

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7:30PM

Parish Councillors Present:

Peter Allen (Chairman)
Natalie Blankley
Sharon Collicutt

James Cornish
Stuart Deakin
Lisa Whitaker

Also Present:

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

21/155 APOLOGIES

Yolande Booyse, Helen Wells and Borough Councillor Flo Clucas.

21/156 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

21/157 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SESSION

One member of the public, a resident of 6 Manor Court, was present. Trees in the Amenity Area were overhanging the gentleman's property. It was explained that the trees in question belong to the Parish Council. The trees are in a Conservation Area. Planning consent will be required to do any significant work on them. The Parish Council acknowledged that the trees were the responsibility of the Council and they would be dealt with when the problem chestnut trees are addressed.

21/158 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Yolande Booyse's name was misspelt. With this correction (two instances) the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 10th August 2021 as a true record.

21/159 MATTERS ARISING

ACTION 20/215/1 – Cllr. Cornish to write a report of the working methods meeting. As the make up of the Council is now significantly different it was agreed that this action would be cancelled and the a fresh start would be made.

ACTION 21/49/1 – The Clerk to enquire about getting the two rights of way onto the definitive map. **Action continues.**

ACTION 21/147/1 – Clerk to write to Ben Williams advising him of the solicitor's recommendations and suggesting that it would be appropriate for the Management Committee to fund any changes to the constitution of the hall. Action complete.

ACTION 21/152/1 – Clerk and Cllr. Booyse to look into CEE Bill and the attendance of a representative at a Parish Council meeting. **Action continues.**

21/160 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The Council **RESOLVED** to make the payments shown in appendix 1.

21/161 PLANNING AND LICENSING

The following planning application was considered.

- 21/01970/FUL – Extension and garage conversion 42 Rivelands Road. No objection.

There were no licensing applications to be considered.

21/162 EMERGENCY PLANNING

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept Cllr. Cornish's Parish Emergency Plan. It would now be necessary to look to populate the specific details in the appendices.

21/163 VILLAGE HALL

There were no obvious candidates to replace Ben Williams as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

New procedures for the operation of the hall are needed.

21/164 COUNCIL WORKING METHODS

Deferred.

21/165 WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk reported that the Church was following its process for approving the works.

NEW ACTION 21/165/1 – Clerk to contact Hugh Evans (churchwarden) to find out where we are in the approval process.

21/166 FOOTPATH BY THE GYM

Cllr. Fisher is meeting with the Local Highways Manager.

21/167 FOOTPATH BY NEXT

Cllr. Fisher has been trying to get action from the Public Rights of Way (PROW) department of GCC but they are citing lack of funds.

21/168 CLIMATE CHANGE

Cllrs. Booyse and Whitaker met for a discussion. A public meeting will be held on 16th October. The meeting will be advertised on Facebook and via posters. It was suggested that key local businesses be asked to get involved (e.g. KFC, Superdry, Sainsburys, Spirax and also the school). Cllr. Whitaker would also do a letter to Ian Brown, Allotments Manager.

21/169 TRAVELLERS

It was noted that the costs of the incursion were of the order of £10,000 for bailiffs and £15,000 for cleaning up. There had been four incursions in the last five years.

There was no sign of forced entry this time; it is possible the lock was left undone.

The Council thought that Cheltenham Borough Council should be checking that Ubico were operating in accordance with agreed working practices.

Cllr. Deakin and the Clerk would prepare a report of proposals for the Council.

Cllr. Deakin left the meeting at this point.

21/170 TREES

Graham King (arborist) had produced a report on the trees in the Amenity Area in 2013. The CBC Tree Officer had suggested that Mr. King's opinion be sought on the chestnut trees. Mr. King had quoted £150 for doing this. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the quote.

The Clerk would also ask Mr. King for his opinion of the trees behind Manor Court.

21/171 REPORTS

NEW ACTION 21/171/1 – Clerk to put a map of the parish on the website.

Cllr. Whitaker asked if we should press for a 20mph speed limit on some roads.

NEW ACTION 21/171/2 – Clerk to express our support for the “20 is plenty” initiative.

It was noted that the Dunelm/Range/KFC car park is being used by boy racers. The area is left strewn with rubbish.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Signed:	Date:
---------	-------

APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF PAYMENTS

<u>Description</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Clerk salary and expenses for August (ref 2122-030, 031, 034)	1167	£477.49
Mr. D. Harris for collecting the Village News from Cirencester (ref 2122-032)	1168	£20.16