

South Swindon Parish Council

Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2024 at 6.30pm
In the Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, SN1 2AU

Present:	Cllr L Kasmaty (Chair) Cllr J Firmin (Vice Chair) Cllr S Allsopp Cllr D Griffiths	Cllr P Herring Cllr N Hopkins Cllr S James Cllr T Silberberg
Apologies:	Cllr R Banwell-Moore	Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney
Absent:	Cllr D Vales	
Attendees:	Cllr D Dias	
Officers:	Matt Leather Max Tanner	Deputy CEO Committee Officer
Public:	None	
Public Questions:	None	

2425 – 167 Apologies

Cllr R Banwell-Moore, Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney

2425 – 168 Declaration of interest & Applications for dispensation

Cllr S Allsop declared a non-pecuniary interest regarding item 7 – Buckhurst Community Centre as he is a trustee for the building.

2425 – 169 Libraries Update

The Councillors received an update from the Parish Council's Libraries Manager regarding Parish Libraries, a copy of which appears in the minute book as Appendix A.

Recommendation

11.1 To note the contents of this report

11.2 To agree the proposed opening hours for Old Town Library as referred to in Point 3 of the report.

- RESOLVED**
- I. To approve recommendation 11.1
 - II. To approve recommendation 11.2 and agree periodically reviews of the changes to opening times.

2425 – 170 Nature Towns & Cities Fund Application

The committee received a report from the Deputy CEO regarding a Nature Towns and Cities funding application with Swindon Borough Council, Central Swindon North Parish Council and the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix B.

Recommendation

3.1 To note the contents of this report.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1.

2425 – 171 Broadgreen Improvement Plan

The Councillors received a report from the Parish Council's Committee Officer regarding a new plan to improve the public realm around the Parish Office and Broadgreen Community Centre. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix C.

Recommendation

3.1 To note the contents of the report.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1.

2425 – 172 Westcott Allotments Ditch Work

The Committee received a report from the Parish Council's Projects Officer regarding measures to improve drainage at Westcott Allotments. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix D.

RESOLVED: I. To approve the work to the Westcott Allotments ditch as detailed in the report.
 II. To communicate the work to local residents, outlining the benefits of this work.

2425 – 173 Buckhurst Community Centre

The Councillors received an update from the Deputy CEO regarding the Parish Council's interest in being transferred Buckhurst Community Centre. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix E.

Recommendation

3.1 To note the contents of this report.

RESOLVED: I. To approve recommendation 3.1
 II. To request that the Conditions Survey is brought to a future Assets Working Party.

2425 – 174 GWR Park Update

The Councillors received a report from the Deputy CEO regarding GWR Park. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix F.

Recommendation

3.1 To approve the purchase of fencing to protect the GWR Park flower beds as proposed in Point 2.3 at a maximum cost of £7,000.

3.2 Note the remaining contents of the report.

RESOLVED: I. To install 'keep off flower beds' signage for flower beds in GWR Park.
 II. To investigate the cost of lower level fencing of the flower beds in keeping with the heritage of GWR park.

Meeting Closes at 19.35pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Parish Council