

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

Parish Councillors Present:

Natalie Blankley
James Cornish
Sharon Collicutt

Helen Wells
Lisa Whitaker

Also Present:

Shaun Cullimore (Clerk), Borough Councillor Flo Clucas, one member of the public.

21/211 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of Cllr. Allen the members **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr. Cornish to the chair.

21/212 APOLOGIES

Peter Allen, Yolande Booyse, Stuart Deakin, County and Borough Councillor Bernard Fisher.

21/213 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

21/214 ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PUBLIC SESSION

The member of the public present had an interest in planning application 21/02534/FUL, the proposed house next to "Kynance" overlooking the park. The Clerk told him that the application had closed to comments from the Parish Council on 6th December and that the members saw no reason to object.

The member of the public left the meeting.

21/215 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of 9th November 2021 as a true record.

21/216 MATTERS ARISING

ACTION 21/49/1 – The Clerk to enquire about getting the two rights of way onto the definitive map. The Clerk had written John Heathcott seeking his advice. **Action continues.**

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.**

ACTION 21/209/1 – The Clerk to ask our Borough Councillors what we need to do to get 20mph speed limits put in place and explore their enforceability. A new communication had been received from the "20s Plenty" campaign and a survey was being conducted by the County Council. The matter would be addressed under a later agenda item. Action complete.

ACTION 21/210/1 – The Clerk to find out the rules that apply in Smoke Control Areas. It had been established that in Smoke Control Areas enforcement action could only be

taken if fires were regular and a proven nuisance. Action complete.

ACTION 21/210/2 – The Clerk to ask Ian Brown about the fires taking place on the allotments. **Action continues.**

21/217 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

21/218 PLANNING AND LICENSING

The following planning application was considered.

- 21/02668/FUL – Erection of single storey rear and front extensions with a porch at “Quineys”, 34 Church Road.

The application form stated that no trees would need to be “removed or pruned” to allow the development to proceed. The Clerk was asked to confirm with the Planning Officer that this indeed was the case. If it was proposed that trees would be removed the Clerk was empowered to state (in response to the planning application) that this would require permission.

NEW ACTION 21/218/1 – Clerk to write to the Planning Officer regarding the implication for any trees under planning application 21/02668/FUL.

There were no licensing applications to be considered.

21/219 EMERGENCY PLANNING

Cllr. Cornish suggested that a Zoom meeting be held in the New Year to discuss the details.

21/220 VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee had discussed the proposed options on the table (a rent increase from £250 per annum to £2,000 per annum of the purchase of the freehold for £120,000). It was felt that both these options were unreasonable.

- The Village Hall is a charitable, not-for-profit operation
- Use of the car park is not restricted to users of the hall (it is used by parents of schoolchildren, dog walkers, users of the sports field and others)
- The Village Hall committee has had repairs made to the car park surface at their own expense

NEW ACTION 21/220/1 – Clerk to draft a letter to the Borough Council outlining the above position.

In other matters related to the hall, the insulation would be installed between the 17th and 22nd December.

Bookings were very good.

It was recognised by the Committee that the governance structure of the hall needs to be updated.

Cllr. Clucas handed the Clerk information on the Community Ownership Fund.

80 tickets for the proposed New Year's Eve event had been sold but the event was now in doubt due to new Covid restrictions being put in place.

21/221 WAR MEMORIAL

The faculty fee has been paid and the faculty (giving permission for the work to proceed) has been received. The Clerk is negotiating a date for the work with the stonemason.

21/222 FOOTPATH BY THE GYM

Works are being undertaken. It is thought that the services in the grass verge might be being moved deeper so that they are not disturbed by the construction of a path.

21/223 FOOTPATH BY NEXT

No progress.

21/224 CLIMATE CHANGE

It was noted that Tesco and Sainsbury's had provided bins for the recycling of flexible plastics. However, the bins at Sainsbury's are poorly placed, poorly marked and overflowing.

NEW ACTION 224/1/1 – Cllr. Wells to write to Sainsbury's and Tesco asking them to improve the facilities for recycling flexible plastic and to Lidl, Aldi and Iceland asking them to introduce similar facilities.

21/225 TRAVELLERS

Cllr. Deakin and the Clerk had not made any progress on a report of recommendations for the Parish Council to consider.

21/226 TREES

The Clerk had received the forms necessary to apply for permission from the Borough Council Tree Officer and would meet with the owner of the property overshadowed by the tree in the Amenity Area.

21/227 20MPH SPEED LIMITS

Another communication had been received from the "20's Plenty" campaign (email from Scott McNeill).

The County Council had started a consultation on 20mph speed limits (email from Amy Davies 9th December). The consultation closes on the 24th December.

NEW ACTION 21/227/1 – Clerk to set up a Zoom meeting to discuss the GCC speed limit consultation.

21/228 M5 JUNCTION 10

The consultation started on 8th December 2021 and will run until 15th February 2022. The documents are referenced on our website.

NEW ACTION 21/228/1 – Cllr. Cornish to contact Atkins with a view to them attending a Parish Council meeting.

21/229 SMOKE CONTROL AREAS

See actions 21/210/1 and 21/210/2 above. It was noted that Charlton Kings Parish Council ban bonfires on their allotments during summer.

21/230 BUDGET

The Clerk had distributed a draft budget for members to consider. The Council will need to fix its precept requirement at the January meeting.

21/231 REPORTS

NEW ACTION 21/231/1 – The Clerk and Cllr. Collicutt to write to the headmaster of the school asking him to remind parents to turn off their car engines when waiting.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Signed:	Date:
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APPENDIX 1 – LIST OF PAYMENTS

Description	Cheque	Amount
Peppermint Print Ltd. For printing the November Village News (ref 2122-052) <i>Cheque signed prior to the meeting</i>	1176	£387.00
Clerk salary and expenses for November (ref 2122-050, 051, 054, 055, 058)	1177	£505.08
Cotswold District Council for printing the December edition of the Village News (ref 2122-056)	1178	£238.30
Karen Evans for collecting the November and December editions of the Village News from Cirencester (ref 2122-049, 057)	1179	£35.10