

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th SEPTEMBER 2019
IN SWINDON VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30PM

Parish Councillors Present:

Peter Allen (Chairman)
John Conmee

Yvonne Pirso
Helen Wells

Also Present:

Shaun Cullimore (Clerk).

19/160 APOLOGIES

Cllr. James Cornish.

19/161 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

19/162 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

19/163 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 13th August 2019 as a true record.

19/164 MATTERS ARISING

ACTION 19/106/1 – The Clerk to approach other local councils to firm up the requirement for evening training places. It was agreed that the Clerk would fix a date with Cllrs. Cornish and Pirso before inviting wider participation. **Action continues.**

ACTION 19/121/1 – The Clerk to ask Cllr. Clucas for a report on the proposed CBC motion of support for the agreed area of Local Green Space. The motion was put to Cheltenham Borough Council at its meeting of 22nd July 2019 and received unanimous support. Action complete.

ACTION 19/135/1 – The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr. Bernard Fisher to complain at the lack of action on the speed reduction initiatives. **Action continues.**

ACTION 19/150/1 – Clerk to request a method statement for dealing with the asbestos present in the Vibixa site. The Planning Officer had responded to our concerns by simply quoting the relevant law. **Action continues.**

ACTION 19/150/2 – Clerk to include information about the demolition of Vibixa on the website and in the Village News. Action complete.

ACTION 19/159/1 – Clerk to get in touch with the Borough Councillors to ask for an update, particularly on the Cheltenham Local Plan. The Clerk had done this in the email calling this meeting. Action complete.

The minutes had not recorded the blocked gully in the car park of the village hall.

NEW ACTION 19/164/1 – The Clerk to report the blocked gully in the car park of the village hall.

Cllr. Wells reported that the Borough Council would be installing a dog bin in Stantons Drive.

19/165 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Details of all the month's payments are shown in appendix 1.

19/166 PLANNING AND LICENSING

There were no new planning or licensing applications to consider (other than a retrospective application for 1 Swindon Hall that had only been received today).

Cllr. Allen reported on a planning policy matter that had been the subject of a presentation at the Chartered Parishes meeting. The County Council has engaged two consultants (Chris Mead and Don Anyiam) to look at how highways matters are addressed during planning applications. It appears that GCC will be actively seeking opinions from Parish Councils and others rather than simply referring the matters to GCC Highway Engineers.

NEW ACTION 19/166/1 – Clerk to invite Chris Mead to a Parish Council meeting.

A GCC archaeologist also gave a presentation. There appears to be more of archaeological interest in the JCS area than had been supposed.

A series of meeting had been held on the cyber park proposals. Traffic is a major concern. It was emphasised that the meetings were not part of the formal consultation process.

19/167 SUNDIAL MOSAIC

Nothing to report.

19/168 SPEED REDUCTION INITIATIVES

No progress from GCC. It was suggested that Rob Vale and Chris Riley also be addressees of the email to be sent under action 19/135/1 above.

19/169 INCONSIDERATE PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

The school will be closed until September. This will be progressed then.

NEW ACTION 19/169/1 – Cllr. Pirso agreed to approach the school head teacher with a view to the school being represented at a meeting on the parking situation.

19/170 NOTICEBOARD

The noticeboard had been collected from the clerk's house by Ringway contractors on 6th September.

19/171 CHELTENHAM LOCAL PLAN

Nothing to report.

19/172 EMERGENCY PLANNING

This item was deferred.

19/173 USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

This item was deferred.

19/174 RISK MANAGEMENT

This item was deferred.

19/175 VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. Wells had attended a recent Village Hall management committee meeting.

The hall had been painted by youngsters engaged on a National Citizen Service programme. The NCS had made a donation to the hall.

The committee are considering purchasing a new noticeboard, a sound system, new curtains and a new front door.

NEW ACTION 19/175/1 – Clerk to advise the committee of the details of our new noticeboard.

The committee had made some major investments in the hall but had financed these through increased revenue.

The committee are also looking at the electrics and are seeking a grant to upgrade the outside lights to LED.

Ownership of the hall is still being discussed. It was noted that the definitive way to put this matter to bed would be to do a Land Registry search.

19/176 BENCH FOR THE AMENITY AREA

The Clerk had obtained three prices for benches. The cost would be approximately £500. It was agreed that we should consider the guarantees that are offered and whether a bench could be sourced locally. A concrete base would be preferred to prevent ground erosion. We will also need to find someone to install the bench. The Borough Council may have some useful knowledge.

19/177 WAR MEMORIAL

It was reported that some of the lettering on the war memorial had deteriorated. The Council may need to take advice from the War Memorials Trust.

19/178 POPPY WREATH

The Council **RESOLVED** to give a grant of £80 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

19/179 REPORTS

Our Borough Councillors had not been able to attend recent meetings.

The car parks of the Village Hall and the Mary Godwin Pavilion seem to be used at night for

drug dealing.

NEW ACTION 19/179/1 – The Clerk was asked to inform the police.

The hedge at the back of the Seasons complex has grown to the point where it has become a problem for the residents of Church Road.

NEW ACTION 19/179/2 – The Clerk to request that the hedge at the boundary of Seasons and behind Church Road be cut back.

The hedge behind the bus stop in Wymans Lane has grown across the pavement.

NEW ACTION 19/179/3 – The Clerk to request that the hedge in Wymans Lane be cut back.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm.

Signed:	Date:
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APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF PAYMENTS

Description	Total	Cheque Number
Clerk salary and expenses (refs 1920-031, 032)	£450.77	1106
Karen Evans collecting September Village News on 28th August (ref 1920-035)	£17.55	1107
Cotswold District Council printing September Village News (ref 1920-033)	£231.10	1108