

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE held online at 6.00 pm. on WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2021

Minutes

Present:

Cllr Mike Burtenshaw
Cllr Steph Exell
Cllr Suresh Gattapur (Vice Chair)
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Geoff Gould
Cllr Nick Martin
Cllr Mary Martin
Cllr Trish Philpot
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)
Leanne Curtis (Assistant Clerk)

Public: Two.

Public Question Time:

A resident asked for it to be noted that it was very good news to see progress with the BMX pump track. The Chair noted the comment.

A resident asked the Committee to consider whether noticeboards near play areas might have a higher reach for the whole community than a location at the West Swindon District Centre. The Chair noted the comment.

Meeting started 6.02 pm.

651. Apologies

Cllr Umar Ali and Cllr Tim Makofu due to other commitments.

All apologies received were approved.

652. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Noted that Cllr Gould is not a member of this Committee and would not be voting.

653. Fowey/Desborough

The Parish Manager circulated an email response from Swindon Borough Council Highways team in response to the Parish Council's enquiry about installing parking restrictions on verges. The reply appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book.

Swindon Borough Council has a Cabinet Member Advisory Group (CMAG) looking at a range of solutions that may form policy in response to very similar parking issues. The reply from the Highways team advised that it would be unlikely that obstacles on verge areas would be permitted and that the Parish Council should wait for this Committee to complete its final report before any request from a Parish Council could be considered further.

It was noted that other streets could be nominated to be considered by the CMAG.

RESOLVED that an update to be brought to a future meeting of this committee.

654. BMX Pump Track Update

The Parish Manager reported that following on from a BMX Working Party discussion, it was agreed that extra feedback was required. In response to this, it was agreed to send out an invitation to shortlist the designs received through the external tender process. This offer was circulated to established bmx groups and users and the ATB skate company. Feedback from those who responded was set out in a report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book.

As a result of this, the BMX Working Party had two potential contractors to recommend to the Leisure & Amenities Committee. One company was an established skate park designer and builder and the other an established BMX pump track designer and contractor.

Councillors considered the information and questions were raised regarding establishing how inclusive the designs were for the wider community, would the Parish require a project manager to oversee the installation and whether the Committee had sufficient information to make a final recommendation. The Committee voted on their preferred company to proceed forward with. Cllr Nick Martin abstained.

RECOMMENDED that the appointment of Clark Kent Contractors Ltd forms the initial recommendation from this Committee, subject to a presentation by company representatives to Council where further enquiries could be made directly.

6.41 pm Cllr Exell left the meeting.

635. District Centre Noticeboard

The Parish Manager had circulated a report setting out the opportunity to install a noticeboard at the West Swindon District Centre. A copy of the report appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. The Parish Manager advised that this had been initiated following the removal of community noticeboards inside the centre as part of the

refurbishment. The Parish Council may not have ongoing use of the library window long term.

The Committee debated the merits of a new noticeboard in this location and agreed that it would be important that the noticeboard space was managed.

Standing Orders Suspended 6.48 pm to allow a resident to speak. The resident reported that volunteer funds from the Westlea Litterpicking group could be used to support the purchase of a noticeboard here.

Standing Orders Reinstated 6.50 pm.

RESOLVED that

- a) The location of the noticeboard is approved
- b) The Parish Manager requests that Asda Walmart make a donation to fund the purchase of the noticeboard
- c) That any noticeboard in this location is monitored and managed to ensure that it is only used for Parish Notices and key community information e.g. private sale notices etc. are not displayed.

Date of next online meeting: Monday 15 March 2021 6.00 pm

Meeting closed 6.59 pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair, Leisure & Amenities Committee