



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 26th November 2025 19.15

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Kevin Small (Chair)
Cllr Paul Park (Vice Chair)
Cllr John Ballman
Cllr Vanessa Bentley
Cllr Ian Edwards
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Ana Fernandes
Cllr Joy Grotzinger
Cllr Mick Lucas
Cllr Dave Patey
Cllr Javes Rodrigues
Cllr Tom Smith
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves

Officers:

Mr Andrew Briggs
Mr Aaron Webb
Miss Rachel Westcott

Member of the Public Present: PC James

Apologies

Cllr Paul Park

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		Action
FC509	Declarations of Interest Cllr Ian Edwards declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust. Cllr John Ballman declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust, HBUF and RSPB. Cllr Mick Lucas declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the declarations.	
FC510	Public Question Time & Correspondence None	
FC511	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Chair presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th September 2025 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th September 2025 as a true and accurate record.	
FC512	Environment & Planning Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on 1st October 2025, 15th October 2025, 29th October 2025 and the 19th November 2025 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on the 1st October 2025, 15th October 2025, 29th October 2025 and the 19th November 2025 as a true and accurate record.	
FC513	Finance & General Purposes Committee The Vice Chair presented the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings held on the 7th October 2025 and the 4th November 2025 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings held on the 7th October 2025 and the 4th November 2025 as a true and accurate record.	

FC514	Community Development Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Community Development Committee meetings held on the 1st October 2025 and the 29th October 2025 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Community Development Committee meetings held on the 1st October 2025 and the 29th October 2025 as a true and accurate record.	
FC515	Leisure & Recreation Committee The Vice Chair presented the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meetings held on the 2nd October 2025 and 6th November 2025, and the Extraordinary Leisure & Recreation Committee held on the 21st October 2025 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meetings held on the 2nd October 2025 and 6th November 2025, and the Extraordinary Leisure & Recreation Committee held on the 21st October 2025 as a true and accurate record.	
FC516	Moredon Sporting Hub Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee meeting held on the 10th November 2025 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meetings held on the 10th November 2025 as a true and accurate record.	
FC517	Policies to be Adopted To ADOPT the following policies. • Environment Policy RESOLVED to ADOPT the Memorial Policy. • Lone Workers Policy RESOLVED to ADOPT the Lone Workers Policy. • Parish Minibus Policy RESOLVED to ADOPT the Parish Minibus Policy. • Training Policy	

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FC518	External Auditors Report To RATIFY APPROVAL from FGP489. Mr A Reeves presented an update on the External Auditors report including the conclusion and recommendations. RESOLVED to RATIFY APPROVAL from FGP489 the External Auditors report.	
FC519	CIL Public Bidding Policy To RATIFY APPROVAL from EP470 addition to CIL Public Bidding & General Statement. Mr A Reeves presented the update for the CIL Public Bidding & General Statement. See Appendix 1. Cllr J Ballman asked what areas the money could be spent on. Mr A Reeves explained that there are specific areas across most CIL funds, but some CIL funding has specific caveats that will need meeting. Cllr P Exell explained that some builds that would usually create CIL, the funds are negated by their social value which create a zero CIL payment being required. RESOLVED to RATIFY APPROVAL from EP470 addition to CIL Public Bidding & General Statement.	
FC520	Keepmoat Lease Variations To REVIEW and APPROVE the recommendations. Mr A Reeves presented an update from a written report. See Appendix 2. Cllr P Exell asked about the shaded area and that it contained the Moredon Sporting Hub (MSH) access gate and car parking spaces.	

Mr A Reeves explained this area would be just a right of access to allow laying of pipes.

Cllr J Ballman requested information around the offset funding and where it would be spent.

Cllr K Small noted that as this was originally agreed at Swindon Borough Council (SBC) during the planning process.

Mr A Reeves noted that what is being requested something to be provided to offset the loss of green space within the Parish.

Cllr K Small mentioned that some of the funds may possibly be used to turn some brownfield areas in the Parish to greenfield.

Cllr J Ballman requested that research be done to see where the funding is being spent within the Parish.

Cllr K Small recommended that Councillors approve the lease variations and a proviso be included to ask how much of this would be provided for the Parish.

Cllr D Patey queried the reasons for the changes were to do with the incorrectly located site entrance. He also mentioned possibly requesting a reasonable timescale on when the substation was being built, which would allow the Parish to begin using the electric chargers in place, before the Parish would sign the lease variations.

Mr A Reeves responded that it does give the Parish leverage.

Cllr D Patey mentioned the incorrectly located site entrance, usage of many of the Parish car parking spaces and not sufficiently cleaning the access roads around the site.

'Recommendations

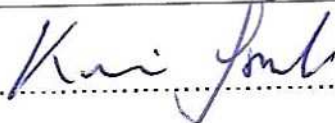
AUTHORISE the Clerk to issue the lease variations for the Moredon Sporting Hub lease, as detailed in Section 2, to Bevirs for formal variation.

AUTHORISE the Clerk to reclaim incurred legal fees arising from the lease variation from Keepmoat Ltd, Lakeside Blvd, Doncaster, DN4 5PL.

NOTE that it is understood the proposed variations present no material change to the management,

	<i>maintenance, or public use of the site, given the already granted planning permissions.'</i> RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendations in the report.	
FC521	Budget Review 26/27 Councillors to REVIEW draft 2026/27 Revenue Budget. Cllr K Small explained that today was a chance for Councillors to review the budget proposal options for 26/27 but noted that no decisions would be made tonight. The budget proposals would be distributed to the Councillors to review over the Christmas period. Cllr K Small described which budget lines remained the same and which had adjustments either up or down, and the proposed Committee budgets. Cllr K Small noted that with all the requests from the Committees it would create a 22.38% Council Tax increase, with the adjusted amounts this can be reduced to 13.68%, or 7.32% with severe cuts. He requested that Councillors discuss at Committee meetings and return with any adjustments they would like to make before the January Full Council. Mr A Reeves thanked the Councillors for the work they had done to complete their proposals in a timely fashion. This has really helped in the creation of the proposed budget in time for this meeting. Cllr D Patey mentioned that there will be an agenda item to discuss the proposed 26/27 budget at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on the 02/12/2025 if any Councillors would like to discuss their budget lines. RESOLVED to NOTE the draft 2026/27 Revenue Budget.	
Meeting Closed 19:42		

Signed.....



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28/1/26