



Parish Council
Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 20th May 2026 19.15

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Kevin Small (Chair)
 Cllr Paul Exell (Vice Chair)
 Cllr Sandra Absalom
 Cllr John Ballman
 Cllr Rouchell Cardoso
 Cllr Ian Edwards
 Cllr Ana Fernandes
 Cllr Tony Fernandes
 Cllr Roderick Hebden
 Cllr Muhammad Khan
 Cllr Caitlin Pinks
 Cllr Javes Rodrigues
 Cllr Josh Woods

Clerk:

Officers:

Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk)
 Mr Andrew Briggs (Ops Manager)
 Mr Aaron Cripps (Marketing, Literacy & Digital Services Manager)
 Ms Emma Till (Finance Manager)
 Mr Aaron Webb (Youth & Community Manager)
 Miss Rachel Westcott (Committee & Finance Administrator)

Member of the Public Present: Mr James Yeowell
 Mr James Tansey

Apologies

Cllr Vanessa Bentley
 Cllr Joy Grotzinger
 Cllr Dave Patey

		Action
FC-2026.1	Declarations of Interest Cllr John Ballman declared an interest in The Library & Leisure Trust, HBUF and RSPB. RESOLVED to NOTE	
FC-2026.2	Public Question Time & Correspondence Mr J Yeowell enquired when the Pavillion would be ready for use. Mr A Briggs explained that the build has started and should be ready for use around August. A report would be presented at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting (FGP). RESOLVED to NOTE	
FC-2026.3	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Chair presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th March 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th March 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record.	
FC-2026.4	Environment & Planning Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on 1st April 2026, 15th April 2026 and the 29th April 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on 1st April 2026, 15th April 2026 and the 29th April 2026 as a true and accurate record.	
FC-2026.5	Finance & General Purposes Committee Cllr P Exell presented the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 15th April 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 15th April 2026 as a true and accurate record.	

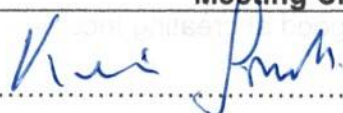
FC-2026.6	Community Development Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on the 1st April 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on the 1st April 2026 as a true and accurate record.	
FC-2026.7	Leisure & Recreation Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting held on the 2nd April 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting held on the 2nd April 2026 as a true and accurate record.	
FC-2026.8	Moredon Sporting Hub Committee The Chair presented the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee meeting held on the 22nd April 2026 to be approved as a true and accurate record. RESOLVED to APPROVE the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meetings held on the 22nd April 2026 as a true and accurate record.	
FC-2026.9	Moredon Community Centre Nursery Let Mr A Reeves presented an update from a written report. See attachment FC-2026.9.i. Cllr J Woods enquired if the whole of Moredon Community Centre (MCC) would be leased. Mr A Reeves responded no, a portion of the car park and edge of the building. The bar and hall would be separate and available for hire. Cllr J Rodrigues asked if that was a total of £274,000 income over 9 years. Mr A Reeves explained the lease would be for 12 years. Cllr J Ballman & Cllr R Hebden wondered if MCC created a surplus income. Mr A Reeves noted that MCC will create a surplus once all the areas are utilised.	

	Cllr K Small explained that the Parish had only just acquired MCC and figures on running costs would be better understood by the end of this financial year. Mr A Briggs mentioned the different costs the Parish would be responsible for. Recommendations; 1. APPROVE the proposed Licence Agreement between Central Swindon North Parish Council and The Play Den Nursery commencing on 1 September 2026; 2. Delegate authority to the Clerk to finalise and execute the agreement; and 3. NOTE the projected estimated contract value of approximately £274,545 to 2038 based on assumed annual RPI increases of 3% and market increases in utilities. RESOLVED to APPROVE recommendations.	
FC-2026.10	Reduced GPC Limits Mr A Reeves presented an update on the proposed GPC Limits for 2026/27. Recommendations to APPROVE; • Operations Manager £10,000 • Maintenance Manager £2,000 • Community Centre Manager £2,000 • Sports & Leisure Manager £1,000 • Parish Clerk £900 • Libraries & Digital Manager £500 RESOLVED to APPROVE recommendations.	
FC-202611	CIL To APPROVE CIL requests APPROVED at EP 15/04/2026 (EP-2026.14) and FGP 15/04/2026 (FGP-2026.13). Gorse Hill Ward Councillors request £2,111.54 towards repairs and play equipment at Edinburgh Street Play Park. Even Swindon Ward Councillors request £4,249.65 towards improvements at Mannington Recreation Ground, specifically for improvements to footpaths, new benches, bins and any additional new equipment.	

	RESOLVED to APPROVE CIL requests APPROVED at EP 15/04/2026 (EP-2026.14) and FGP 15/04/2026 (FGP-2026.13).	
FC-2026.12	MSH Car Park To APPROVE recommendations with adjustments APPROVED at MSH 22/04/2026 (MSH-2026.6) and EP 29/04/2026 (EP-2026.21). Cllr J Woods enquired if MSH needed the income from the parking to support running costs and should the Parish charge from the first hour. Mr A Reeves noted that MSH is good at creating income but is also high in expenses. Cllr K Small noted that the Parish does not want to discourage users of the site, it is a deterrent for non-users not an income maker. Cllr P Exell mentioned that any income should be ringfenced for repairs and maintenance of the car park itself. Cllr T Fernandes wondered if there would be a no returns policy. Mr A Reeves responded yes there will be a no return within 24-hour policy. Cllr R Hebden enquired if it would be possible to vary fees during the contract terms. Mr A Reeves responded yes that would be possible. Cllr C Pinks asked about the electric charging and the supplier the Parish will use. Mr A Reeves explained the Parish will seek out the best value along with ease of use by co-ordinating with Swindon Borough Council (SBC) so that similar apps are used. The Parish is just awaiting the substation to be built then the Parish can progress with electric charging. It is recommended that 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 FOUR hours free parking, followed by a sliding scale of charges from the fifth 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. • Income be ringfenced for repairs and maintenance to the MSH car park. RESOLVED to APPROVE recommendations.	
	Meeting Closed 20:53	

Signed.....



Date.....

27/7/26