



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 28th February 2024 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Kevin Small (Chair)
Cllr Mick Lucas (Vice Chair)
Cllr John Ballman
Cllr Ian Edwards
Cllr Ana Fernandes
Cllr Dave Patey
Cllr Paul Park
Cllr Will Stone
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andrew Briggs

Officers:

Mr Aaron Cripps
Mr Aaron Webb

Member of the Public Present: Mr Philip Wilkinson (Police and Crime Commissioner)
PC Andy

Apologies

Cllr Javes Rodrigues
Cllr Raj Patel
Cllr Ray Ballman
Cllr Paul Exell (dispensation)

		Action
FC359	Declarations of Interest Cllr J Ballman declared interests as a member of the RSPB, HBUF and the Community Library and Leisure Trust.	
FC360	Cooption To APPROVE the recommendation of the Staffing Panel for the COOPTION of Paul Park as Councillor for the PENHILL WARD. RESOLVED; Councillors APPROVED the recommendation of the Staffing Panel for the COOPTION of Paul Park as Councillor for the PENHILL WARD.	
FC361	Police & Crime Commissioner Mr Philip Wilkinson, gave a verbal presentation on the Police & Crime Commissioner priorities for 2024/25. Operation Scorpion is progressing, and the seventh rendition is about to start focusing on drug dealing and the connected violent crime. A new Retail Crime Strategy has begun to improve city centres by improving retail crime. PC Andy gave a verbal update on how local police are working to reduce retail and drug crime. Cllr J Yeowell asked about the serious assaults in the Ferndale and Moredon area last year and if there had been any progression with finding the perpetrators. PC Andy said he would take more details about the incidents and get back to Cllr J Yeowell. Cllr W Stone asked about the persistent matter of antisocial behaviour, and whether previously mentioned drones had now been implemented into operation to help combat the issue. Mr P Wilkinson advised the police had deployed and were operating two piloted drones in a bid to tackle ASB. It was explained that drones also had the capability to pick up mobile phone signals. Cllr J Ballman asked Mr P Wilkinson about bringing back Neighbourhood Policing Teams.	

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	Mr P Wilkinson explained that the police now have Neighbourhood Teams connected to the Chief Constables New Community Commitment Strategy. The new model hopes to create a more connected structure bridging the police, councils and parishioners. Cllr M Lucas asked about the changing PC's and PCSO's and not having consistency of care that was had by permanent Officer's. Also, the issues with people using e-scooters speeding up and down pavements and alleyways. PC Andy explained that there is a lot of lateral movement within the police for officers to progress. The use of drones is helping deal with the e-scooter issue. RESOLVED; Councillors NOTED the update.	
FC362	Public Question Time & Correspondence None	
FC363	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Chair presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st January 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st January 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC364	Environment & Planning Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on the 7th February 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on the 7th February 2024 as a true and accurate record. Councillors to APPROVE the planning recommendations from the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on the 7th February 2024. i) EP871 - RESOLVED - OBJECTION ii) EP872 - RESOLVED - NO OBJECTION iii) EP873 - RESOLVED - NO OBJECTION iv) EP874 - RESOLVED - NO OBJECTION v) EP876 - RESOLVED - NO OBJECTION vi) EP877 - RESOLVED - NO OBJECTION vii) EP878 - RESOLVED - OBJECTION viii) EP879 - RESOLVED - OBJECTION	

	ix) EP880 - RESOLVED - OBJECTION RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendations from the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on the 7th February 2024.	
FC365	Finance & General Purposes Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 6th February 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 6th February 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC366	Community Development Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on the 7th February 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on the 7th February 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC367	Leisure & Recreation Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting held on the 1st February 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting held on the 1st February 2024 as a true and accurate record. Councillors to APPROVE the recommendation from LR309(b); i) RESOLVED: Councillors APPROVED the project proceed and NOTED the responses from the Churchward Ave Tenants. RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendations from LR309(b) for the project to proceed. Councillors to APPROVE the recommendation from LR309(c); ii) RESOLVED: Councillors AGREED to go ahead with collections of compost from Shrivenham Defence Academy.	

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	RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendations from LR309(c). Councillors to APPROVE the recommendation from LR310(b&c) to go ahead with collections of compost from Shrivenham Defence Academy. iii) RESOLVED: Councillors AGREED to proceed with the tree planting projects through Trees for Climate. Cllr K Small objected to trees being planted on the recreation ground, as it would infringe on football pitches at the park, and that Swindon Borough Council had already refused to agree to the planned planting. Cllr J Ballman explained that the planting would be going around the edge of the Rec, and had been agreed by both Leisure & Recreation and Property & Asset Management Committees. Cllr K Small explained that the plan he had seen places trees along Paddington Drive which would impede on the football pitch there. Mr A Briggs explained that no trees were proposed to be planted along Paddington Drive, and that all information had been covered at both Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting on the 1st February 2024 and the Property & Asset Management Committee meeting on the 12th February 2024. Cllr M Lucas PROPOSED that we defer a decision on the proposed tree planting until Councillors have had chance to study the plans. RESOLVED: Councillors AGREED to defer a decision on the proposed tree planting until Councillors have had chance to study the plans. Councillors to APPROVE the recommendation from LR310(d); iv) RESOLVED: Councillors APPROVED the removal of gates unfit for purpose. RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendation from LR310(d) the removal of gates unfit for purpose.	
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FC368	Property & Asset Management Committee The Vice Chair presented the minutes of the Property & Asset Management Committee meeting held on the 12th February 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Property & Assets Management Committee meeting held on the 12th February 2024 as true and accurate records.	
FC369	Updated Policy Approval Councillors to REVIEW and APPROVE the updated Freedom of Information Policy. RESOLVED to APPROVE the updated Freedom of Information Policy. Councillors to REVIEW and APPROVE the Litter Bin Policy, and the removal of the Bin Request policy as it is superseded by the Litter Bin Policy. RESOLVED to APPROVE the removal of the Bin Request Policy and to APPROVE the Litter Bin Policy.	
FC370	Proposed Transfer of Services Mr A Briggs gave a verbal update on the proposed transfer of services from a report provided by The Parish Clerk. RESOLVED to NOTE the update. Cllr J Ballman queried the cost for these services and whether this involves paying for the services twice. Cllr D Patey asked about garage rental income and whether we would still receive it. Mr A Briggs explained that this would be a question we would have to ask. The Chair proposed that Councillors APPROVE the following recommendations; 1) To REVIEW the list of proposed services to be devolved from Swindon Borough Council to Central Swindon North Parish Council on the 1st October 2024. 2) To APPROVE the VICE CHAIR and PARISH CLERK to represent Central Swindon North Parish Council to the Swindon Association of Councils Monthly Meetings. The VICE CHAIR will report	

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	updates directly to the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE. 3) To APPROVE the Parish Clerk to explore a Change Control Notice cost. 4) To APPROVE the transfer of the current SBC Sponsored Roundabout Income scheme as part of any potential devolution transfers. To be managed by the Parish Councils Marketing & Digital Services Officer. To create a new budget income code Sponsorship 1078 and ring fence 1078 income against expenditure code 5525 Grounds Maintenance. RESOLVED to APPROVE recommendations 1, 2, 3 & 4. Cllr K Small abstained due to a conflict of interest as a member of SBC cabinet.	
FC371	Solar Panel Installation at Rodbourne Cheney & Moredon Library Mr A Cripps gave a verbal update on the solar panel installation at Rodbourne Cheney & Moredon Library. Councillors to APPROVE the following recommendations; 1) APPROVE the Trust's request to install solar panels at Moredon & Rodbourne Cheney Library, subject to final approval from Swindon Borough Council, with full costs of installation to be met by the Trust. 2) The Parish APPROVES the Trust's request to install solar battery capacity in the future. 3) The Parish AGREES to apply to Swindon Borough Council for the required licence, the full cost of £125 to be met by the Trust. RESOLVED to APPROVE recommendations 1, 2 & 3.	
Meeting Closed 20:07		

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