

## MINUTES 355

### MINUTES OF SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY SEPTMEBER 28TH 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 R Lees

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. B Edwards,

Parish Clerk: Mrs J Green

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Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. Robinson (Allotment Society)

**\*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.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting:

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

2. Matters arising from the Minutes:

All agenda items

Seating and tables. Brochures received. Clerk to email supplier's website details so all Councillors can view.

Footpath numbering still ongoing

Cllr Lees will chase Steve Boyser re neighbourhood watch signs

Greyhound hedge cut, no invoice received. Clerk to check with Howard Medicott as to whether invoiced Greyhound direct.

Ground maintenances, cricket club will need to be invoiced for cuts, clerk to check & invoice.

Pedestrian crossing, email acknowledged, no further news. Cllr Fanthom has provided ideas to Highways & sought their advice via John Parkes at Gailey.

Complaint regarding dogs barking on the Holloway, Cllr Painter spoke to someone on the property & explained that complaints had been received by the P C. The Enforcement Officer has visited on previous occasions. A question was also raised as to whether permission has been given for the caravan to be sited there, Cllr Lees to speak to the Enforcement Officer.

Newsletter done.

Londis/Post Office step, Cllr Webber inspected & at present no further action

Pigs on field behind Hinksford Gardens. Wellbeing policy at Council, if not illegal use of land farmer is within his rights & no action can be taken.

3. Development Applications

11/00705/FUL Conservatory extension, 67 Hinksford Park, Swindon Rd, Hinksford – no comments

11/00703/FUL erection of single-storey shed in rear garden, 12 Himley Lane, Swindon, - It will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> shed, no comments

11/00652/FUL convert existing garage to form domestic annexe, Green Acres, Church Rd, Swindon. – This would form isolated living accommodation. Cllr Painter had received concerns from neighbouring properties as property not on main sewer but there will only be one toilet in development. Objections raised as on greenbelt & adjacent to public footpath.

Lists of planning applications for weeks ending 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> September

4.Accounts for payment:

SSDC (Sussed) £190

Playesafety Ltd (ROSPA report) £75.60

HMRC £122

Mrs J A Green £136

BT £160.88

All agreed the following payments that were Proposed by Cllr Webber and Seconded by Cllr Herrington, all in favour

5. Health and Safety Issues:

Rospa inspection Cllr Pincher read the report & visited the site

Medium rating given to site compared with low last year & items need addressing. 3 fence posts now missing & action needs taking. Sharp edges identified, Gateway into the site, dip in entrance, needs flattening out as could be a trip obstacle.

Soft pour covering under swings, small hole which would need filling.

Cllrs Painter & Pincher to examine

a. Playing field entrance, wall damaged and bricks left lying around. Ongoing. Clerk to chase,

b. Light in disabled toilet, done

Sign stating emergency vehicles only has been removed from playing fields site, Cllr Painter to take a look.

6. Correspondence

Boundary Commission for England, the 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England

Staffordshire Parish Councils association, annual report & accounts

The Big Jubilee Lunch

Weight managers CIC, Experts Patients Programme

Planning Resolved Ltd email re Localism Bill

SSRTP September Update

Community Council of South Staffordshire, annual report

Brochures from various companies re tables

Norfolk China Ltd, Diamond Jubilee Merchandise

St John's Church, Christmas Tree Festival - agreed to take part again

Barclay's Bank re mandates

Staffordshire Office of Lieutenancy, Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Community Council of Staffordshire, Food for Thought project & Supporting Organisations

Tower Mint, Diamond jubilee Coins

Request for donation , Forge Senior Citizens proposed Cllr Lees, seconded Cllr Halford, all in favour of £50 donation. Cllr Webber took no part in these discussions as a member of the group.

British Legion, letter of thanks

Jubilee, Wombourne P C are commemorating the event with a gift to schoolchildren. Cllr Beech thought it would be nice to use a local supplier for a gift for the children of St John's School.

South Staffordshire Council.

Core Strategy, Local Development Framework

Restructure of policy & Partnership Services

Email re New Development Manager structure

Email from Planning Enforcement Officer re permissions for stables

Village SOS Funding – suggested focal point for village such as bandstand. Area of playing fields left unused but leased from DC so would need permission

Consultee Access - agreed that Parish Office should be registered

Staffordshire County Council

Staffordshire C C & Stoke-on –Trent Council joint Waste Core Strategy

Provision of Legal Services

7. Community Centre:

Guttering is not damaging the building but will be repaired

Parishioner commented that paintwork in hall needs smartening. Agenda item for Management Committee meeting in October

Caretaker another instance of not opening on time bonus withheld.

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

Club/Allotments:

All allotments taken, waiting list exists.

Grant application not yet submitted as the original plan that at stage 1 would be done in name of P C & then change for subsequent stages was questioned. Cllr Herrington to request update & chase.

9. Youth Action:

Letter from Lesley Baird read out explaining open access & copy to be forwarded to each Councillor. Concern raised previously of safety if children leaving site. Clerk to invite Lesley to the October Council meeting.

10. Any Other Business:

Cllr Webber, lady slipped on gravel crossing the little car park in Winston Rd & also grass growing on pavement by telephone pole. Car park belongs to S S Housing Association. Clerk to report car park to them & footpath to Highways.

Newsletter The proposed village Jubilee Celebration, should article be followed up.

Cllr Beech to contact local groups.

Cllr Robinson reported problems at play area with youths trying to cause damage, reported to police.

Cllr Halford brought up a concern from parishioner & clerk had received an email regarding speed in village. Other schools have 20mph zone outside schools. Cllr Fanthom had suggested traffic calming measure, these have to be financed by P C & justified to Highways. In due course the travelling flashing speed sign will be located in Swindon.

Cllr Fanthom asked if there had been any response to the newsletter. Some responses received.  
PACT meeting tomorrow 7.45, Civic Centre Wombourne  
Clerk requested permission to do an online training course under Freedom of Information Act, all agreed  
Cllr Herrington gained agreement to upgrade Parish Office computer to windows 7 & word 2007

11. Date, time and place next meeting: October 26th at 7.30pm Community Centre, Swindon.

As there was no other business the meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

Signed ..... Chairman      Date .....

Signed ..... Clerk      Date.....