

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

Parish Councillors Present:

Peter Allen (Chairman)
Glenn Simpson (ViceChairman)
David Iliffe

Stuart Deakin
Helen Wells

Also Present:

Shaun Cullimore (Clerk), Cllr. Flo Clucas, Cllr. Bernard Fisher, Jon and Sue Harris of Harris Ethical.

16/135 APOLOGIES

John Conmee, Frances Hunter.

16/136 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

16/137 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC SESSION

Jon Harris introduced himself and his company, Harris Ethical, a town and transport planning consultancy. The County Council has received funding from the Department for Transport to develop transport solutions at the grass roots level. Harris Ethical has been commissioned to engage with local organisations (including schools) to facilitate travel awareness events and provide supporting resources. When the present funding steam runs out (around March) additional funding will be sought to continue the work. Within their remit Harris Ethical could provide some technical support to the Council on travel issues. The Council were happy to consider Mr. Harris' offer and would be in touch.

16/138 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accuracy of Minutes

The reference for the reimbursement of Mrs. Evans' travel cost had been omitted. With that correction it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of 11th October 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 16/95/1 – 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 of the County Council's speed monitoring equipment. Cllr. Fisher had not received a response. The Assistant Police and Crime Commissioner has also said that speed monitoring equipment is available. The Clerk would pursue this. **Continues.**

ACTION 16/103/1 – Cllr. Allen to look into pricing a repair of the mosaic. Cllr. Allen had found two specialist companies but neither of them were local. **Continues.**

ACTION 16/133/1 – Clerk to advise Adam Reynolds of the problems in the play area. Cllr. Fisher confirmed that the matters had been addressed. Action complete.

16/139 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 1617-042)	£393.38		
• Expenses (ref 1617-042)	£32.00		
• Web site hosting (ref 1617-040)	£3.30		
		£428.68	980
Grant Thornton (external audit fee ref 1617-041)		£120.00	981
Cotswold District Council (printing November Village News ref 1617-044)		£167.30	982
Karen Evans (collecting November Village News ref 1617-043)		£17.55	983

16/140 PLANNING AND LICENSING

16/02000/OUT – Outline planning application for “Elms Park”

- The Clerk had confirmed with Craig Hemphill (Planning Officer) that the published date by which comments must be received was for guidance only; more time would be allowed.
- Cllr. Allen had suggested that the Parish Councillors each consider different aspects of the application. A number of responses had been received.
- Cllr. Clucas stated that the Cheltenham Local Plan would go to public

consultation in December.

- Because the JCS is not yet approved this planning application would have to go to the Secretary of State.
- If the JCS fails Cllr. Allen thought that the Council should consider producing a village plan.
- Cllr. Allen suggested that our response to transport and environmental issues should be made in concert with the other affected Parish Councils and the Hesters Way Partnership.
- It was suggested that as air quality was a major concern arising from this application we should try to obtain local asthma statistics and air pollution figures and also see if the County Commissioning Group could offer any relevant information.

NEW ACTION 16/140/1 – The Clerk to obtain health data.

16/01755/CONDIT – Proposed changes to the Manor Farm development

It was RESOLVED that the comments prepared by Cllr. Allen be submitted on behalf of the Council.

16/01925/COU – Change of use to ambulance station Kingsditch trading estate

CBC had failed to notify the Council of this application so the 21 day consultation period had been restarted. As the Council had only just been made aware of the application discussion was deferred.

There were no licensing matters for the Council to consider.

16/141 JOINT CORE STRATEGY

This matter had been discussed during consideration of the “Elms Park “ planning application.

16/142 ENHANCEMENTS TO THE PARK

This matter is tied up with the ongoing GRCC initiative involving Gary Stacey (GRCC), Cllr. Allen and Cllr. Wells.

16/143 REPORTS

The Council was advised that GCC are considering budget cuts.

Cllr. Clucas is involved in discussing the town's car parking strategy.

Cllr. Wells had discussed improving pedestrian safety at night with the school. The school would be happy to implement lighting of the footpath entrance (subject to consultation with neighbours and any planning considerations). Cllr. Wells hoped that the village Hall could be persuaded to do something at their pedestrian entrance.

The meeting closed at 10:00pm.

Signed:	Date:
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