

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at:
The Reading Rooms 32 The Circle and virtually (via Teams) on Wednesday 18th January 2023 at
6.00pm

Present Cllr P Exell (Chair)
Cllr J Yeowell (Vice Chair)
Cllr M Lucas
Cllr D Patey
Cllr J Rodrigues
Cllr W Stone

**Virtual
Attendees** None

Officers A Briggs (Estates Manager)
A Reeves (Parish Clerk)
J A Williams (Administration)

Public None

EP603 **Apologies**
No Apologies Received

EP604 **Declarations of Interest & Application for Dispensation**
Cllr M Lucas declared interest in Item 6 Floral request consideration for funding from Planters
EMR to purchase planters for Pembroke Gardens.

EP605 **Public Questions or Comments**
None Received

EP606 **Planning Applications to be Examined**
None Received

EP607 **Street Furniture**

- **Notice Boards**
Update on potential move of Notice Board from Penhill to Moredon.

RESOLVED There have been no further updates. The Estates Manager will follow up at a subsequent meeting.

- **Litter Bins**

The Committee noted the request for two bins to be replaced as both are in poor condition, damaged and rusty.

One situated in Alton Close Penhill and the other in Ferndale Rec:

The Committee were happy for these bins to be replaced.

Cllr D Patey enquired as to the number of bins left in stock.

The Estates Manager confirmed that once requests had been actioned there would be -

4 X Post Mounted and 1 X Free Standing Bin left in Stock.

Request for two new bins along Akers Way, one to replace the bin removed by HWPC and the other next to the bus stop.

The Estates Manager confirmed both areas showed signs of littering and thought they were warranted. There are also no access issues or restrictions for Pedestrians or for the crews to collect.

Cllr J Yeowell enquired about the bin that had moved in Gorse Hill.

The Estates Manager is aware of this, and it is being addressed.

RESOLVED The replacement bins should be actioned week commencing 23rd January 2023 and the Committee voted unanimously in favour of the two requests for Akers Way.

- **Benches**

No new requests.

EP608

Tree Planting

Update by the Estates Manager on the Green Canopy bid and the proposal of using Green Canopy trees along Akers Way instead of Tovey Road/Austradius Brook area.

The Parish have acquired 900 free trees which are on order and were intended for planting in the Tovey Road / Austradius Brook Area however, after the Estates Manager and SBC having further discussion there is more technical detail need before planting takes place in that area.

SBC have stated that there may be funding available through them to do future planting not only in the intended site area but in other areas as SBC are keen to support the increasing Green Canopy across Swindon.

The Estates Managers decision is to use the trees that the Parish have acquired through free funding to replace a large proportion of the Akers Way stock. The Estates Manager has emailed this out to council and has also contacted the company who are supplying the trees, they are happy and have no issues in the change of location as is the same with SBC.

Cllr J Rodrigues queried the funding for further trees.

Cllr D Patey asked for clarification on the additional 15 – 20 % of trees discussed at a previous meeting.

The Estates Manager clarified the 900 trees were to be planted and that the 15- 20% was additional and had been provided through the Beating Up and had already been agreed with prior funding and a claim to SBC and there should be no further significant cost

incurred for this project.

RESOLVED

The Committee voted unanimously in favour of the proposed course of action.

EP609

Floral

Cllr M Lucas requested funding for six large concrete planters to go along Abbey View Road to block of the entrance to the playing fields and to make the area brighter for the residents.

Cllr D Patey queried access for potential future development and the removal of the sited Porta Cabin.

Cllr Exell stated that there had been other proposals from other parts of the Parish for other uses of the EMR, and also a lack of policy.

Cllr Exell suggested to defer the decision on this item and for policy to be written on Planters by the Clerk /Estates manager.

Secondly to vire the part of EMR fund to assure transfer from this year's budget, to next years, and for all councillors to be given the opportunity to consider planters in their respective areas.

RESOLVED

The Committee voted unanimously in favour of the two proposals.

Meeting Closed: 18.15
Chair of Committee: Cllr Paul Exell
Date: 18/01/2023

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of Environment & Planning