

South Swindon Parish Council

Full Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2023 at 6.30pm

In the Council Chamber, Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, Swindon.

Present:	Cllr N Hopkins (Chair) Cllr J Ali Cllr S Allsopp Cllr R Banwell-Moore Cllr D Dias Cllr J Firmin Cllr D Griffiths Cllr P Herring Cllr S James	Cllr L Kasmaty Cllr J Miah Cllr J Pereira Cllr G Philpot Cllr T Philpot Cllr T Silberberg Cllr D Vales Cllr N Watts
Officers:	Jake Mee Carol Clark	Chief Executive Officer Administration Assistant
Public:	None	
Apologies:	Cllr J Howarth (Vice-Chair) Cllr S Ahmed Cllr M Davies	Cllr A Hamid Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinny Cllr R Leather

2324 – 262 Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None

2324 - 263 Public Questions

None

2324 – 264 Chair's Report

2023 has been another busy year. There have been a number of successful projects across the parish, these include the refurbishment of the Town Gardens aviary. Our maintenance team, the gardeners and everyone else involved in this project has done a wonderful job.

The Enchanted Gardens Light Trail is currently underway for the 3rd year and it continues to be very popular.

In spring, we officially opened the GWR Park Blossom Circle which has transformed the landscape of the park. Planting continues with the formal bedding being done this week.

A highlight of our year was the opening of the Badbury Park Community Hub and Library. I'm absolutely delighted at how well received the new facility has been in the Badbury Park community, especially the library. My thanks must go to the library staff and volunteers for all their hard work this year.

2324 – 265 Information from Borough Councillors

None present.

2324 – 266 Minutes – Finance & Staffing

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee Meeting held on 24th October 2023 be adopted and approved as a correct record.

2324 – 267 Minutes – Full Council

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 24th October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

2324 – 268 Minutes – Full Council

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21st November 2023 be approved as a correct record.

2324 – 269 Minutes – Planning

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 5th December 2023 be adopted and approved as a correct record.

2324 – 270 Quarry Road Tennis Courts Drainage Solution

The Chief Executive Officer submitted a report regarding the Parish Council's proposed drainage design for the Quarry Road Tennis Courts. A copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Recommendations

3.1 A recommendation cannot be provided due to limited knowledge of drainage systems and the lack of returned quotes. Council should decide how to proceed.

RESOLVED: That further independent opinions of the drainage proposals be sought for the Chief Executive Officer to form a viable recommendation to The Council.

Cllr P Herring arrived during this item.

2324 – 271 Tree Planting Update

The Administration Assistant submitted a report that provided The Council with an update regarding tree planting for the 2023 - 2024 season. A copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Recommendations

3.1 Resolve to proceed with the list of tree planting sites in Point 2.1 of this report.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendations 3.1.

RESOLVED: To carry out public consultations at tree planting sites identified in Point 2.1 of the report.

2324 – 272 Health, Community & Wellbeing Working Party

The Chief Executive Officer submitted a draft Terms of Reference and invited nominations from members to the Health, Community & Wellbeing Working Party. A copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED: To approve the Terms of Reference of the Health, Community & Wellbeing Working Party.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Hopkins, Cllr Firmin, Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Herring, Cllr Kasmaty, Cllr Leather and Cllr Miah are members of the Health, Community & Wellbeing Working Party.

Meeting Closed at 7.01pm

Signed:

Dated:

Chair of the Parish Council