

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th APRIL 2015
IN SWINDON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present:

Peter Allen (Chairman)
Glenn Simpson (Vice Chairman)
Frances Hunter

Shannon Kerr
Arran Stibbe
Helen Wells

Also Present:

Shaun Cullimore (Clerk)
Hannah Wright (Cheltenham Borough Council)
Hester Hunt (Gloucestershire County Council)
PC Simon Silsby (Gloucestershire Constabulary)
One member of the public

15/42 APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Cllr. John Conmee, Cllr. David Iliffe and Borough Councillor Bernard Fisher.

15/43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

15/44 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public was present.

The state of the pavement to the side of the Co-Op in Windyridge Gardens was raised. It was noted that this is outside the parish but Hester Hunt agreed to take this issue to the County Council.

It was noted that the height restriction barrier to the park continues to be left open while the contractors are working in the park. This had previously been reported to Janice Peacey (CBC). Hannah Wright agreed to refer this to the Borough Council.

A list of issues had been prepared for the County and Borough Councils and the Police to consider. These issues, the responses received and the actions assigned appear as attachment 1.

15/45 CHELTENHAM ALLIANCE REQUEST FOR PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORT

As Cllr. Wells had to leave the meeting early this item was promoted ahead of others.

Cllr. Wells stated that if anyone is attending the JCS enquiry they need to notify the inspector by 24th April.

Cllr. Wells had identified four sessions that she felt were key.

- 3rd June addressing the validity of the consultation
- 7th July addressing spatial strategy (i.e. the phasing of the development)
- 8th July addressing the Green Belt
- 14th July specifically addressing the proposed North West Urban Extension

Cllr. Wells will attend the 8th July session (in a Save the Countryside capacity).

Cllr. Stibbe said he would try to attend on 7th July.

Cllr. Wells stated that if we are attending on 3rd June we need to make a written submission by 24th April. If we are attending any of the other sessions we need to make a written submission by 12th June.

Cllr. Wells left the meeting at this point.

After discussion it was **RESOLVED that the Parish Council would express its support of the Cheltenham Alliance objectives but would not declare itself a member of the same.**

Regarding the question of making a financial contribution to the legal costs faced by the Cheltenham Alliance in presenting its case it was agreed that this would not be appropriate.

Cllrs. Simpson and Hunter left the meeting at this point.

15/46 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accuracy of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2015 be accepted as a true record.

15/47 BRIDGE OVER THE BROOK

Cllr. Stibbe outlined his desire to see a footpath connecting Wymans Lane and Manor Road via the Amenity Area. One way of achieving this would be to have a bridge over the brook from the Kingsditch Industrial Estate to the park. It was agreed that the best solution would be to continue the footpath through the Amenity Area into the park along the north bank of the brook. However, the land is in private ownership.

15/48 PENSION LAW CHANGES

As previously reported the law requires the Council to offer employees (i.e. the Clerk) a pension scheme. It would not have to contribute. The Clerk has no intention of asking the Council for a pension. However, GAPTC advice is that a pension scheme must set up even if no-one intends to subscribe.

NEW ACTION 15/48/1 – The Clerk to set up a pension scheme in compliance with the law.

15/49 ACCOUNTS FOR 2014-2015

The Clerk had distributed a copy of the Parish Council's Income and Expenditure for 2014-2015 prior to the meeting.

The Council was showing a surplus of £1481.79 for the year. A deficit of £274.93 had been predicted but very little had been spent on training (because of councillors' work commitments) and ground works. Further tree work would soon be required in the Amenity Area.

The Council **RESOLVED to accept the accounts as a true record of the Council's finances for 2014-2015.**

15/50 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council agreed the following payments.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>
Cotswold District Council invoice for printing April Village News (ref 0079) CHEQUE SIGNED IN ADVANCE OF MEETING		£168.12	915
Karen Evans reimbursement for travel collecting Village News on 25 th March (ref 0080)		£17.55	916
P L Gauntlett Accounts Ltd for payroll processing (ref 0082)		£40.00	917
Swindon Village Hall hire of room for meetings (ref 0084)		£240.00	918
Clerk			
Domain name renewal (ref 0075)	£8.38		
Reimbursement of travel (ref 0083)	£9.45		
Purchase of gloves for litter pick (ref 0076)	£17.94		
Internet service (ref 0077)	£3.30		
Purchase of printer paper and envelopes (0078)	£3.20		
Salary (ref 0081)	£353.38		
Expenses (ref 0081)	£32.00		
		£427.65	919

15/51 PLANNING AND LICENSING

The following planning applications were discussed.

- 15/00557/FUL – Extension at 35 Quat Goose Lane. No objection.

There were no licensing applications to be considered.

15/52 REPORTS

Cllr. Fisher had submitted a written report. Many of the points were discussed under item 15/44.

It was noted that the Council still had no visibility of how Highways Local money was being spent.

Cllr. Stibbe reported that the field known as Green Dean Furlong was uncultivated and was becoming an informal nature reserve. He understood the field to be in the ownership of Robert Hitchins Limited and wondered whether the Council liaise with the company to keep it in its present state until it is developed (if development goes ahead).

Cllr. Kerr reported that concrete debris had been left on Swindon Road. It appeared to come from Hope Construction Materials.

NEW ACTION 15/52/1 – Clerk to approach Hope Construction Materials with a view to reducing the material deposited on the road.

The meeting closed at 9:50pm.

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