath.

**21/191 TEWKESBURY ROAD**

As part of making the road a dual carriageway some homeowners had been advised that compulsory purchases might have to be made. The houses in question were outside the parish boundary.

**NEW ACTION** 21/191/1 – The Clerk to write to Highways asking for an update on the plans for the Tewkesbury Road and the park and ride.

**21/193 REPORTS**

Cllr. Fisher had submitted a written report which had been referred to at the appropriate points throughout the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

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**APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF PAYMENTS**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clerk salary and expenses for September (ref 2122-037, 036, 038)	1169	£477.49
Karen Evans for collecting the Village News from Cirencester (ref 2122-035)	1170	£20.16
RBL Poppy Appeal, amount decided during meeting (ref 2122-039)	1171	£90.00
Cotswold District Council for printing the Village News in Jul/Aug (£151.30), Sep (£236.71) and Oct (£242.73) (ref 2122-040)	1172	£630.74