

MINUTES 354

MINUTES OF SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31ST 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

APOLOGIES: Cllr. B Edwards, Cllr R Lees, Mrs J Green (Parish Clerk)

Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. Robinson (Allotment Society)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM):

These were read and were confirmed as a true record of the AGM subject to full ratification at the next AGM in 2012. Proposed by Cllr Herrington and Seconded by Cllr Robinson.

Minutes of the last Meeting:

These were read and were confirmed as a true record for the July meeting. Proposed by Cllr Beech and Seconded by Cllr Pincher.

Matters arising from the Minutes:

Items not covered by agenda items:

1. Seating and tables. Brochures received and further scoping of options required. Ongoing.
2. CCTV signs. Awaiting information from Steve Boyser. Ongoing.
3. Footpath numbering. Cllr Painter to forward details. Ongoing.
4. Hedges adjacent to the Greyhound public house. Hedges trimmed. Item closed.
5. 30mph signs in Himley Lane had been cleaned. Item closed.
6. Pedestrian crossing in High Street. Parish Clerk to ask Highways to scope possibility. Ongoing.

Agenda items:

1. Development Applications
 - a. Grants of planning permission:

- i) 1/00527/VAR, Removal of condition 3 to allow unrestricted residential occupation, 2 Chasepool Cottages, The Holloway, Swindon.
 - ii) 11/00342/FUL removal of outdoor buildings and change of use of building to caravan storage, Chasepool Logde Farm, Chasepool Rd, Swindon.
 - iii) 11/00426/FUL, New/replacement vehicular access, The Homestaead, Smestow Rd, Smestow.
- b Refusal of planning permission:
 - i) 11/00476/FUL. Erection of four bedroom house, site of former Balckhill's Quarry, Bridgnorth Rd, Swindon.
 - ii) 11/00266/COU Car boot sales, land south east of Himley Lane, Himley.
- c. Planning applications:
 - i) 11/00663/FUL installation of solar photovoltaic panels on an agricultural building, Chasepool Lodge Farm, Chasepool Rd, Swindon. No objections to the Application.
 - ii) 11/00147/REN Conversion of farmhouse and adjoining barns to seven dwellings, renewal of 08/00246/COU & 08/00247/CLBC, Manor Farm, High St, Swindon. Following a discussion on the merits of this Application it was Proposed by Cllr Herrington and Seconded by Cllr Webber, that SPC had no objections to the Application. Majority supported Proposal.

2. Finance and Accounts for payment:

a. Transfer of £2000.00 to current account was recommended by Parish Clerk. Transfer was due to cash flow lag associated with payment of Precept. Transfer of £2000.00 Proposed by Cllr Halford and Seconded by Cllr Webber. All agreed.

b. New mandate forms had all been signed by new signatories and will be forwarded to Parish Clerk.

c. All agreed the following payments that were Proposed by Cllr Robinson and Seconded by Cllr Pincher:

Mrs J A Green £216, (£170 less tax, £34).
 S Staffs Council £425.96, grounds maintenance.
 Royal British Legion £50 donation.
 SSDC £1405.48 election re-charges.

2. Health and Safety Issues:
 - a. Playing field entrance, wall damaged and bricks left lying around. Ongoing. Parish Clerk to update during September meeting.
 - b. Light in disabled toilet, Cllr Herrington attempting to source suitable light as it appears to be non-standard.

4. Correspondence

Community Council of Staffordshire press notice re PPL and Notice of forthcoming AGM.
 Village Agent Scheme for Locality 5.
 Staffordshire Playing Field Association annual report, accounts and subscription request.
 SLCC Branch newsletter.
 Historic Towns Forum newsletter.
 Sustainable Government newsletters.
 Nat West - Community Force.
 Travellers PPS – update re traveller site planning policy and National Planning Policy Framework.
 Barclays Bank PLC – Business Support.
 Staffordshire Police – S Staffs LPT Wombourne Police Authority Consultative Committee Meeting.
 South Staffordshire Council first draft Allotment Strategy.
 Regulatory committee (details received after agenda was prepared).
 Locality Member forum meetings, The Big Society, feedback.
 Staffordshire County Council Bus Service change notifications in South Staffs area.
 Engaging Communities Staffordshire.
 Grant approval for Youth Club.

5. Community Centre:
 - a. Damaged guttering to be investigated with a view to self help repair by Cllr Painter.
 - b. Hanging cable from roof has been removed by Cllr Herrington.

6. Cricket Club / Playing Fields Development/ Football Clubs/Bowling Club/Allotments:
 - a. Cllr Herrington reported that no fault could be identified with the lights outside the cricket cub. Item closed.
 - b. Cllr Herrington reported that all forms for the application for a combined facility had been completed. However, some aspects of the application required clarification as to whether SPC would be required to be the lead organisation or whether it would be via a 'company route'. Clarification would be sought regarding lead organisation.

c. Cllr Robinson reported the allotments were going well. The Allotment Strategy (Draft) distributed by SSC, whereby responsibility for allotments remained with Parish Councils, was welcomed.

7. Youth Action:

a. A grant of £1000.00 had been received for the Youth Club following an application through Cllr Edwards.

b. It was agreed that more visibility of activities and programme of event would be useful from the Youth Club regarding plans for the coming year. Cllr Painter to contact Youth Club and request an update.

c. Funding application to help convert roof space within Community Centre for use by the Youth Club had not progressed. Cllr Painter to contact Youth Club and request an update.

8. Any Other Business:

a. Recent news coverage regarding the Governments wish for more residential moorings outlined by the Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP (Minister of State (Housing and Local Government), Communities and Local Government), was discussed with a view to the Swindon marina development. Cllr Painter commented that he believed the Approval for development was based on a non-residential marina although that could still allow boats to be legally based at the marina for 11 months. Concern was expressed at the prospect of residential status being extended to any marina development at Swindon.

b. A complaint had been forwarded to Cllr Robinson regarding dogs barking in the Holloway. The matter would be monitored and if the noise was considered to be a nuisance it would be referred to SSDC for further action.

c. Cllr Herrington had produced a newsletter. Cllr Painter agreed to arrange printing, estimated at around £25, and distribution.

d. Cllr Webber agreed to discuss the options for making the high step on the entrance to Londis/Post Office more user friendly to those with decreased mobility as it was considered rather high.

e. Cllr Fathom reported that pig pens had been placed immediately at the rear of properties in Hinksford Gardens which could be construed as a deliberate act of malicious nuisance and could affect the 'well being' of residents. Following a discussion on this matter, which highlighted it was primarily a matter between the land owner and residents, Cllr Painter agreed to investigate whether the 'well being' of residents in Hinksford Gardens was something SSDC should be concerned with.

9. Date, time and place next meeting: September 28th at 7.30pm in SPC Chamber, Community Centre, Swindon.

As there was no other business the meeting was closed at 9.00pm.

Signed Chairman Date

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