

South Swindon Parish Council
(Central Swindon South Parish Council)
Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2023 at 6.30pm
In the Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, SN1 2AU

Present:	Cllr L Kasmaty (Chair) Cllr R Banwell-Moore (Vice-Chair) Cllr S Allsopp Cllr D Griffiths Cllr J Firmin	Cllr P Herring Cllr S James Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney Cllr T Philpot Cllr T Silberberg
Apologies:	Cllr J Pereira	
Officers:	Matt Leather Carol Clark	Deputy Chief Executive Officer Administration Assistant
Also Present:	Mike Welsh Sofia Volovyk David Thrower	Executive Head, Goddard Park Academy Trust Chair, Swindon Welcomes Ukraine Treasurer, Swindon Welcomes Ukraine
Public:	None	
Public Questions:	None	

2324 – 61 Declaration of interest & Applications for dispensation

Allotment Holder - Cllr Kasmaty

2324 – 62 Park North Village Hall Presentation

Mike Welsh, Executive Head of the Goddard Park Academy Trust, provided members with a verbal update and written report regarding future plans to convert the Park North Village Hall (formerly known as the Lyndhurst Centre) in Park North into a new Youth Hub for Swindon. A copy of this report can be found in the minute book as appendix A.

RESOLVED: That the Leisure, Environment & Amenities committee recommend to Full Council that in light of the Park North Village Hall proposals, a Task & Finish working party is set up to explore what support can be offered to the Park North Village Hall.

2324 – 63 Swindon Welcomes Ukraine event in Town Gardens

A proposal to partner with the Swindon Welcomes Ukraine group for an event was presented by Sofia Volovyk on a possible event in the Town Gardens Bandstand area, on the 24th August 2023, to mark the Independence Day of Ukraine. A copy of the presentation can be found in the minute book as appendix B. The group are working with the Old Town Business Association (OTBA) and have asked the Parish Council if it will support this event through use of its Public Liability Insurance and support in hiring the venue.

Following the presentation Parish Councillors asked questions and responses were given by both Sofia Volovyk and David Thrower.

RESOLVED: The Committee agreed to support the event, to receive grant applications and for OTBA to use the Parish Council's public liability insurance for Ukraine Fest on the 24th August 2023. The Committee also agreed to support the event at either the Town Gardens or Queens Park.

2324 – 64

Allotment Service Update

The Deputy CEO provided a written report updating the committee on the Parish Council's allotment service, including allotment plot charges and the possible transfer of new allotments at Badbury Park to the Parish Council. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as appendix C.

Recommendations

3.1 Note the contents of this report.

3.2 Steer Parish Officers on proposals for allotment fees at the July Full Council Meeting.

RESOLVED:

3.1 To note the contents of this report.

3.2 The committee request officers to investigate and produce a report detailing the potential for increasing allotment fees in-line with the following:

- Inflationary increase since the current allotments fees were set.
- Allotment Service breaking even (balance of allotment income and expenditure)
- Average fees across all Swindon allotments.

2324 – 65

Community Facilities Update

The Deputy CEO provided members with a written report providing an update on the Badbury Park Community Hub and Broadgreen Community Centre. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as appendix D.

Recommendation

3.1 Note the contents of this report.

RESOLVED:

3.1 To note the contents of the report.

2324 – 66

Quarry Road Tennis Courts

The Deputy CEO provided members with a verbal report providing an update on the refurbishment of the Quarry Road tennis courts.

2324 – 67

Christmas Trees

The Deputy CEO provided members with a written report requesting a decision from Parish Councilors to progress with the placement of Christmas Trees and lights at Cavendish Square, Broadgreen and Badbury Park. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as appendix E.

Recommendations

3.1 Hire two Christmas Trees from Company 1 based on the specification in Point 2.4 and the quote in Point 2.5.

3.2 Determine whether the Parish Council covers the cost of a Christmas tree at Badbury Park.

3.3 Agree that the Christmas Lights budget will be used for this project as per Point 2.8.

RESOLVED:

3.1 To approve the hire of two Christmas Trees from Company 1 based on the specification in Point 2.4 and the quote in Point 2.5.

3.2 The Parish Council approved the cost of a further Christmas tree at Badbury Park as per Point 2.5.

3.3 The Parish Council Agreed that the Christmas Lights budget will be used for this project as per Point 2.8.

2324 – 68 Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order

Councilor Herring provided members with a written proposal requesting that the Parish Council ask Swindon Borough Council to restrict preaching and soapboxing in the Town Centre area using a Public Space Protection Order. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as appendix F.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council contact Swindon Borough Council to request that a consultation is started on putting a Public Spaces Protection Order in place in the Town Centre, Queens Park and GWR Park for preaching and other forms of anti-social behaviour.

2324 – 69 Old Town Planters

The Deputy CEO provided members with a draft agreement which the Parish Council could sign with possible private sponsors of Parish Council planters. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as appendix G. The Deputy CEO added that private sponsorship has already been offered for new planters in Old Town and that this agreement would apply to this sponsorship opportunity and other possible planter sponsorship opportunities elsewhere.

RESOLVED: That the draft agreement as proposed by the Deputy CEO be agreed.

2324 – 70 Westcott Allotment Tree Nursery

The Deputy CEO provided members with a proposal from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to establish a tree nursery on unused land at Westcott Allotment. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as appendix H.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to the proposal from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and will work with the Trust on next steps.

2324 – 71 South Swindon In Bloom Update

The Council received a verbal update from the Chair of the Environment Working Party regarding the South Swindon In Bloom entry.

Meeting Closes at 20.42pm
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Chair of the Parish Council