

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 August 2021 at 7.15pm
at the Marriot Hotel, Pipers Way Swindon SN3 1SH

- Present**
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| Cllr C Watts (Chair) | Cllr P Herring |
| Cllr J Howarth | Cllr N Hopkins |
| Cllr S Ahmed | Cllr W Horley |
| Cllr J Ali | Cllr L Kasmaty |
| Cllr V Ayris | Cllr J Miah |
| Cllr J Firmin | Cllr T Philpot |
| Cllr D Griffiths | Cllr M Strinkovsky |
| Cllr A Hamid | Cllr N Watts |
- Officers**
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| Rob Core | Chief Executive Officer (CEO) |
| Jake Mee | Chief Finance Officer (CFO) |
| Martin Hambidge | Parish Open Space Consultant (POSC) |
- Public** Two
- Public Questions** Ten public questions were received and responded to jointly by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book
- 1496** **Apologies**
Cllr S Allsopp
Cllr M Gladman
Cllr E Heavens
Cllr M J Miah
Cllr J Miah
Cllr J Milner-Barry
- 1497** **Not Present**
Cllr S James
- 1498** **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None
- 1499** **Swindon Harriers Athletics Club**
Swindon Harriers Athletics Club gave a presentation to Councillors regarding the history of the club, their membership, current training activities, track activities, competitions and plans for the future and said that they are investing in renovating and updating the facilities / structures and are encouraging local schools to use the club whilst continuing to involve the communities.

Councillors discussed the presentation and thanked the presenters for coming.
- 1500** **Chair's Report**
The last event at the bowl was held previous Friday it was the best yet, a great performance with over 300 attendee's including the Mayor the Borough Council Leader alongside other dignitaries who thoroughly enjoyed the event. and it demonstrates that it is something to be built on and maintain the bowl and the park going forward. I would like to thank Matt Leather the Events and Communications manager and Cllr Hopkins who was there throughout for the hard work and Cllr Hopkins.

We had the In Bloom application last month and give a special thanks to the Friends of Shaftesbury lake, Old Town Residents Association, Broad Green residents, grounds staff and officers who all put in huge effort to ensure that the route was as good as it could be, and we have much improved since two years ago and hope the results speak for themselves.

- 1501** **Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting – 19 July 2021**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the extraordinary Planning Meeting held on the 19th July 2021 be approved as a correct record.
- 1502** **Minutes of Full Council Meeting – 20 July 2021**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 20th July 2021 be approved as a true record.
- 1503** **Minutes of Planning Meeting - 27 July 2021**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 27th July 2021 be approved as a correct record.
- 1504** **Minutes of Planning Meeting – 10 August 2021**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the extraordinary Planning Meeting held on the 10th August 2021 be approved as a correct record.
- 1505** **Grant Applications Delegated to the Chair and Vice Chair**
The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report regarding a grant for the Swindon Marathon.
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- 1506** **Tree Works to Queens Park and Town Gardens**
The Chief Executive Officer submitted a report regarding work to trees in Queens Park and Town Gardens, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.
The CEO gave an overview of why the work was required, what would be actioned and future management plans. The details provided by the CEO and shown in the report, was discussed by Councillors.
- 3. Recommendations**
- 3.1** To agree that the detailed tree works be completed as soon as possible at Town Gardens and Queens Park to the attached specification, this includes the immediate, three month and six-month work plan.
- RESOLVED** that recommendation 3.1 To agree that the detailed tree works be completed as soon as possible at Town Gardens and Queens Park to the attached specification, this includes the immediate, three month and six-month work plan be approved.
- 1507** **Potential Acquisition of County Road Play Area**
The Chief Executive Officer submitted a report regarding approaching Swindon borough council to acquire the County Ground play area, a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.
The CEO said that the proposal came from a member of the public the parish do not own the land and the recommendation is as stands.
- 3. Recommendations**
- 3.1** If the parish council so decides, a lease application can be requested and considered by the borough council for a lease for the play area and associated open space.
- RESOLVED** that recommendation 3.1 If the parish council so decides, a lease application can be requested and considered by the borough council for a lease for the play area and associated open space be approved.

1508

Buckhurst Field

The Parish Open Space Consultant submitted a report regarding Buckhurst field improvements, a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

The POSC gave a summary of the report and identified other bodies involved. The councillors then discussed the recommendations.

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Recommendations

3.1

Resolve to agree a lease for an area of public open space at the Marlowe Avenue end of Buckhurst Recreation Ground.

3.2

Resolve to carry out the required improvement works as detailed in the report and plan.

3.3

Resolve to plant a Tiny Forest funded by Nationwide and Vaillant

3.4

All works except the Tiny Forest to be funded from the Open Spaces Reserve.

RESOLVED that recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 as shown in the report be approved.

The meeting closed at 20.04 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council