

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th SEPTEMBER 2016
IN SWINDON VILLAGE HALL

Councillors Present:

Peter Allen (Chairman)
Glenn Simpson (ViceChairman)
John Conmee
Stuart Deakin

Frances Hunter
David Iliffe
Helen Wells

Also Present:

Shaun Cullimore (Clerk), Cllr. Bernard Fisher, Simon Ellson (Gloucestershire Police), Dave Satchwell (Gloucestershire Police), Gary Stacey (GRCC), seven members of the public.

16/108 APOLOGIES

None.

16/109 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

16/110 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SESSION

Travellers had gained entry to the park on Thursday 8th September. They had broken the locks to get in, an act witnessed and photographed by bystanders. The family from a property adjacent to the park said that children and youths had ventured into their garden. On Sunday six adults had invaded the garden threatening assault. They made a 999 call but the police did not arrive until 22 hours later. Fruit had been stolen. They had entered into and damaged a greenhouse. They felt that Cheltenham Borough Council had failed in its duty of care. This was the third year in a row the travellers had invaded the park.

Acting Inspector Ellson responded on behalf of the Police. He said the Police had logged 26 incidents (some of which might be duplicates), 8 of which were crimes. He stated that with travellers the Police face difficulties identifying and apprehending wrong doers. He thought the best answer was to increase security in the park. He also stated that the Police have limited resources and must prioritise their efforts.

The members of the public present felt that people being threatened should be given a high priority. It would be impossible to secure the park given the need for public access and access for maintenance.

The Police accepted that their initial response could have been better.

In response to a question Acting Inspector Ellson stated that the Police did not have intelligence that the travellers were entering the area.

New topic. Gary Stacey (GRCC) gave some background into the Engaging Communities project. A profile of the community had been drawn up and a survey of views on planning matters had been conducted at the Church Fete. A further 1.5 days of GRCC time were available to the Council; it was up to the Council how this time should be used. This activity will feed into the Cheltenham Local Plan. Cllrs. Allen and Wells agreed to take matters forward through a working party.

16/111 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accuracy of Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of 9th August 2016 be accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising

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

ACTION 16/49/1 – The Clerk to contact Chris Coleman (CBC Cabinet Member for Green Space) and Adam Reynolds (CBC) to establish what plans need to be drawn up to garner support for the plans to improve the park. The Clerk had produced a plan that identified potential improvements to the park and would allow the Council to select and prioritise initiatives. The matter will be carried forward as a standing item on the agenda. Action complete.

ACTION 16/72/1 – The Clerk to enquire whether the land at the bend in Quat Goose Lane belongs to Gloucestershire Highways. Cllr. Fisher had been told that it did not but was awaiting confirmation from GCC officers. **Continues.**

ACTION 16/81/1 – Cllr. Allen agreed to look into the Centenary Fields scheme to see if it would be appropriate to seek designation for part of the Local Green Space area. It transpires that the scheme only applies to events of the First World War. Since the aircraft crash occurred in the Second World War the scheme does not apply. Action complete.

ACTION 16/83/1 – Clerk to ask Cllr. Fisher about the missing bollards on Manor Road. Two bollards had been reinstated yesterday. One of them had been broken off at the base earlier today. **Continues.**

ACTION 16/95/1 – The Clerk to write to “Seasons” asking if permission for the sign had been sought. **Continues.**

ACTION 16/95/4 – The Clerk to invite the GCC Local Highways Manager Rob Vale (Chris Riley's replacement) to a meeting. **Continues.**

ACTION 16/99/1 - Cllr. Fisher agreed to look into the possible loan County Council's speed monitoring equipment. Cllr. Fisher thought there was a waiting list to use the equipment. It was agreed that we would add our name to it.
Continues.

ACTION 16/103/1 – Cllr. Allen to look into pricing a repair of the mosaic.
Continues.

Cllr. Wells had to leave the meeting at this point.

16/112 JOINT CORE STRATEGY

The planned early September resumption of the planning enquiry had been postponed.

The planning inspector had determined that houses near the border of Cheltenham should be part of Cheltenham's allocation not Tewkesbury's.

It was noted that the County Council's highways plan would be based on 2008 data and use projections from that time rather than more recent data.

A planning application for Elms Park had been submitted and was being processed.

16/113 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council agreed the payments shown below.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Cheque Number</u>
Clerk			
• Salary (ref 1617-031)	£398.35		
• Expenses (ref 1617-023)	£32.00		
• Purchase of printer paper (ref 1617-025)	£2.40		
• Web site hosting (ref 1617-029)	£3.30		
		£436.05	973
Karen Evans (ref 1617-032) (travel to Cirencester to pick up Village News 39 miles at 45p per mile)		£17.55	974
Severn Trent (ref 1617-030) (invoice for allotment water supply, signed in advance of meeting)		£157.30	975

16/114 DONATION TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The Council **RESOLVED** to donate £80.00 to the appeal. Cheque 976 was signed during the meeting.

16/115 PLANNING AND LICENSING

It was noted that the drawing CBC had originally supplied for 16/01405/ADV had been in black and white.

Cllr. Allen had established that the planning consent granted to the Evans Halshaw site (then Sanderson Motorhouse) required that car transporters load and unload within the curtilage of the property. The same condition would apply to other car dealers along Manor Road.

NEW ACTION 16/115/1 – Clerk to seek enforcement of planning condition that requires that car transporters load and unload within the curtilage of the property.

Cllr. Fisher stated that the planning application for the stables would come to the planning committee this month.

There were no licensing matters for the Council to consider.

16/116 RESPONSE TO GAPTC QUESTION ON PLANNING

GAPTC was asking local councils if they felt they were kept adequately informed about planning considerations and housing allocation following consultation around the local plan.

The Council considered that it was not kept adequately informed since the local plan dates from 2011 and all discussions have been around the JCS.

NEW ACTION 16/116/1 – Clerk to respond to GAPTC regarding local plan consultation.

16/117 MANAGEMENT OF THE MOSAIC

It was agreed that this matter be rolled into the wider initiative seeking improvements to the park.

16/118 ENHANCEMENTS TO THE PARK

See action 16/49/1 above.

16/119 COUNCILLOR CHECK OF THE FINANCES

It was agreed that this matter be deferred until next month when the Clerk will report on the Council's finances at the end of the half year.

16/120 REPORTS

The Council noted that the road under Hyde Bridge is scheduled to be resurfaced.

The Council noted that Wymans Lane/Morris Hill Close are scheduled to be resurfaced in March. This will require significant road closures.

Cllr. Conmee reported that he had found the cost Wiltshire County Council uses for installing paths. The figure is £150 per metre plus £70 per metre for kerbs. This could be a useful guide for our park enhancements.

The meeting closed at 10:05pm.

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