



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Princess Elizabeth Pavilion,

Moredon Sporting Hub,

SWINDON SN2 2QJ

MOREDON SPORTING HUB COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday 14th September 2026 19.00

Present:	
Councillors:	Cllr Kevin Small (Chair) Cllr Dave Patey (Vice Chair) Cllr Paul Exell
Clerk:	Mr Joe Gelston (Leisure Manager)
Officers:	Mr Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk) - virtually Miss Rachel Westcott (Committee & Finance Administrator) - virtually
Member of the Public Present: Mr Chris Dean (FC Abbey Meads Chairman)	
Apologies	none

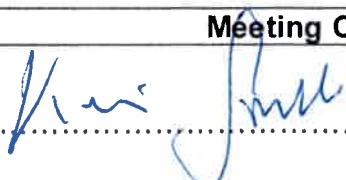
		Action
MSH-2026.14	Declarations of Interest Cllr P Exell declared an interest as a softball player at Moredon Sporting Hub (MSH).	

MSH-2026.15	Public Questions & Public Correspondence None	
MSH-2026.16	Minutes of the Previous Meeting To confirm as a true record the minutes of the Moredon Sporting Hub Committee meeting held on the 13 th July 2026. RESOLVED to APPROVE	
MSH-2026.17	Abbeymeads FC Mr C Dean presented a verbal update. He explained that he is the Chairman of Abbey Meads Football Club with 44 teams, predominantly for children of all ages and a few adult teams including a men's football game each work to help men with mental health issues. Abbey Meads FC is trying to raise funds as it is run on a volunteer basis. The club do various activities to raise funds and are requesting an opportunity to be given a discount on advertising around MSH which the club could sell to raise funds. Cllr K Small explained that the Parish has an advertising strategy to support funding MSH within the 2026/27 budget plan, but the request can be reviewed in 6 months' time and reviewed then. RESOLVED to REVIEW again in 6 months' time.	
MSH-2026.18	Leisure Manager Operational Update Mr J Gelston presented a verbal update from a written report. See attachment MSH-2026.18. Cllr K Small enquired around the wages for the Duty Manager. Mr J Gelston explained this is in line with existing Duty Managers. Cllr K Small requested an update report on the Bike Skills group and when funding is needed to be spent by. Cllr K Small requested a site plan be presented at a future meeting to see how the layout be remodelled to allow provision of two 3G pitches, softball squares and two cricket strips.	

	Mr J Gelston mentioned that Swindon has a shortage of cricket provision and is not supportive of any actions that could reduce cricket strips. He said he would provide a report and site plan at the next meeting. Cllr K Small enquired about what liability is being admitted at this time. Mr A Reeves explained that he is in communication with Swindon Borough Council (SBC) and excavation review is imminent and once the results are known decisions can be agreed. Cllr D Patey enquired if extra lighting would help. Mr J Gelston responded that it has to be a case-by-case basis on usage, but lighting would not help as the cracks are now extensive. Councillors discussed the cricket net. Cllr K Small suggested asking for a deposit for use of wickets/bails/scoreboards. Councillors agreed. Cllr D Patey enquired how loud the noise is during the daytime. Mr J Gelston explained that when classes are on the noise can be very loud. RESOLVED to NOTE	
MSH-2026.19	Cycling Report Mr J Gelston presented a verbal update from a written report. See attachment MSH-2026.19. Cllr D Patey asked how the Green Card was doing. Mr J Gelston noted the Green Card still has a low uptake, but it is something that his team will be looking at in the future. Cllr P Exell noted that bicycles are being stored in the softball storage unit which can make it hard to access equipment.	

	Mr J Gelston responded that alternative storage provision for bicycles is being explored. RESOLVED to NOTE	
MSH-2026.20	MSH Budget Review • 2026/27 Budget Review Mr J Gelston presented a verbal update from a written report. See attachment MSH-2026.20. Mr J Gelston explained that the £12,000 funding for the Cycling Development Officer has been used up and grant funding will be covering the costs for her role for the rest of 25/27 Budget Year. Future long-term plans for the role need to be decided as the role is very much needed and is important it is funded adequately. Cllr D Patey mentioned the cycling track possibly be put out of action and how this will affect the role. Mr A Reeves explained that if the track becomes unusable some events may be relocated to the County Ground or placed on hold until the track issues are dealt with. Cllr P Exell noted that softball players enjoy using the café after games. Mr A Reeves mentioned adjustments to the café to create workstations with sockets and usb points for workers using the covers and removal of the machines. This should increase cover space. Cllr K Small requested more sandwich options that do not contain cheese to offer people with dairy allergies more variety. Mr J Gelston responded that he will pass the comments onto the café staff. Cllr D Patey mentioned gluten free options are not provided in the fridge. Mr J Gelston noted gluten free options are available on request and he will look at putting up more signs to inform customers.	

	Mr J Gelston requested an increase of £1 from £5 to £6 to provide HAF funding next time. Councillors agreed. RESOLVED to NOTE • 2026/27 Agency Tracker Mr J Gelston presented a verbal update from a written report. See attachment MSH-2026.20. RESOLVED to NOTE • 2027/28 Committee Budget Setting Review Mr J Gelston mentioned that a review of MSH budget was needed ready for the 2027/28 budget. Cllr K Small suggested Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 7pm to review MSH budget informally. RESOLVED to NOTE	
	Meeting Closed 20:03	

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Date.....30/9/26