

South Swindon Parish Council
Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2023 at 6.30pm
In the Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, SN1 2AU

Present:	Cllr L Kasmaty (Chair) Cllr J Firmin Cllr D Griffiths Cllr P Herring	Cllr S James Cllr T Philpot Cllr T Silberberg Cllr D Vales
Apologies:	Cllr R Banwell-Moore (Vice-Chair) Cllr S Allsopp	Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney Cllr J Pereira
Officers:	Jake Mee Matt Leather Carol Clark	Chief Executive Officer Deputy Chief Executive Officer Administration Assistant
Also Present:	Cllr N Hopkins Cllr D Dias	
	Kris Talikowski	Vice-Chair Old Town Business Association
	Evie Jackson	Events Manager Old Town Business Association
Public:	None	
Public Questions:	None	

2324 – 125 Declaration of interest & Applications for dispensation

None

2324 – 126 Park North Village Hall Update

The Deputy CEO provided members with a verbal update from the Park North Village Hall Working Party.

2324 – 127 Allotment Service Update

The Deputy CEO said nothing further to report since Full Council Meeting.

2324 – 128 Community Facilities Update

The Deputy CEO provided members with a written report from the Community Facilities Officer regarding Badbury Park Community Hub and Broadgreen Community Centre. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as appendix A.

Recommendations

3.1 Note the contents of this report.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1.

2324 – 129 Old Town Library and Badbury Park Library Interim Report

The Deputy CEO provided members with a written report from the Libraries Manager regarding Old Town and Badbury Park Libraries. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as appendix B.

Recommendation

3.1 Note the contents of the report from the Library Manager.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1.

Amendment: To thank the Libraries Manager and all the Library staff for the positive work being produced at the Badbury Park and Old Town Libraries.

2324 – 130

Buckhurst Field Improvements Update

The Deputy CEO provided members with a written report on the planned improvements to Buckhurst Field. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as appendix C.

Recommendation

3.1 To support the emerging improvement strategy for Buckhurst Field and priorities for funding as proposed in Point 2.3.

3.2 Use George Gay Gardens S.106 funding to commission a drainage survey of Buckhurst Field to assess the work required to re-establish playing pitches on the field.

Amendment: That use of George Gay Gardens S.106 funding to commission a drainage survey of Buckhurst Field to assess the work required to re-establish playing pitches on the field to be discussed at the Asset Working Party.

3.3 Request Parish Officers conduct further meetings with the Swindon Junior Robins to agree a fee and terms of hiring the Buckhurst Field playing pitches and report back to an appropriate council body.

Amendment: That Parish Officers and the Asset Working party conduct further meetings with the Swindon Junior Robins to agree a fee and terms of hiring the Buckhurst Field playing pitches and report back to an appropriate council body.

3.4 To request Parish Officers bring a further update to the next Leisure, Environment and Amenities Committee on the progress of the strategy outlined in Point 2.3.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1 and 3.4.

To approve recommendation 3.2 and 3.3 with the proposed amendments.

2324 – 131

Town Centre Enforcement Update

The Deputy CEO provided members with a verbal update regarding joint working with Swindon Borough Council in relation to the Town Centre enforcement.

2324 – 132

Front Garden Competition Review

The Deputy CEO provided members with a written report about the Front Garden Competition. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as appendix D.

Recommendation

3.1 To determine whether to continue the Front Garden Competition for 2024.

RESOLVED: That the Front Garden Competition continues in 2024.

2324 – 133

Heritage Action Zone- GWR Park

The Deputy CEO provided members with a written report on the Heritage Action Zone project in GWR Park. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as appendix E.

Recommendation

3.1 To note the contents of the Interpretation Strategy for the Railway Village Conservation Area.

3.2 Agree that Parish Officers focus on the interpretation projects outlined in Point 2.5.

3.3 To agree that in principle the Parish Council would be prepared to provide top-up funding to the projects listed in Point 2.5 should HAZ funding not stretch to cover their full cost. This would be subject to detailed plans being presented at a future Parish Meeting.

3.4 To ask the Events Working Party to consider the suggestions for events in the Interpretation Strategy as part of their planning for parish events in 2024 and beyond.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.

2324 – 134 **Swindon & Wiltshire Safety at Night Charter**

The Deputy CEO provided members with an invitation for the Parish Council to sign up to the Safety at Night Charter. A copy of which can be found in the minute book as appendix F.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to confirm the acceptance of the invitation to sign up to in principal following clarification from Officers regarding the requirements needed for CCTV provision.

2324 – 135 **Walcot and Park North Events 2024**

The Deputy CEO requested a decision whether to continue with the Buckhurst Family Fun Day in 2024 or partner with the Summer Festival at the Parks event.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council continue with the Buckhurst Family Fun Day in 2024.

2324 – 136 **Admission of Public and Press**

To resolve in accordance with standing order 3(d) that 'in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they be instructed to withdraw'. **Reason: Commercial Sensitivity.**

2324 – 137 **Town Gardens Café**

The CEO provided an update on the Town Gardens Café. A copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Confidential Minute Book.

Cllr S James left the meeting during this item.

RESOLVED: That the CEO talk to the Town Gardens Café about future plans.

2324 – 138 **Enchanted Gardens Light Trail- Food and Beverage Provision**

To consider a detailed proposal from OTBA on the catering provision at the Enchanted Gardens Light Trail. A copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Confidential Minute Book.

Kris Talikowski and Evie Jackson presented the food and Beverage offering for the Enchanted Gardens Light Trail.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council supported the Old Town Business Association proposal.

Meeting Closes at 20.44pm

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Chair of the Parish Council