



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 5th September 2024 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr John Ballman (Chair)
Cllr Ian Edwards (Vice Chair)
Cllr James Yeowell
Cllr Paul Park
Cllr Dave Patey

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves

Officers:

Mr Neil Jackson (Allotment Officer)

Member of the Public Present: Carron Johnson

Apologies

Cllr Joy Grotzinger
Cllr Muhammad Khan

		Action
LR355	Declarations of Interest None	
LR356	Public Questions & Public Correspondence Carron Johnson asked following the Finance & General Purposes Committee on Tuesday 3 rd September 2024 how much of the total value of debtors £4,496.00 related	

	to allotment holders. Mr A Reeves advised that this was approximately £4,000.00. Carron Johnson asked how long an allotment holder has to rectify a plot following the issue of a rectification notice. Mr N Jackson replied that it was initially a 4 Week period followed by a final 7 Days' notice period. Quite often holders respond with reasons why they may not be able to meet these deadlines and some a renegotiated. .	
LR357	Play Area Mr A Reeves gave a verbal update from a written report provided by Mr A Briggs. See Appendix 1. A. To RECEIVE the associated report regarding various matters pertaining to play areas. Councillors NOTED the report. B. To ACKNOWLEDGE the Councils Duty of Care responsibilities. Councillors ACKNOWLEDGED the Councils Duty of Care responsibilities. C. To CONSIDER the list of outstanding remedial works (listed 3.5) and APPROVE any works raised as Medium or High Risk. Councillors NOTED the list of outstanding remedial works (listed 3.5) and APPROVED any works raised as Medium or High Risk. Cllr John Ballman enquired about the loan. Mr A Reeves advised that the consultation results were shared with the Finance & General Purposes Committee on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 and the overall response was positive (Around 58% for) Councillor's gave the permission to go proceed with the application which was put in on 4th September 2024. Cllr Ballman asked about how long it would take for the loan to be approved. It was discussed that it would take around 6 months, but it could be up to a year. It all depends on how many applications are being processed at the time. Mr A Reeve gave a brief overview of the loan amounts, how the money would be used and an idea of a programme of works.	

	D. To RECEIVE a verbal update regarding the public consultation responses for the Public Works loan and the status of the application. Councillors NOTED the update. It was noted that broken puzzle board side panel in Alton Close, SN2 5HG that has been vandalised for the 3rd time would not be repaired again and would instead be replaced by a blank board.	
LR358	Allotments A. To NOTE an operational update from the Allotment Officer. The crop drop was repeated this year with allotment holders donating excess produce which was donated to Gorsehill Baptist Church who feed out to local 'food bank' type organisations. The Poplar Trees on Akers Way are now deemed to be unsafe. Southern Electric have advised that some of the trees are too close to the power lines. The works are going to be taken place in early November and tenants have been told, and reluctantly, accepted that some damage may be done to plots whilst this work is undertaken. Councillors NOTED the update. B. To NOTE current occupancy rates. Our current occupancy rate is 97.2%. Councillors NOTED the occupancy rates. C. To RECEIVE an update regarding capital projects (water troughs & road repairs) The allotment officer advised that he had met with contractor Crappers from Purton who are going to provide a quote for road repairs and water troughs at the required sites. Councillors NOTED the update. Mr A Reeves suggested that the councillor's may wish to consider creating more allotment space. Cllr John Ballman asked the allotment officer to provide details of any space that he identifies as a suitable allotment plot. The allotment officer advised that there is a waiting list	

for plots but the priority now is to take back the plots that are not being used properly.

- D. To **RECEIVE** an update regarding SALGA shop (Pickards Field) review of flood mitigation measures.

Mr A Reeves provided an update on the scope of the works to the group. Cllr John Ballman asked how the drainage system will be connecting to the sewer. Mr A Reeves confirmed that the system was already in place and that it would simply connect to the existing system.

Councillors **NOTED** the update.

- E. To **RECEIVE** an update regarding the status of the planning application for the Kiln Lane parking request and **NOTE** the responses received from Survey Money

Mr A Reeves provided an update from a written report provided by Mr A Biggs.

See Appendix 2.

Councillors **NOTED** the update.

To **NOTE** the outcome of the planning decision.

To **CONSIDER** the comments raised as part of the consultation process.

To **CONSIDER** approval of the request as per planning decision.

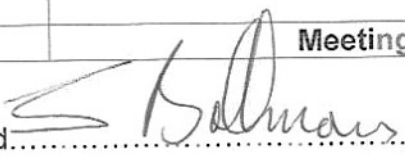
Cllr James Yeowell asked that if no carpark was installed what are the implications. Mr A Reeves advised that people park on the highway. Cllr John Ballman highlighted the benefits of installing the car park on an unused piece of land. The group discussed the environmental impact and also the views of those who sent responses via Survey Money. They also discussed the conditions of the lease and the use of proceeds to benefit the allotment.

Councillors **NOTED** the outcome of the planning decision.

Councillors **CONSIDERED** the comments raised as part of the consultation process.

	Councillors CONSIDERED approval of the request as per planning decision. Cllr Ian Edwards abstained. Members APPROVED the request and therefore: - • Instruct officers to draw up Terms & Conditions of the lease. • Instruct Officers to approach Bevers to draft the lease & licence documents. • That the Terms, the draft lease and the Licence are presented to a future Full Council Committee for final decision.	
LR359	Parks & Open Spaces A. To NOTE the intended Volunteer Day at St Marks on 17th Sept 2024. Councillors NOTED the update.	
LR360	Trees for Climate A. To RECEIVE indicative drawings for potential planting at Iffley Rd and Cobden Green as part of Trees for Climate. B. To RECEIVE indicative drawings for potential planting at Pembroke Garden as part of Trees for Climate. C. To RECEIVE indicative drawings for potential planting at St Marks Park as part of Trees for Climate. D. To RECEIVE indicative drawings for potential planting at Tovey Rd and the Venny as part of Trees for Climate. RESOLVED to APPROVE the locations recommended apart from St Marks Park which will be opened up for discussion with the councillor's in that area to give there input.	

LR361	Sports Pitches A. To NOTE the grant received from the Football Foundation for the purchase of new goalposts. Councillors NOTED the grant. B. To NOTE the June 2024 Football Foundation pitch assessment reports and CONSIDER budget requirements as identified per report. See Appendix 3. Councillors NOTED the report. C. To NOTE the following signed hire agreements. • Penhill United – Seven fields • Kingsdown FC – Southbrook • Mannington – Wims Councillors NOTED the hire agreements.	
LR362	Penhill Bowls Club Project To RECEIVE the contractor's delivery programme and a verbal update about the project. Councillors NOTED the delivery programme update and the update.	
Meeting Closed 20.25		

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Date 29-01-2025