

South Swindon Parish Council

Full Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th August 2026 at 6.30pm

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

Present:

Cllr Neil Hopkins (Chair)
Cllr Saleh Ahmed
Cllr Steve Allsopp
Cllr Zohaib Ali Khan
Cllr Steve Allsopp
Cllr Vince Ayris
Cllr John Firmin
Cllr Patrick Herring

Cllr Sam James
Cllr Albano Lourenco
Cllr Jane Milner-Barry
Cllr Anabelle Pegado
Cllr Tomas Silberberg
Cllr Savio Telles
Cllr Danial Vales
Cllr Paul Williams

Apologies:

Cllr Jamal Miah
Cllr Janine Howarth
Cllr Linda Kasmaty
Cllr Christine Hardisty

Cllr Jocelina D'Souza
Cllr Daniel Vales
Cllr Gyan Gurung

Absent:

None

Officers:

Jake Mee
Chloe Wolfe

CEO
Community Development Officer

Public:

None

Public Questions:

None received.

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Apologies

The Council accepted apologies from Cllr J Miah, Cllr J Howarth, Cllr L Kasmaty, Cllr J D'Souza, Cllr G Gurung and Cllr D Vales

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Declarations of interest & Applications for dispensation

None.

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Chairs Report

The Chair, Cllr N Hopkins gave a verbal report on the following -

- The excellent South Swindon In Bloom entry especially the high standard for the community engagement and participation
- The National Lottery Heritage Fund Bid for The Bowl being submitted with the result due in December.
- A round up of a fantastic events season with great audience turnout and feedback. Thanks to the events team, councillors and volunteers.
- Praised the parish council's gardening team for their amazing floral displays especially during a difficult season

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Minutes – Full Council Meeting

The Council was presented with the draft minutes for the Full Council Meeting held on 21 July 2026 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 21 July 2026 are approved as a true record.

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Minutes – Planning

The Council was presented with the draft minutes for the Planning Committee held on 28 July 2026 for approval. A copy of which appears in the minute book as Appendix B.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 28 July 2026 are adopted and approved as a true record.

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Minutes – Finance & Staffing

The Council was presented with the draft minutes for the Finance & Staffing Committee held on 28 July 2026 for approval. A copy of which appears in the minute book as Appendix C.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee Meeting held on 28 July 2026 are adopted and approved as a true record.

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Minutes – Leisure, Environment and Amenities

The Council was presented with the draft minutes for the Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee held on 4 August 2026 for approval. A copy of which appears in the minute book as Appendix D.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Leisure Environment & Amenities Committee Meeting held on 4 August 2026 are adopted and approved as a true record.

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Minutes – Executive Sub-Committee

The Council was presented with the draft minutes for the Executive Sub-Committee meeting held on 11 August 2026. A copy of which appears in the minute book as Appendix E.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Executive Sub-Committee Meeting held on 11 August 2026 are adopted and approved as a true record.

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Committee Restructure

To nominate membership of the Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee and Community & Culture Committee.

Recommendations

That council receive nominations for the membership of the Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee and Community & Culture Committee.

RESOLVED: That the following committee membership was nominated, seconded and approved -

Leisure, Environment & Amenities

Linda Kasmaty (Chair)
Jane Milner-Barry (Vice-Chair)
Vince Ayris
Jocelina D'Souza
John Firmin
Christine Hardisty
Janine Howarth
Sam James
Albano Lourenco
Savio Telles
Paul Williams

Community & Culture

John Firmin (Chair)
Janine Howarth (Vice-Chair)
Christine Hardisty
Sally Hawson
Sam James
Linda Kasmaty
Jamal Miah
Savio Telles
VACANT

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Calendar of Meetings

RESOLVED: To adopt the calendar of meetings which appears in the minute book as Appendix F.

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Bowl Update

The Council received a written update from The Bowl's Project Consultant. A copy of which

appears in the Minute Book as Appendix G.

RESOLVED: To note the update on The Bowl.

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Play Area Improvements

The CEO presented a report on Play Area Improvements, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix H.

Recommendations

That Council appoints Wicksteed (Design B) at Farriers Close and Eibe (Design D) at Rushey Platt. All designs fit the submission brief and the selected suppliers reflect public opinion.

RESOLVED: That Wicksteed be appointed as the contractor for Farriers Close Play Area at a cost of £49,705

RESOLVED: That Eibe Design be appointed as the contractor for Rushey Platt Play Area at a cost of £66,869.36

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Project Tracker

A Project Tracker was presented to the council identifying all significant Parish Council projects, a copy of which appears in the minute book as Appendix I.

RESOLVED: To note the contents but that this had not been fully updated. When updated it should be sent to councillors.

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New Depot

The CEO presented a report summarizing potential options for a new depot, a copy of which appears in the minute book as Appendix J.

Recommendations

3.1 That council notes the withdrawal from the Unit 4 acquisition and agrees that the project manager be instructed to investigate potential alternatives and to build a baseline dataset for each option.

3.2 That the Assets Working Party scrutinise the options appraisal and recommend next steps to Full Council.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendations 3.1 and 3.2

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Delegated Decision

The CEO provided a report detailing a planning objection made using the delegated decision process as outlined in the council's Standing Orders, adopted on 26th May 2026. A copy of the delegated decision report appears in the minute book as appendix K.

RESOLVED: To note the report and decision.

Meeting Closes at 20:30

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Parish Council