



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 25th September 2024 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr K Small (Chair)
Cllr Ian Edwards (Vice Chair)
Cllr John Ballman
Cllr Vanessa Bentley
Cllr Joy Grotzinger
Cllr Muhammad Khan
Cllr Mick Lucas
Cllr Dave Patey
Cllr Javes Rodrigues
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves

Officers:

Mr Andrew Briggs
Mr Matt Gleed
Mr Aaron Webb
John Carey (virtually)

Member of the Public Present: Carron

Mr Sam Perkins
Miss Emma Glassby

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Apologies	Cllr Paul Exell (dispensation) Cllr Paul Park Cllr Ana Fernandes Cllr Raj Patel
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FC411	Condolences Cllr Keven Small wished to send condolences on behalf of the Parish Council for the death of previous Council member and Chair Steph Exell. The Councillors, Officers and members of the public stood in a minutes silence in memory of her, and all she contributed to the Parish Council and residents.	
FC412	Declarations of Interest Cllr I Edwards declared an interest in the Leisure & Libraries Trust. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the declaration.	
FC413	KeepMoat Presentation Sam Perkins and Emma Glassby from KeepMoat presented a presentation on the planned Moredon development. They described the layout, parking provisions, the maintaining of trees and building materials used. Cllr J Rodrigues asked about access to the site. Cllr K Small noted that the T-junction would be right of way for Moredon Sporting Hub. Cllr J Rodrigues asked if the parking provided would be adequate. Cllr I Edwards asked what would stop the housing residents from parking in the Parish car park. Mr S Perkins explained that they have designed the houses to supply adequate parking for each property. Cllr D Patey asked about maintenance of the green stretches. Miss E Glassby explained there would be a knee rail to separate the areas.	

Mr A Reeves explained there had been three questions submitted from those not here today:

- 1) Would there be a play area, and if there is not will there be money in lieu of?
- 2) What flood alleviation is there?
- 3) Will Give Way signage be funded by them?

Miss Emma Glassby explained they are not proposing a play area on the site, but there is a financial contribution available. The drainage is adequate for the site. The signage will be covered by the plan.

Cllr J Yeowell asked about the flat block at the entrance.

Mr S Perkins explained that it was initially two blocks but are now proposed to be one. Several of the flats will be wheelchair friendly and have provisions for those needing adaptations.

Cllr J Ballman joined the meeting and declared an interest as a member of Swindon Borough Council Planning Committee. He removed himself from the meeting until this Agenda point was completed.

Cllr J Yeowell and Cllr K Small stated they felt there was room on the plans to build a play area.

Mr S Perkins explained it was not that KeepMoat would not build a play area, but that they were being strict to policy LA12 about overplanning and layout principles.

Mr D Patey asked about the affordable housing and who would be responsible for the rental properties.

Mr S Perkins explained that the whole site would be taken over by one provider who would manage the properties and the land.

Cllr D Patey asked about the shared ownership properties, would they actually be affordable.

Mr S Perkins stated they would be, and the prices would be set by Swindon Borough Council.

Mr A Briggs asked once it is an operational site what impact will it have on this site and what provisions will you put in place.

Miss Emma Glassby explained that initially an access route would be created from Cheney Manor Industrial Estate

	Road, including a traffic light system for works traffic to enter and exit the site. Cllr M Lucas asked who would be constructing the homes. Mr S Perkins explained KeepMoat would be planning and building the whole site and then passing the site on to the registered provider once complete. Cllr M Lucas asked about what Green provisions like heat pumps and solar panels would be included. Mr S Perkins explained that each property would receive air heat pumps and electric charge points. Mr A Briggs asked what the projected timeline are you working towards. Miss E Glassby explained they are hoping to get planning permission in October 2024. Mr S Perkins explained construction would begin during the winter months. Mr M Gleed asked were the electric charge points 7kw. Mr S Perkins confirmed they were. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the presentation.	
FC414	Public Question Time & Correspondence None	
FC415	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Chair presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st July 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st July 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC416	Environment & Planning Committee The Vice Chair presented the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on the 7th August & the 21st August 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 August	

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	2024 & the 21 st August 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC417	Finance & General Purposes Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 3rd September 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 3rd September 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC418	Community Development Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on the 4th September 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on the 4th September 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC419	Leisure & Recreation Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting held on the 5th September 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting held on the 5th September 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC420	Moredon Sporting Hub Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee meeting held on the 15th July 2024 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee meeting held on the 15th July 2024 as a true and accurate record.	
FC421	Boundary Review Update Cllr Kevin Small presented a verbal update on the boundary review. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
FC422	Transfer of Services Update Mr A Reeves presented an update from a written report.	

See Appendix 1.

While past service transfers have been successful, the scale and scope of SBCs proposal, combined with limited financial support and preparation time, makes it unworkable in its current form.

Councillors are recommended that without additional resources, clear legal agreements, and more time for planning, the proposed service transfer will place an unsustainable and unknown burden on the Council, threatening the quality of our current services and placing the Council in a position of accepting an unlawful transfer.

It is recommended that the Parish Council suspend transfer negotiations with Swindon Borough Council until statutory legal compliance matters and commensurate TUPE requirements are made clear. Packaged with a workable timetable, and we look to obtain a two-year financial fazing as part of the agreement.

Cllr M Lucas emphasized the importance of continuing to talk with Swindon Borough Council as The Parish negotiates.

Cllr I Edwards explained that Local Parishes were only created for services to be devolved to.

Cllr J Ballman declared an interest as an SBC Councillor. He agreed with the recommendation to suspend talks while we continue to negotiate for what is best for the Parish.

Cllr J Rodrigues noted the importance of understanding the financial responsibilities of supplying the services needed with our current financial commitments.

Cllr J Yeowell asked if we would be able to actually provide the service required as The Parish has struggled, due to wet weather, to maintain grass cutting ourselves.

Cllr K Small agreed, and further understanding of actual requirements would be needed.

Cllr J Rodrigues asked that we need to compare the financial support that would be provided with the actual costs and see if it would be actually viable.

	Cllr J Ballman agreed with Cllr J Rodrigues and stated the importance of knowing exactly what would be expected and the costs. Cllr D Patey commented on the fact that residents are paying council tax for these services whether they are completed by Swindon Borough Council or local Parishes. Mr A Reeves mentioned that we are in the process of discussing contract renewal or bringing services in house, and the importance of getting our 'ducks in a row' before decisions are made. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED that the Parish Council suspend transfer negotiations with Swindon Borough Council until statutory legal compliance matters and commensurate TUPE requirements are made clear. Packaged with a workable timetable, and we look to obtain a two-year financial fazing as part of the agreement.	
	Meeting Closed 19:56	

Signed.....*K. J. Jones*.....

Date.....*4/3/25*.....