



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 25th March 2026 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Kevin Small (Chair)
Cllr Paul Park (Vice Chair)
Cllr John Ballman
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Ana Fernades
Cllr Joy Grotzinger
Cllr Muhammad Khan
Cllr Dave Patey
Cllr Javes Rodrigues
Cllr James Yeowell - virtually

Clerk:

Mr Andrew Briggs

Officers:

Mr Aaron Cripps
Miss Rachel Westcott - virtually

Member of the Public Present: PCC Philip Wilkinson
PC Sam Bernside

Apologies

Cllr Mick Lucas
Cllr Vanessa Bentley

		Action
FC540	Declarations of Interest Cllr John Ballman declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust, HBUF and RSPB. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the declarations.	
FC541	Public Question Time & Correspondence None	
FC542	Police Commissioner PCC P Wilkinson presented an update on Wiltshire Policing. PCC P Wilkinson explained that funding for Wiltshire is lower than other areas, but they have achieved good results over the last year. Outside pressures like fuel costs have added pressure, but due to good management of funds Wiltshire Police have successfully navigated this challenge. The current Government is making changes to boundaries, prisons and sentencing which are having an impact on expenditure. Wiltshire Police hope this will be resolved with extra funding from various Government sources. Cllr K Small explained that the strategic authorities will not replace the authorities already there but will just be an additional level of management. Cllr J Ballman mentioned the increased cost of fuel and how it has increased and asked if this could impact on the number of patrols. PCC P Wilkinson responded no. Due to prudent financial management there are some reserves available to cover the extra costs, but if funding is not increased then next year it could have an effect. Cllr J Rodrigues enquired if further funding was achieved what is the vision. PCC P Wilkinson explained that extra funding would be spent on putting more police on patrol interacting with the community and drones. Most importantly talking to residents and asking what they would like to see more of. Cllr P Paul asked about the mobile stations and how often they are deployed in Swindon.	

	PCC P Wilkinson explained that they have the statistics and can pass that on after the meeting. PC S Bernside presented an update on local initiatives and arrests recently. RESOLVED to NOTE update.	
FC543	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Chair presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th January 2026, and the Extraordinary Full Council meetings held on the 3rd March 2026 and 18th March 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th January 2026, and the Extraordinary Full Council meetings held on the 3rd March 2026 and 18th March 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record.	
FC544	Environment & Planning Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on 4th February 2026, 18th February 2026, 4th March 2026 and the 18th March 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on the 3rd December 2025, 17th December 2025, 7th January 2026 and the 21st January 2026 as a true and accurate record.	
FC545	Finance & General Purposes Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings held on the 3rd February 2026 and the 18th March 2026, and the Extraordinary Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on the 18th February 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings held on the 3rd February 2026 and the 18th March 2026, and the Extraordinary Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on the 18th February 2026 as a true and accurate record.	
FC546	Community Development Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Community Development Committee meetings held on the 4th	

	February 2026 and the 4th March 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Community Development Committee meetings held on the 4th February 2026 and the 4th March 2026 as a true and accurate record.	
FC547	Leisure & Recreation Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meetings held on the 5th February 2026 and the 5th March 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meetings held on the 5th February 2026 and the 5th March 2026 as a true and accurate record.	
FC548	Moredon Sporting Hub Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee meeting held on the 16th February 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meetings held on the 16th February 2026 as a true and accurate record.	
FC549	Audit Recommendations The Chair presented a written report. See Appendix 1. Recommendations To Councillors • To confirm as a true record the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on the 1st May 2024 and the 17th April 2024. • To APPROVE adjusted minutes. - Full Council 31/07/2024 - Environment & Planning 07/08/2024 - Finance & General Purposes 04/06/2024 • To REVIEW and ADOPT adjustment to the Financial Regulations. The Chair proposed approving all the recommendations within the report. RESOLVED to APPROVE	
FC550	St Marks Tennis Court Refurbishment Funding Shortfall	

	Mr A Cripps presented an update from a written report. See Appendix 2. Recommendations • 8.1. Recommend to Full Council that the Parish directly commissions refurbishment works at St Marks on behalf of the Trust for courts 1-7 and repainting works for courts 8-10 to be delivered in FY27/28 to achieve cost efficiencies through the Council's eligibility for VAT recovery. • 8.2. Recommend to Full Council that a proportion of any income derived from the proposed introduction of managed carparking at St Marks Recreation Ground be allocated annually to the Trust's St Marks Tennis Centre Sinking Fund. • 8.3. Recommend that Full Council grant an in-principle agreement to provide a loan of up to £40,000 to the Trust in FY27/28. This agreement is strictly subject to a final viability assessment, confirmation of the exact loan requirement, and a formal Council resolution. The funds to be earmarked exclusively for the refurbishment and repainting program as detailed in this report. • 8.3.1. Loan repayments to be made over a 5-year term commencing in FY28/29. • 8.3.2. Full loan terms and conditions and final amount to be agreed by Council subject to formal agreement reached between Council and the Trust during FY26/27 and final confirmation of the cost of scheduled works in FY27/28 following receipt of tenders for the works by the Trust. Cllr J Ballman presented a verbal update on the history of St Marks Tennis Courts and what has been provided before. Councillors discussed the requests. Cllr K Small proposed that the loan be approved in principle with any interest charged be enough to cover what the Parish would lose as it would need to come from General Reserve. That the loan repayments begin the month after it is provided, not in 27/28 and that a portion of the Car Parking income be ringfenced to support the Tennis Court refurbishment. Cllr P Exell explained that the Car Parking income was originally approved to be majority towards car park repairs	
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	and maintenance and a smaller portion towards work in St Marks and proposed a 50/50 or 70/30 split. Cllr K Small proposed approving the recommendations within the report in principle, with interest rates to cover lost interest by the Parish and repayment to start in the year of receipt over five years. A report to presented with financial implications to a future Finance & General Purposes Committee (FGP) meeting and the Car parking income at St Marks to be split 50% to the Car Park sink fund, 25% to works at St Marks and 25% to the LLT for Tennis Court repairs for five years, to revert to the Car Park Sink fund after the five year period. RESOLVED to APPROVE recommendations with adjustments proposed by Cllr K Small.	
FC551	Committee Member Approval To APPROVE Cllr Paul Parks Finance & General Purposes Committee membership request. RESOLVED to APPROVE Cllr Paul Parks Finance & General Purposes Committee membership request.	
FC552	Policy Renewal To ADOPT the following policies and procedures. • Tree Planting Policy RESOLVED to ADOPT the Tree Planting Policy. • General Data Protection Policy RESOLVED to ADOPT the General Data Protection Policy.	
FC553	St Marks Car Park Tender Cllr D Patey proposed approving the FGP recommendation (FGP582) of Contractor A from a written report presented at FGP 18/03/2026. See Appendix 3. RESOLVED to APPROVE	
FC554	RCBC Capital Contribution Pembroke Gardens Cllr D Patey proposed approving the RCBC Capital Contribution towards Pembroke Gardens. (FGP584) RESOLVED to APPROVE	

FC555	CIL Cllr D Patey proposed approving the following CIL requests approved the FGP Committee meeting (FGP586) - Rodbourne Cheney Ward Councillors request CIL funds of £235.44 be used towards installing a piece of play equipment for older children at Pembroke Gardens Rec. - Pinehurst Ward Councillors request CIL funds of £1,976.52 be used towards repair work at the Wilcox Close Play Area. - Penhill Ward Councillors request CIL funds of £253.19 be used towards JMH kitchen/building repairs. RESOLVED to APPROVE Cllr K Small reminded Councillors that CIL requests need to be requested soon or fund would return to FC for spending decision.	
FC556	Capital Works Program Cllr D Patey proposed approving the recommendations within the report presented at FGP (FGP589). See Appendix 4. RESOLVED to APPROVE	
FC557	Compliance Contract Renewal Cllr D Patey proposed approving the recommendations within the report presented at the FGP (FGP590) See Appendix 5. RESOLVED to APPROVE	
FC558	Ward Allowance Requests None.	
FC559	Year End Cllr K Small withdrew this agenda item. RESOLVED to APPROVE Cllr K Small thanked Cllr M Lucas for being a stalwart Member for the Parish since it was created in 2017 and who has served as his Vice Chair for three years. He was a huge asset to the Parish and will be sorely missed, and thanks him for his contribution and hard work over the years.	

	Cllr K Small wishes all Members standing down at the upcoming election all the best and thanks them for their contribution to the Parish.	
	Meeting Closed 20:12	

Signed.....

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