



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetree's Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

EXTRAORDINARY ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 27th November 2024 18.00hrs

Councillors:	Cllr P Park (Chair) Cllr J Yeowell (Vice Chair) Cllr P Exell Cllr D Patey Cllr J Rodrigues
Clerk:	
Officers	Mrs. J A Williams
Members of the Public Present:	None

Min Ref	Minutes	Action
EP175	AG1 - Apologies and Declarations of Interests. None	
EP176	AG2 – Public Question Time & Correspondence. None	

EP177	AG3 - To Review E & P Budget Proposal for 2023-2024 (The actual dates for review should have read 2024-2025) Budget Proposal 24/25 • Hay Baler £3500.00 • Litter Bins £8000.00 • Clean & Green £500.00 • Signs and Street Furniture £2000.00 • Bus Shelter £5000.00 RESOLVED - Noted	
EP178	AG4 – To Review E & P Income and Expenditure 2023 – 2024 (The actual dates for review should have read 2024-2025) Income 24/25 • Hay Baler £3500.00 • Litter Bins £5000.00 • Clean & Green £500.00 (Litter Pickers) • Signs £1000.00 • Highways £1000.00 Cllr Exell gave the figures for income and stated that there was no income for the bus shelter as it was pruned out even though it had gone through the council agreement phase. RESOLVED – Noted	
EP179	AG5 - To Discuss Proposals for Next Budget 2025-2026 The Chair Cllr P Park asked the question what do we want our priorities to be for this year? Cllr P Exell stated that one thing to be considered is whether we want to make a local plan, using money in the budget towards the cost that cannot be covered by grants for the Local Plan, and to ask Andrew in Andy's absence what he feels we would need. Cllr Yeowell stated that we had used a consultant	

	previously but not sure of the cost. Cllr Rodrigues asked if there was an area that could be compromised. He thinks it could be bins; He stated that as a parish we have increased the number of bins by at least 60% since 2017 and if the committee need to that is one area he feels they could pull from. Cllr Exell stated that last year we had requested £8000.00 and received £5000.00 and that money wasn't just for adding bins within the Parish but also covered replacement of damaged bins. The reason for the large sum in the budget is that it allows the Parish to buy in bulk, potentially leveraging a discount and only paying once for delivery. Cllr Rodrigues asked how many bins were left in stock. Cllr Yeowell asked how much had we have spent so far this year. Cllr Exell responded that we had 3 or 4 bins left in stock and £1200.00 left from this year's budget. Cllr Exell raised questions, 1. The budget lines we currently have, are we happy with them all still being there. Are there any others like local plan that we want to add in as extra lines. 2. Once we've decided which lines we want as a committee then what values do we put against them. Cllr Rodrigues stated that he was not against buying bins, however, was mindful that Idverde will be renewing their contract soon and they will charge us for each extra bin that has been installed which will put a strain on our overall costs. We need to push for the usage report from Idverde regarding usage of current bins. Cllr Yeowell mentioned the Clean and Green scheme and whether the committee wanted to budget for it and keep that budget line in and make a proposal for it or postpone it. Cllr Exell responded that it needed to be included as it also covered the cost of replacement Litter Pickers.	
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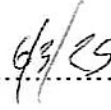
	The Chair stated that he would like to keep the Litter Pickers in and ideally the Clean and Green Scheme. He asked whether the Parish had put a plan together for the Clean and Green Scheme. Cllr Exell responded that it was planned for last year but had not materialized in his absence. Cllr Yeowell asked if the committee wanted to budget for it and keep the budget line. Cllr Exell answered that it needed to be kept in as it also covered the cost of litter picking equipment, and could help with the costs for setting up the Clean and Green scheme which would involve potentially publicizing and posters etc. Also, for A Reeves or J Williams to contact P Harrison from West Swindon PC for ideas. Cllr Rodrigues stated that there is plenty of funding available from all the big supermarkets which we could apply for, and to ask Gladys to do this for them potentially getting enough to cover for the next couple of years. Cllr Yeowell questioned whether the committee wanted to bother with a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Patey stated he felt it would give the Parish and Parishioners a chance to state what they would like in particular areas. Cllr Exell voiced his concerns in that a lot of councils and parishes across the country spend a lot of time doing a Neighbourhood Plan to find out that the inspectorate gives them absolutely no weighting what so ever when it comes to inspectorate decisions and could be a lot of work for no benefit. The Chair stated that as a Parish he felt we would start to see a lot of our industrial sites dry up and become HMO's If the Neighbourhood Plan was going to stop that then it would be worth our time. Both Cllr Exell and Cllr Rodrigues stated that they felt National Planning Legislation says that if someone wants to turn a block of offices into a block of flats you can not stop them, and neither the Council nor Parish Council can argue against that.	
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	The Committee Proposed the following lines for the 2025/2026 budget. • Hay Baler £3500.00 • Litter Bins £8000.00 • Bus Shelter £5000.00 • Signs And Street Furniture £2000.00 • Investigation / Feasibility Study Neighbourhood Plan £1000.00 • Litter Pickers / Clean and Green £500.00	
	Meeting Closed 18.30	

Signed.....



Date.....



Chair of E & P Committee