

## MINUTES 357

### MINUTES OF SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23RD 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 P Halford, Cllr L Beech, Cllr R Lees

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. B Edwards,

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Green,

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#### 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),**

##### 1.Minutes of the last Meeting

These were read and were confirmed as a true record for the October minutes. Proposed by Cllr Webber & seconded by Cllr Halford

##### 2.Matters arising from the Minutes

All agenda items

Seating & tables; ongoing

Footpath numbering Cllr Painter to email all

Cricket Club grass cutting Howard Medicott contacted & there was some confusion by SSSDC re invoicing. As agreed in March Parish Council would pay for 16 cuts per year & as previously, extra cuts needed by Cricket Club are paid by them direct to SSSDC. Agreement made with Cricket Club that they would pay a percentage of cutting including the discount for basic number of cuttings. Cricket Club have to pay full amount for extra cuts. SSSDC will invoice direct for the extra cuts. Cllr Herrington to provide information to clerk so Cricket Club can be invoiced.

Barking dogs on The Holloway, enforcement action been taken. One of owners has stated that dogs only visit.

Computer upgrade, Cllr Lees has contacted Lee Brookes & he is looking into costs, suggested maybe better value to purchase hardware & he will contact clerk.

Flashing speed signs coming in January

Emails sent re footpath & tree on Hinksford Lane. Fallen tree cleared Hinksford Lane but not playing fields, Clerk to chase & also advise Highways that further trees in danger falling on road on Hinksford Lane

### 3. Development Applications

11/00891/FUL Velux cabrio balcony/fire escape & an additional velux window at 5 St.John's Close, Swindon. Interest declared by Cllr Lees who took no part in this discussion or vote as he is a neighbour. Could affect privacy of neighbours who have objections to these plans. Majority decision to oppose.

11/00869/FUL Removal of existing garden shed & erection of single storey shed to rear garden at 12 Himley Lane, Swindon. No objections

11/00834/FUL side extension forming study & music room to Woodland View, 2 A Smestow Rd., Smestow. Extension greater than 30% allowed in greenbelt, have been similar extensions to houses nearby. No comments  
Grants of planning permission, 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 at 63 Wombourne Road,

11/00663/FUL Installation of solar photovoltaic panels, Chasepool Lodge Farm, Chasepool Rd.

11/00705/FUL Conservatory extension at 67 Hinksford Park

Refusals of planning permission, 11/00703/FUL Erection of shed in rear garden, 12 Himley Lane

11/00651/FUL, Amendments to 06/00800/FUL alterations to design, North Lodge, Bridgnorth Road, Swindon

11/00652/FUL Convert existing garage to domestic annexe, Green Acres, Church Road, Swindon

List of planning applications w/e 21st & 28<sup>th</sup> October 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November

Londis step, Cllr Webber advised the owner suggested a ramp to the shop with 2 handrails. Land in front of shops is owned by SSDC so their permission would be needed. Londis need to apply to the Council. Cllr Painter to speak with them. SPC support improvement.

### 4. Accounts for payment

Mrs J A Green £136, (£170 less tax, £34)

SSDC £60, CCTV sign

Cllr Painter £24, newsletters

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

### 5. Budget 2012-13

Draft copy briefly discussed. Precept is the main source of income & next years will include the new houses. Discussed Cllr Herrington proposed it should remain at the same level due to recession & Government action. Cllr Webber seconded, all agreed. All to examine the draft & discuss at next meeting.

Cllr Fathom asked if a P C can generate income which they can as long as profit not made, e.g. could raise funds for a specific cause.

## 6. Health and Safety Issues

Play area, damaged fence removed. Hollow by gate seems ok. Holes in ground seem to be made by high heels. It was suggested that if any Councillors see the area been abused they should address this.

## 7. Correspondence

NALC Staffordshire Branch Lines

Community Council of Staffordshire, member's newsletter & information on "Feed in tariffs"

Forge Senior Citizens, letter of thanks

NALC briefing on standards of conduct & AGM

Village SOS, The Local, magazine

Email from Sustainable Gov

Historic Towns Forum – newsletter

South Staffordshire Council, email re free energy monitors

Members Locality Forum feedback from the forums

Staffordshire County Council, community focus for ice busters

Cllr Painter requested that circulation does get around during the month between meetings.

## 8. Community Centre

8a. Re-carpeting further meeting of SCCMC was held & cost approx £3k.

Could leave SCCMC low on funds if they paid solely for this. P C to support, subject to formal tendering process with view to purchase carpet at end of financial year. Suggested bar area be vinyl floor. Proposed Cllr Herrington, seconded Cllr Beech, all in favour.

Broken tile repaired. Spares of tiles for dance floor also held.

## 9. Cricket Club / Playing Fields Development/ Football Clubs/Bowling Club/Allotments

Cllr Herrington is trying to arrange a meeting with all parties to discuss a way forward with the extension & irrigation system as grant will only be available for a short time.

## 10. Youth Action

Comments sent re letter. Cllr Painter to email Lesley Baird

Clerk to check booking timings with Gary Darby, as caretaker was kept waiting 30 minutes plus last week.

## 11. Any Other Business

Cllr Fanthom, bandstand idea, The Blakelands have a similar one which can be viewed.

Cllr Webber reported that Ken Hill no longer wishes to be a key holder. Don Webber happy to do this.

Cllr Beech any replies to jubilee? Clerk copied in on one from Bowling Club. Cllr Beech has not received any after writing to all churches, clubs, pubs etc. To be discussed further

Cllr Painter, attended the Parish Summit re Localism Act 2011 & reported on this. A major area is planning/development, it will be national policy, &

has presumption of favour to applications & green belt if adjacent to areas of development. Assets with community value was discussed, Cllr Robinson identified some previously. April 12 Development aspect of act comes in , assets October 2012. Links to it to be circulated. Statistics to be read.

Parish plan is also suggested. IN LDF policy is a requirement for additional housing which could be presumed, a plan could rank them in order of preference & suggest others. Initial development would be based on proposed sites. A parish plan must support district plan. Alternative suggested that instead of full plan advise district of preferred areas of development to be looked at for site allocation. Sites will be decided over next 2 years. All asked to identify sites within village boundary not greenbelt & including Smestow, Hinksford & Greensforge 2006-2027 allocation of 20 further houses. Without Himley Lane would have been 30+.

12. Date time place next meeting December 21st at 7.30pm.

As there was no other business the meeting was closed at 9. 20PM

Signed ..... Chairman      Date .....

Signed ..... Clerk      Date.....