

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022 AT 7:30PM  
IN SWINDON VILLAGE HALL

These minutes are based on notes taken by Cllr. Blankley in the absence of the Clerk.

Parish Councillors Present:

James Cornish (Chair)

Lisa Whitaker (Vice Chair)

Natalie Blankley

Sharon Collicutt

Helen Wells

Also Present:

Three members of the public.

County and Borough Councillor Bernard Fisher and Borough Councillor Flo Clucas.

**22/120 APOLOGIES**

Alison Berry, Shaun Cullimore (Clerk).

**22/121 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**22/122 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SESSION**

The members of the public were present to discuss Elms park and Home Farm planning applications.

**22/123 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (two meetings) as a true record.

**22/124 MATTERS ARISING**

ACTION 22/88/1 – The Clerk to implement the change to Standing Order 18. Action continues.

ACTION 22/95/1 – Cllr. Cornish to produce a business plan for the resolution of the issue of the purchase or rental of the village hall car park. Action continues.

ACTION 22/105/1 – The Clerk to raise the decimated hedge in Morris Hill Close with the Cheltenham Borough Council Green Space team. Action continues.

ACTION 22/105/2 – The Clerk to include in the next Village News article a piece about the hedgerows. Action continues.

ACTION 22/110/1 – The Clerk to contact the Borough Council to state our position, to provide evidence that the play area is unsafe, to seek evidence of recent safety inspections and to request that the Parish Council has a presence at the next inspection. Cllr. Clucas had been in touch with CBC officers as she considers the situation unsafe. They will see what can be done. Action continues.

ACTION 22/110/2 – The Clerk to ask in the Village News for evidence of children sustaining injuries in the play area. Action continues.

ACTION 22/111/1 – The Clerk to seek quotes for cost of conveyancing if the Council proceeds with the purchase of the car park. Quotes had been obtained. Action complete.

ACTION 22/113/1 – The Clerk to ask representatives of the M5 Junction 10 team to attend a Parish Council meeting. Action continues.

ACTION 22/115/1 – Cllr. Cornish to source a laptop and a conference speaker. Action continues.

ACTION 22/116/1 – The Clerk to progress “out of hours” training. Action continues.

ACTION 22/119/1 – Cllr. Wells to approach the farmer about reducing the hedge. Action complete.

ACTION 22/119/2 – The Clerk to approach John Heathcott to ask him his view of our footpaths. Action continues.

ACTION 22/119/3 – The Clerk to press the County Council to refresh and replenish the grit bins. Action continues.

ACTION 22/119/4 – Cllr. Collicutt to pursue funding opportunities with local businesses. Action continues.

ACTION 22/119/5 – The Clerk to ask the Borough Council to get the recycling bins emptied more frequently. Action continues.

#### **22/125 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

In the absence of the Clerk processing of payments was deferred.

#### **22/126 PLANNING AND LICENSING**

##### *Elms Park outline planning application (16/02000/OUT)*

The review of the developer’s documents were divided between different councillors and volunteers.

Design and Access will be reviewed by Cllr. Wells supported by Peter Allen.

Transport will be reviewed by Cllr. Whitaker supported by resident volunteer Ian Nottingham.

Ecology will be reviewed by Cllrs. Blankley and Collicutt.

**NEW ACTION** 22/126/1 – Cllr. Blankley to contact Chris Chevasse (CBC) to establish which trees within the Elms Park development are subject to Tree Protection Orders (TPOs).

Sustainable Community will be reviewed by Cllr. Cornish supported by Cllr. Berry.

A member of the public raised the issue that M5 Junction 10 design doesn't meet up with Elms park.

Home Farm

The developer is undertaking a pre-application consultation. It was felt that this development doesn't comply with the JCS agreement about road usage. Temporary access is requested to allow construction vehicles to access the site off Brockampton Lane and then temporary access to buildings from Quat Goose Lane; the Council would object strongly to this. Roads cannot support the amount of traffic it will entail. There was concern that if we agree to this the access will never change.

Peter Allen raised the point that we need to be careful with reviewing this as it is not 'official' and that the Home Farm developers are looking for support. They can choose to ignore any negative comments. Also, residents may comment on their website and think they have made their objection but these comments will not be carried forward to the planning portal when the application goes 'live'.

It was noted that there had recently been an issue where a school child was injured due to traffic and Bernie Fisher will contact school to find out more information about this to provide evidence that traffic already around village is already excessive.

It was also noted that any comments on the pre-application consultation entered into the developer's website will not then be sent on to planning portal. This needs to be made clear to residents that any comments on this website also need to be put on planning portal.

Cllr. Collicutt left the meeting at 8:38pm.

The Council will organise a consultation event for Elms Park and Home Farm on Friday 22nd July.

**NEW ACTION 22/126/2** – Cllr. Cornish to confirm arrangements with the Village Hall Committee.

**NEW ACTION 22/126/3** – Cllr. Wells to put together a presentation on the Elms Park and Home Farm developments.

**NEW ACTION 22/126/4** – Cllr. Cornish to put together a leaflet on the Elms Park and Home Farm developments advising residents what they should consider.

The Council discussed getting the opinions of local school children.

The Council **RESOLVED** to set a budget of £200 for leaflet distribution and also for gifts for the Village Hall Committee to thank them.

The Council also agreed to ask residents to email their comments to the Parish Council as well as putting on planning portal or on the Home Farm website so that we can then submit comments on their behalf.

**NEW ACTION 22/126/5** – Clerk to set up an email address 'planning@swindonparish.org.uk' to collect comments from residents.

**NEW ACTION 22/126/6** – Cllr. Whittaker to request leaflets and information from Ridge.

The members of the public left the meeting.

**22/127 VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK**

Cllr. Fisher had spoken to Simon Hodges at Cheltenham Borough Council and told him he thinks the car park is only worth £25k. They will consider this.

**NEW ACTION 22/127/1** – Cllr. Fisher to let us know if CBC have revised the price.

**NEW ACTION 22/127/2** – Cllr. Cornish to contact Alexis regarding our Build Back Better fund application.

Cllr. Fisher will support our application. We can only put in one bid to the Build Back Better fund but the application can cover several things.

The surveyor has looked at the car park but we need to agree a contract with T&Cs. Councillor Cornish will look at the surveyor's own T&Cs and see if they are appropriate.

The Council does not need to consider the appointment of solicitors for time being as we will only need them when actually purchasing. We will ask CBC at this point whether they would be happy for us to use their solicitors, One Legal, also.

Cllrs. Clucas and Fisher left the meeting.

**22/128 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AGAINST BUDGET FOR FIRST QUARTER**

Item deferred.

**22/129 BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 30TH JUNE 2022 (END OF FIRST QUARTER)**

Item deferred.

**22/130 INSURANCE**

Item deferred.

**22/131 ATTENDANCE ON NALC/GAPTC TRAINING COURSES**

The Council **RESOLVED** to leave its insurance cover unchanged.

**22/132 RECRUITMENT OF COUNCILLORS**

Item deferred although we would use the public meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July to engage with people who are interested.

**22/133 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Item deferred.

**22/134 C5 NETWORKING EVENT**

Cllr. Cornish outlined his proposals for the event.

**22/135 PRESENTATION OF THE FREEMAN SCROLL**

Item deferred.

**22/136 REPORTS**

Cllr. Wells asked that we get a detailed report of all the footpaths and bridleways and their maintenance as most are overgrown and farmers deny that their maintenance is their responsibility.

**NEW ACTION 22/136/1** – Clerk to obtain schedule of footpath maintenance from GCC.

Cllr. Whittaker raised the issue of vehicles parking in front of the entrance to Dog Bark Lane making it impossible for horses to access the bridleway. The Council discussed the possibility of getting some bollards or similar put in place. The matter will be put on the agenda for September.

A resident had asked Cllr. Blankley about getting some double yellow lines put in the village, especially on the corner of Quat Goose Lane and Church Road as cars park very badly there on the school run. It looks as if this has been looked into before but the matter should be placed on the agenda item for September.

A resident had asked Cllr. Blankley about possible 'trolling' on Facebook. It was decided that we would monitor the comments from the 2 people in question and screenshot any comments they make so we have some evidence. We could consider making them leave the group but want to ensure we have evidence for this.

Cllr. Blankley requested a Parish Council email address.

**NEW ACTION 22/136/2** – Clerk to set up a Parish Council email address.

The meeting closed at 9:43pm.

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