

MINUTES 356

MINUTES OF SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26TH 2011 AT 7.30PM -SWINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE HIGH STREET SWINDON

PRESENT, Cllr T Herrington Cllr A W Robinson, Cllr R Painter, Cllr D Webber, Cllr G Fanthom, Cllr M Pincher, Cllr P Halford, Cllr L Beech, Cllr Lees & Cllr. B Edwards

APOLOGIES:

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Green,
Mrs Lesley Baird, District Manager Stafford and South Staffs Staffordshire
Young People's Service & Chris Frid, Team Leader Positive Activities.

Declarations of Interest

***Cllr. S.R. Lees** – as a member of South Staffordshire Council – will reconsider any planning applications at district level taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at that tier and at district level will declare an interest arising from membership of this Parish Council when expressing a view on any relative matters.

Cllr. Robinson (Allotment Society),

Minutes of the last Meeting

These were read and were confirmed as a true record for the September minutes. Proposed by Cllr Fanthom & seconded by Cllr Herrington

1. Matters arising from the Minutes

All agenda items

Seating & tables; Clerk emailed information to all Councillors who are still investigating.

Footpath numbering, Cllr Painter is attending.

CCTV; Sign available & suggested by Steve Poyser that it be put on the lamppost by the Community Centre, cost inc fitting £60, Proposed by Cllr Herrington & seconded by Cllr Webber, all agreed & clerk to email S

Poyser to arrange.

Hedge cut, Greyhound invoiced & paid

Cricket Club grass cutting Howard Medlicott has advised that they invoice C C directly, to be checked

Barking dogs on The Holloway, Enforcement Officer has visited & quiet at that time. He will return since dogs have also been stolen from a neighbouring property.

Computer upgrade, Cllr Lees to enquire.

2. Youth Action

Cllr Painter introduced Chris Frid & Lesley Baird who explained that the object of them attending the meeting was to all work together to ensure Youth Club is seen positively & discuss the role of the youth worker.

Important that it is sustained & good numbers are using the club since re-opening 5th Oct. Chris has visited & had a positive experience. Plan to get a clear message to members & parents as to what is expected of all parties. Youth Club is for age 11 upwards & on an open access basis. Draft letter shared with a view to this being mailed to all members' parents. Cllrs agreed to consider the letter & advise Clerk of any comments by noon on Monday so she could email them to Lesley. Parents may believe that once dropped off the young person would stay all evening but as open access if that person wishes to leave youth workers cannot prevent them. Once they leave not responsibility of Youth Club but it's the responsibility of youth workers to engage children & have a good programme so they would want to stay all evening & to address any issues.

Chris Frid will visit on occasions as a quality monitoring measure.

Concern raised re 11&12yr olds being able to leave, Lesley Baird advised there is a two way responsibility of youth workers to make sensible judgments & parents also. Chris stated that if children gather outside, then a member of staff should be outside also.

A register is signed on arrival, not upon leaving which raised a query over emergency evacuation & H & S. Lesley agreed to explore register in/out as part of code of conduct. Suggested that if younger members leaving, feedback should be provided to parents.

Funding, development of upstairs room, P C confirmed if it was fully for Youth Club Corey Environmental prepared to support grant for this but youth need to apply, Cllr Lees would assist with beginning this process. Chris Frid felt that other groups would need to use this room also.

Mentioned that Cllr Edwards has donated from Members Fund to support Youth Club.

Chris Frid happy to come to another meeting in New Year.

3. Development Applications

11/00737/FUL Proposed first floor extension to accommodate additional bedroom with en-suite & replacement of existing swimming pool roof from the existing flat roof to pitched roof with roof lights.

11/00147/REN, Conversion of farm house & adjoining barns to 7 dwellings, Manor Farm, withdrawn – query with not renewing would mean previous agreement cancelled, not necessarily.

List of planning applications w/e 23rd & 30th September & 7th & 14th October Quarry, survey looking at minerals plan for future, Staffs requirement had been reduced. Application referred to County.

63 Wombourne Rd, enforcement action to taken re wall;

Core Strategy should be carefully read by all Councillors. Query over what Swindon's requirement for additional housing would be. Cllr Lees to check.

4. Accounts for payment

Mrs J A Green £216, (£170 less tax, £34 & quarterly payment £100 less tax of £20) & £9.44 expenses

Swindon Community Centre Management Committee £180.00

Forge Senior Citizens £50

Act Now Training Ltd £24, (FOI Induction)

Proposed Cllr Herrington & seconded Cllr Robinson, all approved & to be paid

5. Health and Safety Issues

Playing field entrance, wall damaged, now repaired

Play area, more fencing now broken & review of report to be done by Cllr Painter & Pincher. Cllr Fanthom offered to ask OCL for a donation of materials.

6 Correspondence

G & B Wilday letter re speed signs

Email SCGBC re irrigation system

Vitalise request for donation

Kerry Johnson letter re speed in village & crossing required

CAB AGM Notice

The Local Government Boundary commission for England – Electoral review for Staffordshire, final recommendations

Staffordshire Parish Council's association, training events

Staffordshire Village Halls Advisory Service Newsletter

Parish Council Insurance Newsletter

The Queens Diamond jubilee beacons, Guide to taking part

Staffordshire & Stoke Archive Service, Time to Time

South Staffordshire Council, Summer Sussed

Fly tipping ABV etc, email re changes

LDF examination

Staffordshire County Council, Public voice & Confidence in health & Social Care Services

Temporary Road Traffic Regulation Order at Himley/Swindon

7 Community Centre

Meeting held last week. Re-carpeting of main room being looked into, cost maybe prohibitive. Further quotations being obtained. Next meeting 14th November.

Complaint received by Cllr Halford from a hirer that they needed to clean before could use. Cllr Robinson advised this was discussed at SCCMC meeting & he has discussed with caretaker, with idea of separate cleaner being mentioned. Committee have inspected the premises.

Windows all need cleaning, Management Committee to address

8. Cricket Club / Playing Fields Development/ Football Clubs/Bowling Club/Allotments

Grant application, joint meeting held SCC & SCGBC & it was decided to have a smaller extension an email from Chair SCC & Hon Secretary of SCGBC advised. Previously PC had advised that any agreement for further development would only be given if it were on a joint basis. The background of the proposal was discussed. Cllr Herrington to follow this up. Allotments no further with notice board

8a) Bowling Club irrigation system – now will form part of grant application

9. Any Other Business

Cllr Fanthom reported on his correspondence with the Community Traffic Management Officer, Mr Parkes who suggested present case for a crossing to Cllr Edwards, Cost of a pelican crossing he estimated between £60-90k. He is not able to investigate or make further suggestions regrading this until PC & County Councillor are on board. Siting of a crossing would mean a length of, zigzags associated & other criteria having to be met . Parking could be affected & thus trade for shops. Feared that it could increase speed without cars been parked by the shops. Thought not many cross near school. Cllr Edwards offered to discuss with Mr Parkes

Cllr Edwards reported 20mph flashing sign coming to St John’s in January Band Stand, Cllr Fanthom has a estimate from a local company. Village SOS grants are mainly for enterprise opportunities in a village & the deadline for applications has passed.

Cllr Webber, flag pole bracket broken, tied up for safety. Cllr Painter to tighten Complaint received from a resident re trees at rear of his home, 9 The Close, need pruning & District Council can’t help. Pavement on main road in poor state. & further roots of trees affecting pavement. Land is County Council. Clerk to email Cllr Edwards.

Previous problems with pavement & parking area were reported but no action taken as yet.

Cllr Halford, tree fallen on Hinksford Lane, maybe endangering a telegraph wire & another tree on playing fields. Clerk to email Cllr Edwards

Cllr Beech, jubilee celebration, she has began contacting local organisations. Request received from Swindon Under13’s if new team founded could they play on pitches, Clerk to give phone number of Arthur Patrick, Trysull Tigers to Cllr Beech

Clr Edwards informed the meeting that the boundary for Kinver Parish was changing, Lower Penn added to Kinver.

Cllr Pincher circulation had not reached her, being re-circulated.

Cllr Painter, Speeding problems, Community Speedwatch, perhaps Parish should consider this, training associated & a cost of £1k but it may provide a solution & a visual presence in village. Lower Penn doing this & we will get progress report from them.

Concern raised from resident re crossing road for bus stop near Hinksford Park, speed limit 60mph, suggestion to reduce limit. Cllr Painter had raised at PACT meeting also. Proposed 40mph Cllr Painter, seconded Cllr Herrington all in favour. Cllr Edwards to speak to Mr Parkes

Complaint re step at Londis, Land outside shops belongs to District Council. All Councillors have been asked to look at it.

10. Date time place next meeting November 23rd at 7.30pm.

As there was no other business the meeting was closed a t 9. 35PM

Signed Chairman Date

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