



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

MOREDON SPORTING HUB COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 22nd April 2026 19.00

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Paul Park (Vice Chair)
Cllr Vanessa Bentley
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Joy Grotzinger
Cllr Mick Lucas
Cllr Dave Patey
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves (Leisure Manager)

Officers:

Mr Aaron Webb (Community Youth Manager)
Mr Joe Gelston (Leisure Manager)
Mr Andrew Briggs (Ops Manager)

Member of the Public Present: none

Apologies

Cllr Javes Rodrigues
Cllr Ana Fernandes

		Action
MSH-2026.1	Declarations of Interest Cllr Paul Park declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust. Cllr Mick Lucas declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust. Cllr Paul Exell declared an interest in Swindon Softball League. RESOLVED to NOTE declarations of interest.	
MSH-2026.2	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None	
MSH-2026.3	Minutes of the Previous Meeting To confirm as a true record the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee meetings held on the 19th January 2026 & 16th February 2026. RESOLVED to APPROVE as a true record the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee meetings held on the 19th January 2026 & 16th February 2026.	
MSH-2026.4	MSH YTD Revenue Update Mr A Briggs presented an update on MSH Year to date. He explained that the Parish has overachieved with the income and overspent on expenditure. 2026/27 budgets have been adjusted accordingly and lessons have been learnt. Cllr D Patey enquired if the £109,000 overspend included the Public Works Loan. Mr A Reeves responded no. RESOLVED to NOTE update.	
MSH-2026.5	Leisure Manager Mr J Gelston presented an update, including a personal introduction. Cllr J Yeowell enquired what Mr J Gelston's plans were for the future. Mr J Gelston responded that it was still all new for him and he would have a bigger update for Councillors at the next meeting.	

	Cllr D Patey wondered about Agency Staff and the importance of keeping costs down. Mr J Gelston responded that he understands the importance of maintaining good figures within budget lines and will be able to provide more details and updates at future meetings. RESOLVED to NOTE update.	
MSH-2026.6	MSH Car Parking Mr A Reeves presented a written report. See attachment MSH-2026.6. Councillors are recommended to propose to Full Council: • Tender and appoint a private car parking operator for the Moredon Sporting Hub car park using the Government Procurement Portal under CPV code 34926000: Car park control equipment. • Introduce a parking regime permitting up to TWO hours free parking, followed by a sliding scale of charges from the fourth to the twenty-fourth hour, designed to discourage unauthorised overnight and long-stay parking from adjacent businesses and the new housing development scheduled to be completed by 2027. Cllr M Lucas asked what is provided for all day tournaments. Mr A Reeves explained that there was feedback around this but that users attending tournaments do expect to have a small fee for parking when parking all day. This may have a small impact on periphery spends like cafes etc but that the cost is low to park, and it is important that the Parish deter long and overnight parking at MSH by people who are not using the facilities. Cllr P Exell mentioned that some events can go on for 6-8 hours and Councillors need to take this into account. Cllr D Patey proposed that all the income be ringfenced to be spent on maintenance and refurbishment of the car park surface and lighting at MSH. Councillors agreed.	

	Mr A Briggs noted the importance of understanding that if nothing is put into place now then users of MSH could find no available parking at MSH when they try to use the facilities. He explained that this is a positive move to make sure users of MSH always have access when they need it. Cllr V Bentley enquired about residential roads around St Marks and how they could be effected by the charging at St Marks. She wondered what the Parish could do to mitigate this issue. Cllr P Park explained that this issue would be a Swindon Borough Council issue. He also explained that he believes that 3 hours free would be a good starting point. Councillors discussed the recommendations. Cllr P Exell proposed increasing the free parking period to 4 hours. RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendations within the report, including ringfencing any income for use at MSH for surface/lighting repairs and maintenance, and 4 hours of free parking.	
	Meeting Closed 18:30	

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