

South Swindon Parish Council

Full Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2025 at 6.30pm

In the Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, SN1 2AU

Present:	Cllr Rebecca Banwell-Moore (Vice-Chair) Cllr Steve Allsopp Cllr John Firmin Cllr Patrick Herring Cllr Sam James	Cllr Linda Kasmaty Cllr Graham Philpot Cllr Tom Silberberg Cllr Danial Vales
Apologies:	Cllr Neil Hopkins (Chair) Cllr Saleh Ahmed Cllr Junab Ali Cllr Meural Cardoso Cllr Mike Davies Cllr Domingos Dias Cllr Dave Griffiths	Cllr Janine Howarth Cllr Marianne Le Coyte-Grinney Cllr Jamal Miah Cllr Joseph Pereira Cllr Trish Philpot Cllr Nadine Watts
Absent:	Cllr Abdul Hamid	
Officers:	Jake Mee Max Tanner	CEO Committee Officer
Public:	3	
Public Questions:	None	

2526 – 60 **Apologies**
The council accepted apologies from Cllr J Ali, Cllr M Davies, Cllr D Griffiths, Cllr J Howarth, Cllr J Miah, Cllr J Pereira, Cllr T Philpot and Cllr N Watts.

2526 – 61 **Declaration of interest & Applications for dispensation**
None

2526 – 62 **Chair's Report**

Parks Youth Club Moves to the Base

The Parks Youth Club has now moved to the Base – this will open up a wider range of activities and possibilities for the young people who I attend. I would like to thank all those at St John's who have hosted the youth club over the last year or so and feel sure that our youth club members will thrive in their new location.

In-Bloom

The judging for this years In-Bloom took place on Tuesday 5th July. The judges seemed impressed by what we showed them and we are hoping to continue to progress further in the competition in which we won Gold for the categories we were in for the last 2 years. In Your Neighbourhood judging is due to take place in the coming weeks.

Commonweal Students Work Experience

The Parish hosted students from Commonweal for days of work experience in Town Gardens and Manor Road where they helped complete some pathways to improve access to the site. They generally seemed to enjoy their experiences and certainly learnt more about the work undertaken by our gardening and communities teams.

Old Town Gas Works

The Parish is supporting the Old Town Business Association and businesses in Old Town across their events and activity during the gas works in Devizes Road. This principally involves supporting the events through our partnership arrangements and providing insurance cover for their main events.

Badbury Park Community Tidy Up

Our Community Development Officer arranged an event at Badbury Park on 4th July. Whilst only a few people turned up to support it, bearing in mind it was a working day (Friday) this was not unexpected. Some litter-picking was undertaken and it was highlighted that the Parish needs to make improvements to the flower beds in front to better reflect our Parish. Day 2 of this event is due to take place on Saturday 16th August at Badbury Park Community Hub.

The Bowl

Officers are working with our architects and fund-raising team to apply to the Arts Council for funding for work at the Town Gardens Bowl. The funding is quite limited so we are having to size our project to reflect the amount of funding that may be available which means the focus will be mainly on the actual repair and improvement to the Bowl itself.

2425 – 63

Minutes – Full Council

The Council were presented with the draft minutes for the Full Council Meeting held on the 17th June 2025 for approval. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 17th June 2025 are approved as a true record.

2526 – 64

Westcott Play Area Improvements

The council were presented with a report from the Communications Officer regarding improvements to the Westcott Play Area. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix B.

Recommendations

3.1 Approve the contracting of Company 1 to improve Westcott Play Area at a cost of £70,000 based on their original proposal.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1.

2526 – 65

Broadgreen Park Improvement Plan

The council were presented with a report from the Committee Officer and Administration Assistant regarding improvements to Broadgreen Park. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix C.

Recommendations

3.1 To approve the Broadgreen Park Improvement Plan as detailed in Points 2.1 - 2.10.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1.

2526 – 66

Queen's Park CCTV

Councillors were presented with a report from the CEO regarding the installation of CCTV at Queens's Park. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix D.

Recommendations

3.1 Approve the installation of four CCTV cameras at Queens Park as outlined in this report for £7,475.

3.2 Establish connectivity to Plus One Control Room at Swindon Borough Council for professional monitoring.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1 & 3.2.

2526 – 67

Swindon Place Partnership

The council received a report from the Assistant Clerk regarding the Swindon Place Partnership Project. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix E.

Recommendations

3.1 Note the contents of this report.

3.2 Approve the Broadgreen Equipment Shed “Test & Learn” project listed in Point 2.4.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1 & 3.2

2526 – 68

Draft AI Policy

Councillors received a draft policy on the use of AI. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix F.

RESOLVED: To defer this item until a future Full Council Meeting.

Meeting Closes at 19:14

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Parish Council