

South Swindon Parish Council
Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2025 at 6.30pm
In the Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, SN1 2AU

Present:

Cllr Linda Kasmaty (Chair)	Cllr John Firmin (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Steve Allsopp	Cllr Sam James
Cllr Patrick Herring	Cllr Tom Silberberg
Cllr Neil Hopkins	Cllr Danial Vales

Apologies: Cllr Rebecca Banwell-Moore

Absent: Cllr Meural Cardoso

Officers:

Carol Clark	Assistant Clerk
Max Tanner	Committee Officer
Abigail Garside-Scutts	Events Manager
Loreli Huntley	Youth Worker

Public: None

Public Questions: None

2526 – 33 **Apologies**
The committee accepted apologies from Cllr R Banwell-Moore.

2526 – 34 **Declaration of interest & Applications for dispensation**
None

2425 – 35 **Noticeboards**
To receive a report from the Parish Council's Communications Officer regarding the installation of new noticeboards across the Parish Council area. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix A.

Recommendation

3.1 That an oak-framed noticeboard is placed at the Marriott Beds.

3.2 Authorise the CEO to purchase noticeboards to be placed at Cavendish Square and Angel Ridge Community Garden as detailed in 2.4 and 2.5 of the report.

3.3 Seek permission from Redrow to take responsibility of their noticeboard once they have left the Badbury Park estate.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendations 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.

RESOLVED: To provide a new oak-framed noticeboard should there be a need to replace an existing oak-framed noticeboard

2526 – 36 **Westcott Play Area Improvements**
To receive 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.

3.1 Resolve to agree a budget of £70,000 to tender for this play improvement project, as specified in 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3. The tender submissions will be evaluated and the contractor chosen at a future meeting of Full Council.

3.2 Resolve to use the £3,277 in S106 funding from the Maxell Street development towards the Westcott Play improvement project.

RESOLVED: To consult the assets working party on the design of the play area.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1 and 3.2.

2526 – 37

Buckhurst Improvement Plan Update

To receive a report from the Deputy CEO regarding the Buckhurst Improvement Plan. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix C.

Recommendation

3.1 Note the contents of this report.

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the report.

2526 – 38

Community Facilities Update

To receive an update from the Community Facilities Officer regarding the running of the Parish Council's community facilities. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix D.

Recommendation

3.1 Note the contents of this report.

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the report.

2526 – 39

Libraries Update

To receive a report from the Libraries Manager regarding changes to the library service. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix E.

Recommendation

3.1 To note this report.

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the report.

2526 – 40

Youth Update

To receive a report from the Youth Worker regarding an update on the Parish Council's youth activities and a residential opportunity for local young people. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix F.

RESOLVED: To approve the proposal for the residential opportunity for local young people.

2526 – 41

Admission of Public and Press

RESOLVED: 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**.

2526 – 42

Christmas Event

To receive a report from the Events Manager regarding a Parish Council event over the Christmas period. A copy of which appears in the Confidential Minute Book as Appendix A.

Recommendation

3.1 That a report will be brought to a future Leisure, Environment and Amenities Committee detailing plans for a winter weekend event in the Town Gardens in December 2025.

3.2 To allow Parish Officers to start exploring options for a 2026 winter event, including consulting residents and opening conversations about collaborating with local organisations.

RESOLVED: To bring a report detailing plans for a winter weekend event in the Town Gardens in December 2025 to the next Full Council Meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.2.

2526 – 43

Towns Gardens

To receive a verbal update from the Events Manager regarding events at the Town Gardens Bowl.

RESOLVED: To postpone ticket sales for the discussed event until the next Full Council where upon a final decision will be made.

Meeting Closes at 19:30

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee