



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 8th May 2025 19.15

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr John Ballman (Chair)
Cllr Ian Edwards
Cllr Paul Exell (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

none

		Action
LR435	Declarations Of Interest Cllr John Ballman declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Leisure & Library Trust, HBUF and RSPB. Cllr Ian Edwards declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Library & Leisure Trust.	

	Cllr Paul Park declared a non-pecuniary interest in The Library & Leisure Trust. RESOLVED: Item NOTED.	
LR436	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None	
LR437	Minutes Of Previous Meeting To RECEIVE the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th April 2025. Amend the reference from 'March' to 'April' for the meeting held on the 10th April 2025. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th April 2025.	Officers to amend date on April minutes from 'March' to 'April'.
LR438	Rodbourne Cheney Play Area Tender Review To APPROVE a recommendation to Full Council, proposing the preferred contractor to deliver the project. Mr A Briggs presented an update from a written report. See Appendix 1. Cllr P Exell noted that Contractor A was cheaper due to a smaller floor area used and not as well laid out as other Contractors. Cllr J Ballman explained that the only issue with Contractor C was the main feature item in the centre was not an inclusive play equipment piece. Mr A Briggs explained that small alterations could be requested but not replacement of entire pieces of play equipment. Cllr M Lucas expressed that he felt they all had positives and negatives, but he felt Contractor C would provide the best selection of equipment and layout. Cllr P Park mentioned that selecting a Play Area solely on accessibility creates its own problems. He supported Contractor C. Mr A Briggs displayed the plans and Councillors discussed them.	

	Councillors voted between Contractor A and Contractor C. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED Contractor C as the winning bidder for the Rodbourne Cheney Play Area due to better accessibility, layout design and flow even though Contractor A was cheaper. The decision will be taken to Full Council on the 28th May 2025 for RATIFICATION. Cllr P Exell left the meeting.	
LR439	Play Areas And Grounds A: To RECEIVE an update on remedial works and outstanding matters. Mr A Briggs presented an update. Cllr J Ballman asked why a zip wire costs so much to repair. Mr A Briggs explained that it is not just the wire, but the unit itself as some of the wood beams have become rotten. He said he would source quotations for Councillors to review at the next Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	Mr A Briggs to source quotes for replacement of the zip wire.
LR440	Parks And Open Spaces A: To RECEIVE the date for the St Marks & Penhill Park Green Flag assessment day. Mr A Briggs presented a verbal update. The St Marks inspection will be on the 19th May 2025, and the Penhill Park inspection will be on the 20th May 2025. Cllr J Ballman praised the Parish for the work done to improve Penhill Park over the last few years, and the cherry trees at St Marks are looking lovely. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update. B: To RECEIVE an update on the arrival of the floral planters Mr A Briggs presented an update.	

	The tower planters are expected to arrive by the end of May 2025, and the planters already situated there will have fresh plant bedding before the Green Flag inspection. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
LR441	Allotments A: To RECEIVE the date of the preliminary best in show judging date at Akers Way. Mr A Briggs explained that the first visit will be done by Cllr M Lucas, Cllr P Park, Mr J Manley (Pickards Field Tenant) and himself on the 21st May 2025. Councillors discussed the rules and what plots would be judged on. Cllr J Yeowell asked if it was an opt in system or whether all plots would be included, and what the prizes would be. Mr A Briggs noted it would be all plots, and the prize would be a year's free allotment rent. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update. B: To RECEIVE an update on the Kiln Lane projects Mr A Briggs presented an update and displayed before and after photographs for the entrance work, and updated Councillors with the acceptance of the lease. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
LR442	Sports Pitches A: To RECEIVE an update on upcoming seasonal works to sports pitches. Mr A Briggs presented an update. The adult pitches have all been sprayed now to reduce weeds, which is part of the Parishes pitch improvement program. Scarification (removal of the top layer of grass) will be completed soon too. Aeration treatments will probably be completed in October 2025. The boiler installation at the changing rooms has been completed. Councillors viewed photographs. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	

	B: To RECEIVE an update regarding Penhill United football club. Mr A Briggs presented an update. Cllr J Ballman explained that the land was placed on SLHA as amber which means it has never been leased before. The issues are with access and lack of. He spoke to Jim Robins and a case will be made within Swindon Borough Council to try and find a solution. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the update.	
LR443	Trees For Climate/Oaks At 80 A. To CONSIDER further tree planting through the Trees for Climate grant fund. Mr A briggs presented an update. There is a further year of funding available and would the Councillors like him to investigate this for the coming year. Cllr J Ballman agreed that there are plenty of areas available in the Parish. Cllr M Lucas and Cllr I Edwards agreed. Councillors discussed areas the trees could be planted. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED accessing funding for tree planting. B. To CONSIDER the offer of funding to plant an Oak tree to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. Mr A briggs presented an update. Cllr J Ballman asked if the Parish could apply for one for each Ward. Mr A Briggs said he would ask if this was possible. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED accepting the funding to plant an Oak tree to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.	
	Meeting Closed 20:34	

Signed. SB Oliver

Date 28.5.2025