

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th MARCH 2016
IN SWINDON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present:

Peter Allen (Chairman)	Frances Hunter
Glenn Simpson (ViceChairman)	David Iliffe
John Conmee	Shannon Kerr

Also Present:

Shaun Cullimore (Clerk), Bernard Fisher (Cheltenham Borough and Gloucestershire County Councillor) and one member of the public.

16/28 APOLOGIES

Apologies were noted from Cllr. Helen Wells.

16/29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

16/30 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public was present, expressing an interest in joining the council. The council were not able to make a decision on co-option as the matter was not on the agenda. It would be considered at the April meeting.

16/31 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accuracy of Minutes

In section 16/18 "Accounts Payable" cheque 951 was omitted from the list of cheques signed at the meeting and cheque 952 was wrongly attributed. The table should have been as below for those two cheques.

Reimbursement of K. Evans for collecting the Village News (ref 1516-068)		£17.55	951
CommuniCorp Limited subscription to web site related to the Clerks & Councils Direct magazine		£60.00	952

With this change it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of 9th February 2016 be accepted as a true record. Whilst the minutes were not incorrect the Clerk was asked to clarify that the house in Rivelands Road had been vacant for 13 years.

Matters Arising

ACTION 15/122/1 – The Clerk to make enquiries about possible sightings for a noticeboard and to obtain quotes. **Continues.**

ACTION 15/133/1 – Clerk to write to the owners of Gallagher Retail Park and the manager of Sainsbury's plus company executives regarding the traffic flow suggestions. **Continues.**

ACTION 15/133/2 – Clerk to write to Spirax Sarco regarding suggestions for easing congestion. **Continues.**

ACTION 16/22/1 – Cllr. Wells to approach Peter Piff asking if the Council could make a proposal for the Village Hall side. Cllr. Wells had brought the matter to the attention of the Village Hall committee. The committee wished to know when the school would want to use the car park. Cllr. Wells forwarded their queries to the school. **Continues.**

ACTION 16/24/1 – The Clerk to email all councillors asking for their views on speakers, etc. The Clerk wrote to all councillors on 19th February 2016. Action complete.

16/32 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Accounts Payable

The Council agreed the payment shown below.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>
Clerk			
• Salary (ref 1516-073)	£353.35		
• Expenses (ref 1516-073)	£32.00		
• Web site hosting (ref 1516-071)	£3.30	£388.65	953
Cotswold District Council (ref 1516-072) (printing February Village News)		£264.50	954
Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GAPTC) (ref 1516-074) (subscription for 2016-2017)		£452.20	955
K. Evans (ref 1516-075) (reimbursement of travel to Cirencester on 26 th February 2016 to pick up the Village News)		£17.55	956

16/33 PLANNING AND LICENSING

The following planning applications were considered.

- 16/00023/FUL – Extension at Sumner Court. The Council **RESOLVED** that any consent should be consistent with the original conditions imposed on the development.
- 15/02150/FUL – Extension at Drayton Close. The Council **RESOLVED** that the extension that was the subject of this application should be set back to match the completed extension of the other semi-detached house in the pair.
- 16/00276/FUL – Conversion of a stable block to two dwellings. The Council **RESOLVED** that the objection drafted by Cllr. Allen and circulated via email should be submitted.
- 16/00210/COU – Change of use of a light industrial premises to a children's adventure play area. After some debate it was **RESOLVED** that the council would raise no objection.

There were no licensing applications to be considered.

16/34 MEMBERSHIP OF GAPTC

The payments (above) included 2016-2017 membership of the Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils. The Clerk made the Council aware that if it wished to discontinue membership in 2017-2018 it would need to make the decision by 31st December 2016. The Clerk recommended that the Council continued in membership.

16/35 PROPOSAL TO ENHANCE THE PARK

It was agreed that this item be carried forward on the agenda.

16/36 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that we should see if other local organisations wished to give short presentations. The school hall would only be available on Friday evenings.

NEW ACTION 16/36/1 – The Clerk to book the Village Hall for the Annual Parish meeting in May on a date when Cllr. Allen would be available.

16/37 JOINT CORE STRATEGY

Cllr. Wells had circulated a list of topics and dates for the remainder of the enquiry and asked for the help of other councillors in covering them. Cllr. Allen said that he would see what he could do.

16/38 MUD ON THE ROAD

The farmer had been contacted but appeared to be of the opinion that the mud was an unavoidable consequence of living in the country. The Council's view is that in law the farmer must take steps to minimise the amount of mud carried

onto the road (e.g. by washing vehicle tyres), put up signs warning of the danger and make best efforts to clear the mud once operations had been completed.

16/39 REPORTS

Cllr. Fisher reported that Cotswold District Council are in talks about joining West Oxford Council. It is unclear what the future would hold for Gloucestershire County Council or the future of services such as education and health care.

The Evans Halshaw car dealership has felled trees to the side of their property and is using the area to store cars. During the wet weather the ground has become extremely muddy and the mud is carried onto the road. The cars also churn up Highways land as they are driven to the area. Stones have been dumped on the mud by the company but these are also carried onto the road.

The Parish Council noted with regret that Cllr. Kerr will be leaving to work and study in Worcester.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.

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