

MINUTES 358

MINUTES OF SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21ST 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 M Pincher, Cllr R Lees

APOLOGIES: Cllr. B Edwards, Cllr Beech, Cllr Lees

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Green,

Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Robinson (Allotment Society),

Cllr Herrington, Cllr Robinson & Cllr Webber. Community Centre Management Committee

1. Minutes of the last Meeting

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

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

All agenda items

Seating & tables; ongoing. Clerk confirmed money aside. Prior to next meeting all to view brochures.

Barking dogs on The Holloway, Cllrs to listen out for dogs at unusual hours & report to clerk & thus enforcement officer.

Computer upgrade, ongoing.

Trees Hinksford Lane & playing fields, Clerk chased & also advised Highways that further trees in danger falling on road on Hinksford Lane, acknowledged. Not yet attended to so clerk to chase.

3. Development Applications

List of planning applications w/e 18th & 25th November & 2nd & 9th December.

Londis step,

SSDC need a sketch of what is required to be provided to planning dept for discussion. Cllr Painter to look at similar entrances.

Possible sites for development for the future allocation of 20 houses.

Suggestions raised. LDF advises brownfield sites should be considered first. Query raised as to whether drainage systems in village can cope with further homes & whether STW would be a planning consultee.

4. Accounts for payment

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

Staffordshire C C £693.45, Youth Leader

Mrs J A Green Expenses £3.49, stationery

HMRC £122

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

5. Budget 2012-13

All to consider so can be confirmed at next meeting.

6. Health and Safety Issues

Cllr Pincher to review playing field over next week. Cllr Painter has removed broken fence slats

7. Correspondence

Christmas card from Cllr Edwards

Staffordshire Parish Councils' association newsletter

Staffordshire Young People's Service policy information

Campaign to Protect Rural England/NALC, Planning Explained

Village SOS, The Local magazine

Staffordshire Village Halls advisory Service newsletter

BT re broadband

S Staffordshire Citizens Advice Bureau request for contribution –Cllr

Herrington proposed a donation of £50, seconded Cllr Pincher, all in

favour. Cllr Fanthom suggested they should have a session occasionally in

Swindon. The service in Wombourne is for all local villages & it was

thought staffing levels would be unlikely to cope with this. It was agreed

that the service be advertised in the next newsletter.

8. Community Centre

Carpet being reviewed in Spring. Another tile lifted but not broken, Cllr

Robinson repaired, though to be a result of soft football. Being played.

Front doors, one not opening, Cllr Herrington will take a look

Bulbs flashing in kitchen & one in main hall, Cllr Herrington will also take a look

A Himley councillor advised the caretaker that it was too dark around the side door. The light should come on as leaving & will be checked.

Agreed clerk arrange service of central heating

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

Grant application submitted in name of P C & signed by Clerk, should receive response in about 5 weeks when further discussions will take place.

Cricket Club have acquired a machine to cut the out field next season instead of SSDC. They are looking for assistance with costs via pitch hire income from Withymoor & a P C contribution. If successful next year they are suggesting they take over maintenance of whole area as the current

contract not meeting their needs. Previously PC had been advised they could have their own contractors so it is a possibility. SSDC cut a small parcel of land by the car park there to keep it tidy. It was suggested this should be discussed by a sports/community association which needs to be formed for the grant application. Invoicing to be done at end of financial year, Cllr Herrington will provide details to clerk.

10. Youth Action

Leslie Baird has confirmed that the letter went out to the children & has forwarded a copy of their policy document to P C, mentioned in correspondence. This will only be sent to parents if a need arose. Complaint received that Youth club closed early one night & a parent had to watch other children awaiting their parents. Further one re untoward comment being made to a child. Cllr Pincher also had to come & speak to leaders due to behaviour of older children outside the centre prior to club starting. Cllr Painter to email Leslie Baird regarding early closure & activities taking place in hall & lack of programme.

11. Any Other Business

Cllr Robinson provided the Council with a list of places & buildings in Swindon Parish worthy of special protection.
Cllr Webber raised that the number of trees at 1, Falklands Close have disappeared overtime, been cut down, does this require council permission. Cllr Painter will contact arbourtorolist at SSDC for advice.
Cllr Fanthom,, Owl messages, a car no. plate stolen & guinea pig cage from Falklands Close, saddening. Seems to be a spate of rural crime.
Cllr Herrington, Withymoore Colts, play on football field early morning, provision for gate opening needed as up to now a member of club has done this. To be discussed as part of association.
Reported to us that the tarmac on carpark does not have a solid base so heavy vehicles should be avoided.
Clerk advised that as more than 50% of the Parish Councillors also serve on the Community Centre Management Committee a dispensation is required from the Standard Committee to avoid any prejudicial interest.
Agreed clerk should follow up.
Cllr Painter, Queen's Jubilee, flag will be flown on the day & Olympic year. Street Parties are being encouraged. Asked all to think of ideas to be discussed at January meeting.

12. Date time place next meeting January 25th at 7.30pm. Future meetings 4th Wednesday of month, clerk to compile a list.

As there was no other business the meeting was closed at 9.10 PM

Signed Chairman Date

Signed Clerk Date.....