

South Swindon Parish Council
Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2025 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 R Banwell-Moore Cllr D Griffiths	Cllr P Herring Cllr N Hopkins Cllr S James Cllr T Silberberg
Apologies:	Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney	Cllr D Vales
Officers:	Matt Leather Max Tanner	Deputy CEO Committee Officer
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Public Questions:	Stan Pajak of Drove Road asked when the Enchanted Gardens Light Trail sales information would be available. The Deputy CEO said a report is being prepared on this for the January Full Council Meeting.	

2425 – 208 Apologies

The committee accepted apologies for Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney and Cllr D Vales

2425 – 209 Declaration of interest & Applications for dispensation

Cllr L Kasmaty declared a personal interest relating to item 3 Angel Ridge Community Garden Presentation, as the councillor is a member of the In Bloom steering group.

2425 – 210 Angel Ridge Community Garden Presentation

The committee received a presentation from Simon Marlow regarding the progress of the Angel Ridge Community Garden. The Chair thanked Simon for his excellent presentation and congratulated the group on their progress.

2425 – 211 South Swindon Libraries Update

The councillors received a written report from the Parish Council's Libraries Manager with updates on both Old Town and Badbury Park Libraries, a copy of which appears as Appendix A.

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the February Leisure, Environment and Amenities Committee Meeting.

2425 – 212 Youth Service Report

The councillors received a verbal update from the chair of the Youth Working Party regarding the Youth Service.

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the February Leisure, Environment and Amenities Committee Meeting.

2425 – 213 Buckhurst Field Playzone

Councillors received a report from the Deputy CEO on the Buckhurst Field Playzone. a copy of which appears as Appendix B.

Recommendation

3.1 Approve the charging structure for Year 1 of the Buckhurst Field Playzone

3.2 Approve the costs associated with the Playzone as detailed in Point 2.5

3.3 To establish a dedicated sinking fund for remedial maintenance of the park

RESOLVED: To approve recommendations 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3

2425 – 214 Inventory Survey of Trees in Parish Parks

The committee received a report from the CEO regarding the commissioning of an inventory survey for trees in Parish Council parks. a copy of which appears as Appendix C.

Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended to commission a full inventory report across all three parks using Company 2 at a cost of £5,000

RESOLVED: I. To approve recommendation 3.1
 II. To review the Parish Council's Tree Policy subject to the outcome of the survey

2425 – 215 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

RESOLVED: To exclude public and press from the next agenda item(s) for the following reasons – Commercial Sensitivity

2425 – 216 Town Gardens Café

The committee received an update on the activities of the Town Gardens Café in the form of a written presentation. A copy of which appears in the Confidential Minute Book as Appendix A.

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the report.

Meeting Closes at 19.56pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Parish Council