

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 21 November 2022 at 6.00 pm
Unit 25 Westmead Industrial Estate, SN5 7YT

FULL COUNCIL

Present:

Cllr Umar Ali (v)
Cllr Mike Burtenshaw (v)
Cllr Nigel Gibbons (Chair)
Cllr Geoff Gould
Cllr Mary Martin (Vice Chair)
Cllr Trish Philpot
Cllr Nandini Singh

Others: Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: None

Public Questions:

None.

Meeting start 6.08 pm.

149. Welcome & Declarations of Interest/Applications for Dispensation

Declarations of Interest required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 23 May 2022 received – none.

150. Minutes of the previous meetings

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 31 October 2022 be approved and adopted.

151. Minutes of the Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee held on Monday 7 November 2022 be adopted and approved.

152. Minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee

Councillors received Recommendation (Minute ref: 141) that Full Council approves 50 payments for October 2022 totalling **£74,673.66**. No questions arising.

153. RECOMMENDED that the payments for October 2022 totalling £74673.66 as set out in the Minutes be noted and approved.

154. RECOMMENDED that the minutes of Finance & Staffing Committee held on Wednesday 9 November 2022 be approved and adopted.

155. Update from Swindon Borough Councillors

None

156. Updates from Parish Council Representatives

Cllr Philpot reported that community outreach at Freshbrook Church was going well. A new affordable community larder initiative was now underway offering low cost food to residents.

157. Christmas Community Event

The Parish Manager gave a verbal update advising that progress had been made by the Parish Team creating a Santas grotto including a fire place, chair and post box. The Fire Service have confirmed that they will provide a Santa. Timings have been adjusted to 10.30 to 3.00 pm on Saturday 17 December.

158. Colliers Westmead Industrial Estate

The Parish Manager gave a verbal update indicating that feedback from the Parish Council had been sent to Colliers indicating that the Parish Council did not agree or consent to proposed double yellow lining and permit parking for the immediate area around the depot. Colliers have responded to confirm that the plans will be paused for the time being. A date for a site visit with Colliers will be planned for the New Year.

159. Resident Concern re: Bus change

Councillors received a communication from a resident concerned about changes to local bus services particularly no. 10. No communication about changes has been sent to the Parish Council but Borough Councillors may have received information. Stagecoach West are reporting a bus service every 20 minutes for day time services currently. A copy of the communication appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book.

160. Youth Support Discussion

Councillors noted that the West Swindon Community Safety Group had highlighted concerns about the lowering age range of young people at risk of participating in county lines and gang related behaviours. Councillors noted that the Parish Council grants for youth activities would be unlikely to engage with those most at risk or actively participating in criminal behaviour. Cllr Martin offered to provide more detail on the range of support that is offered to and provided for families and vulnerable young people and Cllr Gibbons offered to link with other Parish Councils – notably South Swindon Parish Council to better understand locally funded provision.

161. Calendar of Meetings (as requested by Cllr Keith Williams)

The Parish Manager circulated a revised Calendar of meetings for the remainder of the municipal year in order to facilitate attendance by those Parish Councillors with Swindon Borough Council commitments. The period of purdah before the May elections was noted.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council adopts the revised dates.

Date of next meeting: Monday 19 December 2022 6.00 pm

Signed:
Chair, West Swindon Parish Council

Date: