



Parish Council
Central Swindon North Parish Council
Pinetrees Community Centre,
The Circle,
SWINDON SN2 1QR

LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 6th March 2025 19.15

Present:	
Councillors:	Cllr John Ballman (Chair) Cllr Ian Edwards (virtually) Cllr Mick Lucas Cllr Paul Park Cllr James Yeowell
Clerk:	Mr Andrew Briggs (Head of Operations)
Officers:	None
Member of the Public Present: None	
Apologies	Cllr Muhammad Khan

		Action
LR420	Declarations of Interest Cllr John Ballman declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Leisure & Library Trust and HBuF. RESOLVED: Item NOTED .	

LR421	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None	
LR422	Minutes of Previous meeting To NOTE the minutes of the meeting held on the 06.02.2025. Cllr J Ballman asked about the Rodbourne Cheney Play Area. Mr A Briggs explained that the scope of works has been created and when agreed by Full Council will go out for tender which will take 30 days. The applications will be processed after, and the applications will be brought to a future L&R for Councillors to approve provider. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the minutes of the meeting held on the 06.02.2025.	
LR423	2025-2026 Project & Activity Overview Mr A Briggs presented a written report. See Appendix 1. Councillors discussed the various pitches needing work Cllr J Ballman asked if there was a cut off date for an application for funding. Mr A Briggs explained that a report needs creating first, then The Parish can apply for funding. Cllr I Edwards asked which sites were being considered for parking charges. Mr A Briggs stated St Marks and Moredon Sporting Hub initially. Councillors discussed the issues at St Marks. Cllr J Ballman suggested inviting a horticultural celebrity to present awards. Mr A Briggs said he would investigate the suggestion but didn't know anyone personally. Cllr J Ballman asked about the damage that The Parish has had to be repaired on the tractor.	

	Cllr I Edwards noted he felt this was an experience The Parish should learn from for future collaborations. Cllr J Ballman noted his disappointment in the loss of Parish funds on this situation. Cllr J Ballman asked who cleans the graffiti. Mr A Briggs explained the grounds team in The Parish undertook the work. Cllr J Yeowell asked about the murals on the skatepark. Mr A Briggs explained that the ramps would be cleaned up and painted before opening, and he would look into possible murals/artwork being added later to fencing around the skatepark. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
LR424	Play Areas and Grounds A: To RECEIVE an update on winter work. Mr A Briggs presented an update. See Appendix 2. Cllr I Edwards asked who cleans the graffiti. Mr A Briggs explained the grounds team in The Parish undertook the work. Cllr J Yeowell asked about the murals on the skatepark. Mr A Briggs explained that the ramps would be cleaned up and painted before opening, and he would look into possible murals/artwork being added later to fencing around the skatepark. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update. B: To RECEIVE an update on remedial repair work. Mr A Briggs presented an update. See Appendix 3. Cllr J Yeowell asked what the life expectancy was for wet floors from new.	

	Mr A Briggs stated 15-20 years. Cllr J Ballman noted that some parks were built by the housing associations. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
LR425	Allotments A: To RECEIVE the date of the Allotment Working Group. Mr A Briggs informed Councillors that the Allotment Working Group would be at 17:30 on Tuesday the 11th March 2025 at Pinetrees Community Centre. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the date. B: To RECEIVE an update regarding matters at Pickards Field. Mr A Briggs provided an update advising that a meeting took place on the 28th February 2025 with all involved. Tenants were reminded of the T&C's within their tenancy agreement and the need for mutual tolerance to retain their tenancies. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update. C: To RECEIVE an update on the Kiln Lane entrance work project. Mr A Briggs presented an update. Neil Jackson has been doing works on the gate to enable work to be done, and expected start date for work will be the 17th April 2025 weather permitting. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
LR426	Allington Rd – Community Project Mr A Briggs presented an update. The work is progressing and planting will begin on the 11th March 2025. Once completed The Parish is working with local groups to come back regularly to maintain the beds. Mr A Briggs mentioned that a future consideration is creating keyholders to allow access when needed to do maintenance work.	

	RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
LR427	Sports Pitches Mr A Briggs presented an update. The Parish has had about two weeks of loss of usage due to waterlogged pitches. Works commencing on the 25th March 2025 may cause some disruption. At Penhill, it will be up to individual teams if they would like to continue play or move to an alternative pitch. It will last about two weeks. Cllr J Ballman asked how much the boiler repairs at Penhill were costing The Parish. Mr A Briggs responded £20,000 as The Parish received £25,000 from the Football Foundation. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
LR428	Parkside Hub Project Mr A Briggs presented an update on the date for the Community Open Event. The official opening date will be Saturday the 12th April 2025. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the date.	
Meeting Closed 20:05		

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