

South Swindon Parish Council
Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2026 at 6.30pm
In the Parish Council Office, Gladstone Street, SN1 2AU

Present:

Cllr Linda Kasmaty (Chair)	Cllr John Firmin (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Vince Ayris	Cllr Sam James
Cllr Christine Hardisty	Cllr Danial Vales
Cllr Albano Lourenco	Cllr Paul Williams
Cllr Jocelina D'Souza	

Apologies:

Cllr Jane Milner-Barry	Cllr Savio Telles
Cllr Janine Howarth	

Absent:

Officers:

Matt Leather	Deputy CEO
Max Tanner	Governance & Support Lead
Abigail Garside-Scutts	Events & Venues Manager
Carol Clark	Assistant Clerk

Public: None

Public Questions: None

2627 – 117 **Apologies**
The committee received apologies from Cllrs J Howarth, J Milner-Barry, S Telles.

2627 – 118 **Declaration of interest & Applications for dispensation**
Cllr L Kasmaty declared a non-pecuniary interest for item 4 Broadgreen Mural as a trustee of the Artsite charity.

Cllr V Ayris declared a prejudicial interest for item 3 Town Centre Clean-Up as a business owner for the Town Centre.

2627 – 119 **Town Centre Clean-Up**
The CEO submitted a report regarding an invitation from Swindon Borough Council to take part in the Town Centre Clean-Up. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix A.

Recommendation
3.1 Confirm the parish council's position that the town centre is a borough-wide asset for which the maintenance responsibility rests with Swindon Borough Council.

3.2 Confirm that SSPC cannot participate in the programme as the only parish council to do so.

3.3 If recommendations 3.1 and 3.2 are approved the CEO confirm this with SBC.

3.4 Approve the clearance of accumulated waste at Milton Road Bridge as detailed in 2.7

Resolved: To approved recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4.

2627 – 120 **Mural**

The Deputy CEO submitted a report regarding the installation of a new mural commissioned by Artsite. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix B.

RESOLVED: To approve the Parish Council Offices as the location of the commissioned mural.

2627 – 121

Brighter Broadgreen

The Deputy CEO submitted a report regarding responses received by Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Police about the potential ending of the Brighter Broadgreen project. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix C.

RESOLVED: To note the contents of the report.

2627 – 122

Brunel Pollinator Park

The Assistant Clerk submitted a report regarding the Brunel Pollinator Park. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix D.

Recommendation

3.1 To note the contents of the report and the contribution South Swindon Parish Council is making towards improving the town centre.

RESOLVED: To approve recommendation 3.1.

2627– 123

Weed Clearance

The CEO submitted a report regarding weed clearance work in South Swindon Parish. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix E.

Recommendation

3.1 That committee note the report and further information will be shared once received.

RESOLVED:

2627– 124

National Heritage Lottery Fund Bid- Town Gardens

The Events and Venues Manager submitted a draft Activity Plan to be submitted to the National Heritage Lottery Fund as part of the Parish Council's bid for funding for Town Gardens. A copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix F.

RESOLVED: To approve the Activity Plan submission to the National Heritage Lottery Fund.

RESOLVED: Subject to funding from the National Heritage Lottery Fund, approve the recruitment of a Learning & Participation Officer.

RESOLVED: To formally thank Abigail Garside-Scutts for her work drafting the Activity Plan.

2627– 125

Civic.ly Update

RESOLVED: To defer this item to a future Leisure, Environment and Amenities Committee meeting.

2627 – 126

Admission of Public & Press

RESOLVED: 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**

2627– 127

Quarry Road Tennis Courts

The Deputy CEO shared information passed to the Parish Council from the National Tennis Association regarding Quarry Road Tennis Courts. A copy of which appears in the Confidential Minute Book as Appendix G.

RESOLVED: To note the information shared by the National Tennis Association.

Meeting Closes at 19:20

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Leisure, Environment & Amenities Committee