

South Swindon Parish Council

Full Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2025 at 6.30pm

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

Present:	Cllr Neil Hopkins (Chair) Cllr Junab Ali Cllr Steve Allsopp Cllr Meural Cardoso Cllr Mike Davies Cllr John Firmin Cllr Dave Griffiths Cllr Abdul Hamid	Cllr Rebecca Banwell-Moore (Vice-Chair) Cllr Patrick Herring Cllr Sam James Cllr Linda Kasmaty Cllr Joseph Pereira Cllr Danial Vales Cllr Nadine Watts
Apologies:	Cllr Saleh Ahmed Cllr Domingos Dias Cllr Marianne Le Coyte-Grinney	Cllr Tom Silberberg Cllr Graham Philpot Cllr Trish Philpot
Absent:	Cllr Jamal Miah	Cllr Danial Vales
Officers:	Jake Mee Max Tanner	CEO Governance & Support Lead
Borough Representatives:	Cllr Chris Watts Jason Kirkland Sam Knight	Cabinet Member for Highways Licensing Manager Strategic Community Safety Partnership Manager
Public:	None	
Public Questions:	None	

2526 – 130 **Apologies**
The council accepted apologies from Cllr S Ahmed, Cllr D Dias, Cllr M Le Coyte-Grinney, Cllr T Silberberg, Cllr G Philpot, Cllr T Philpot.

2526 – 131 **Declaration of interest & Applications for dispensation**
None.

2526 – 132 **Chair's Report**
We recently opened the Mesothelioma Garden in Queen's Park which we have been working on for the last few years. The garden acts as a haven for people who need some peace and tranquillity but also as a reminder of the dreadful disease which is Mesothelioma.

We have also recently opened the Buckhurst PlayZone which is going to be a great asset for the local community. Thanks to the Swindon Town Football Club players who attended the opening as well to the Swindon Robins and the other partners who have been involved in the project.

We have also recently launched the Broadgreen Box. This is a free to use store for playground equipment which the local community can borrow. The project is funded through Sports England's Test and Learn scheme. We can't wait to see what we can learn from this and potentially roll out the concept to other locations.

Our Community Development Officer attended first Dementia Café which we've been involved with which was great to see and hopefully we can be involved with more of these in the future.

The Autumn edition of the South Swindon Spotlight newsletter had landed on doorsteps, and the feedback has been positive so far. A significant proportion of the newsletter now contains advertising and hopefully we can increase the amount of content and also the number of advertisements for the Spring edition.

We are continuing to work on the transfer for the two Badbury Park allotment sites. We have signed a transfer deed for the first site, so we are hoping to have this open in time for the planting season.

We have received approval to demolish the old hot house in Queen's Park and are gathering quotes for demolition. Although it is sad to see the historic building demolished, it needs to happen as the concrete ring beam that supports the building has become structurally unsound.

2526 – 133

PSPO Review

The Council received a presentation from Swindon Borough Council regarding the current Public Spaces Protection Orders and their enforcement.

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the presentation.

2526 – 134

Minutes – Full Council

The Council were presented with the draft minutes for the Full Council Meeting held on 16 September 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 16 September 2025 are approved as a true record.

2526 – 135

Minutes – Planning

The Council were presented with the draft minutes for the Planning Committee Meeting held on 23 September for adoption and approval. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix B.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 23 September 2025 are adopted and approved as a true record.

2526 – 136

Minutes – Leisure, Environment & Amenities

The Council were presented with the draft minutes for the Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee Meeting held on 7 October 2025 for adoption and approval. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix C.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee Meeting held on 7 October 2025 are adopted and approved as a true record.

2526 – 137

Queens Park Hothouse

Councillors received a verbal report regarding updates to the Queen's Park Hot House project.

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the report.

2526 – 138

Bowl Update

The Council received a written report from the CEO regarding the Bowl redevelopment. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix D.

Recommendations

3.1 That the CEO working with the Project Manager –

- Finalise the priority phasing schedule and associated costs once received from the Quantity Surveyor.
- Prepare and submit the full planning application once the pre-application advice has been reviewed and endorsed by the Assets Working Party.
- Continue engagement with relevant consultants to ensure the timely delivery of planning and design information in support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund submission.

3.2 A further progress update report be brought to the November Full Council meeting, including:

- SBC's formal pre-application advice summary;
- Updated phasing and cost plan; and
- Any identified risks or funding implications for Council consideration.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendations 3.1 & 3.2.

2526 – 139

Road/Street Cleaning Strategy

The CEO presented a report regarding the council's planned road and street cleaning programme. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix E.

Recommendations

3.1 Council should note the report and the Services Team will report back to a relevant meeting the success of the programme.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1.

2526 – 140

Project Progress Report

The Council received a report detailing the progress of projects undertaken by the Parish Council. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix F.

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the report.

2526 – 141

Admission of Public and Press

RESOLVED: that 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: Staffing.

2526 – 142

Services Review - Phase 2

Councillors received a report regarding the second phase of the Services Review. A copy of which appears in the Confidential Minute Book as Appendix A.

RESOLVED: To approve Phase 3 of the Services Review.

Meeting Closes at 19:48

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Parish Council