



# WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2018 at 7.30pm  
in The Ellendune Community Centre.

### Present

Cllr P Bhardwaj  
Cllr L Campisano  
Cllr C Clark  
Cllr H Dosanjh  
Cllr S Harcourt  
Cllr J Hewer  
Cllr H Hodd  
Cllr G Jones  
Cllr C Kennedy  
Cllr A Richards  
Cllr D Wells  
Cllr A Woodhead

### Clerk

Jodie Smart

### FC/150

#### Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Spry and Cllr D Phillips. No apologies were received from Cllr T Kimberley-Fairbourn.

### FC/151

#### Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Cllr C Clark declared an interest in agenda item 11 as the partner of the Chair of BMX Wroughton.

Cllr H Dosanjh declared an interest in agenda item 13 as she is employed by the landowner.

### FC/152

#### Public Questions

There was one member of the public present who commented that she agrees with the objections in agenda item 13 and notes the area is Overtown rather than Alexandra Park.

### FC/153

#### Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 November 2018.

### FC/154

#### Information from Borough Councillors

Cllr Ford informed members that he is unhappy with some of the SHELAA sites and confirmed that it is about identifying sites that could be used for developments not that they definitely will be. Cllr Ford commented that it did not just affect Wroughton, but all areas of the town. Cllr Ford expects that there will be protest meetings across the town. Cllr Ford stated concern due to the number of sites highlighted in Wroughton, that will bring an expansion similar to that of the 60's and 70's with 30-40% added to the village. Cllr Ford expressed that this was not sustainable with the number of services available. Cllr Ford informed members that he had been in contact with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), (as he sits on the board as Cabinet Member for Adults) regarding the

number of Doctors in Wroughton. Cllr Ford voiced that the surgeries employ the Doctors and that this was not dictated by CCG. Cllr Ford concluded that the SHELAA was still under consultation and will go on for some time with some sites added and some removed.

Cllr Ford informed members that the Swindon Borough Council budgets were not in a balanced state but will be by the end of the year. There is a huge overspend on Children's Services. Adults is £1.7m in the black. Cllr Ford commented that there is a programme of bringing people with learning difficulties back within the borough rather than being sent out of borough which is costlier and is not fair on families and staff. Cllr Ford explained that budget overspend can be very easy and that he was short staffed in one base which results in paying £10,000.00 per week for agency staff to care for one patient.

Cllr S Harcourt stated that for information there is a presentation on Tuesday 22 January 2019 regarding the SHELAA. This is a public consultation run by Swindon Borough Council. Cllr Ford encouraged a large turnout. Cllr Harcourt added that this would be a presentation rather than drop-in event.

Cllr Harcourt asked Cllr Ford, as the churchyard is down to the last 20 burial plots and the parish council is considering whether it should get involved with developing a new cemetery for those not wanting to go to Kingsdown, would Swindon Borough Council contribute to a new cemetery here, which will take pressure off of Borough cemeteries. Cllr Ford replied that Swindon Borough Council would provide advise where available, but would not be able to support it financially.

Cllr C Kennedy stated, with respect to the situation at the Health Centre, more people will be using a service when the offering is declining. Cllr Ford responded that the surgery does not come under his remit but there is a push for doctors to move into a group. Cllr Ford stated that Swindon was not an attractive place for Doctors at the moment and that there is a shortage of 25 Doctors within the town. Cllr Ford commented that he will be talking to CCG as SHELAA comes out and will have some discussions going forward but no direct right to intervention. Cllr Kennedy asked who the parish council should lobby. Cllr Ford replied that it should be CCG, although they cannot force doctors to set up.

Cllr Cathy Martyn informed members that the sites on SHELAA consultation documents are a result of a 'call for sites' and that there is no control on who decides to put forward or what is put forward. Swindon Borough Council have to take them on and consult with the public. They look into how sustainable they are and if they can be developed, this goes into the Local Plan which is being reviewed next year. Borough Cllrs requested the public consultation in January so that they can give the information and answer questions directly. Cllr Martyn confirmed that she is not happy about the number of sites, and is really concerned about some of them.

Cllr Martyn informed members that there had been recent issues with HGV's using Priors Hill and Greens Lane. Cllr Martyn has asked Swindon Borough Council to reinstate the unsuitable for HGV's sign on the Priors Hill end of Greens Lane. Cllr Martyn is also chasing Police for enforcement on speed and weight restrictions.

Cllr Martyn informed members that the temporary winter housing provision and day centre are now open. They will be closing between 24 and 28 December because Christmas care takes over the provision, when that closes the winter housing and day centre will re-open.

Cllr Ford commended Cllr Martyn on her work with winter housing and stated that the article in the Swindon Advertiser was not a fair representation. All homeless people have the opportunity to engage with the available provisions but some don't want them. Cllr Martyn added that the tents in the newspaper were not there anymore and that the Reporter had asked for a comment without giving any information or context.

Both Borough Councillors wished everyone a merry Christmas.

*Cllr B Ford and Cllr C Martyn left the meeting at 7.54pm.*

**FC/155**

**Youth Advisors**

*Cllr P Bhardwaj joined the meeting at 7.55pm*

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of the Youth Club Team Leader regarding the re-opening of the Youth Club.

The Youth Club Team Leader informed members that they had one open night with 13 members and the Christmas party last Thursday with 15 members. The Youth Club Team Leader added that there was an article in the Swindon Advertiser with two Youth Workers and three members pictured. The Youth Club Team Leader stated that it was good to have children involved and off the streets.

The Youth Club Team Leader stated that they planned to open weekly between 6 and 8pm after consultation with the members. Social media pages are being set up and contact with the School is ongoing. The Youth Team's aims is to get as many people as possible attending and make a positive impact to the area.

Members congratulated the Youth Team on the work they had done so far and expressed their happiness that the Youth Club was open.

*The Youth Club Team Leader left the meeting at 8.02pm*

**FC/156**

**Parish Council Representatives' Report**

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of Cllr A Richards regarding a recent Swindon Area Committee (SAC) meeting. Cllr Richards informed members that the meeting was mostly concerned about SHELAA and transfer of services from Swindon Borough Council. Cllr Richards stated that some parishes feel they have been hijacked by Swindon Borough Council. Cllr Richards confirmed that subscriptions were not going to change next year. Cllr Richards stated that there is a Borough/Parish meeting soon.

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of Cllr H Dosanjh. Cllr Dosanjh informed members that she had attended a Rights of Way meeting with Cllr C Clark which had been reported at the recent Open Spaces Committee meeting, but had subsequently asked some questions of the Rights of Way Officer. Cllr Dosanjh passed on the following information from the Rights of Way Officer:

Footpaths 4, 6 and 8 – The Rights of Way Officer has reminded the farmer of his obligations regarding public rights of way across cultivated land and will be ensuring that the paths are kept clear of growing crops that could be considered to be an obstruction to path users.

Path behind 67 Priors Hill towards Thorney Park – The Rights of Way Officer suggests this route is Public Bridleway 29, also known as Stonecutters Lane, that leaves Priors Hill behind 67 Priors Hill and re-joins Priors Hill after 87 Priors Hill. This route is on the schedule of paths that are cut every year in July and was also one of those mentioned at Friday’s meeting that has recently been cleared by the Ramblers. The Rights of Way Officer will inspect the path and let the Parish Council know what is proposed.

Cllr A Richards asked if, when Cllr Dosanjh next communicates with the Rights of Way Officer she asks whether Stonecutter Lane could be downgraded to a footpath as it is a bit misleading to call it a bridleway as it is no longer wide enough to fit a horse.

Cllr Dosanjh also informed members that she had met with the Community Forests Officer regarding six signs for Common Farm Woods and Black Horse Farm Woods. There is no design at the moment. Cllr Dosanjh will be assisting with providing a brief to enable the procurement process.

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of Cllr G Jones. Cllr Jones informed members that the Ellendune Hall Trust had agreed that it will need a grant from the Parish Council and that their Finance Working Party is working on giving an indication figure for budgeting.

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of Cllr A Woodhead. Cllr Woodhead informed members that the Wroughton Community Asset Trust (WCAT) did not meet this month. WCAT is purchasing movable shelving in January. Cllr S Harcourt added that usage continues to improve and the Thursday afternoon craft club is very popular. Cllr H Hodd asked if WCAT is paying The Ellendune Hall Trust for housing shelving in corridors. Cllr Woodhead confirmed that they were not because it was only when the room is in use for other groups.

*The Chair moved agenda item 13 forward.*

**FC/157**

**SHELAA**

Members **RESOLVED** to retrospectively approve the following wording within the SHELAA consultation response:

Wroughton Parish Council would like to make an amendment to the response sent from Wroughton Parish Council on 9 November 2018 regarding site S0039 Parcel 1 Alexandra Park and site S0041 Parcel 3 – Alexandra Park.

Although the presence of a scheduled monument is listed in the interim findings for site S0039, we would like to amend our comments for site S0041 to note that the site contains a scheduled monument as evidenced by the following link.

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1018274>

*The Chair suspended Standing Orders to hear representations from the member of public.*

The resident stated that she had been pleased with discussion regarding the SHELAA. The resident stated that she lives in Overtown and land identified in the SHELAA circles her property. The resident stated that she was at Swindon Borough Council Planning meeting last week regarding an application for 18 houses, to scale up the issues identified is utterly ridiculous. The resident felt reassured that the Parish Council share her feelings.

*The resident left the meeting at 8.25pm and the Chair re-instated Standing Orders.*

**FC/158**      **Chair's Report**

A copy of the Chair's weekly precis reports appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of the Chair. The Chair thanked all members for their support and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**FC/159**      **Clerk's Report**

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of the Clerk. The Clerk gave an update on work currently underway by Parish Council staff which included:

The Grounds Team had installed a new sign at Falkirk Road and fixed the gate at the allotment, they are going through a list of maintenance scheduled for the winter months. The Youth Team had reported a successful Christmas party with a write up in the Swindon Advertiser.

The Clerk has gained the qualification of a Certificate of Higher Education in Community Governance.

**FC/160**      **Sports and Youth Facilities Working Party**

Members **NOTED** that the Architect for up to planning application stage has now been appointed and that the next Working Party meeting is scheduled for Thursday 3 January 2019.

**FC/161**      **BMX Wroughton**

Members **NOTED** the planning application to be submitted by BMX Wroughton for specialist sports lighting at the BMX Pump Track, a copy of which appears as Appendix B.

In accordance with Standing Order 3p, Cllr C Kennedy requested a recorded vote for the following motion:

Members **RESOLVED** to support the principle of the planning application and subsequent grant applications by BMX Wroughton for specialist sports lighting for the pump track, provided that the installation of specialist sports lighting will not cause an increase of more than 15% in the public liability insurance.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Cllr P Bhardwaj	Cllr L Campisano	Cllr C Kennedy
Cllr C Clark		
Cllr H Dosanjh		
Cllr S Harcourt		
Cllr J Hower		
Cllr H Hodd		
Cllr G Jones		
Cllr A Richards		
Cllr D Wells		
Cllr A Woodhead		

Action: Clerk to arrange an informal meeting with BMX Wroughton representatives.

*Cllr H Dosanjh left the meeting at 9.05pm*

**Wichelstowe**

Members **NOTED** the notes of the informal meeting held on Tuesday 4 December 2018 to discuss several aspects of the Wichelstowe development, a copy of which appears as Appendix C.

Members **RESOLVED** to submit the following statement to the Wichelstowe Joint Venture Company:

Wroughton Parish Council recognises that:

a) in the near future residents will be occupying housing developments at Middle and West Wichel and that the Parish Council need to determine what services and facilities should be provided for those residents.

b) the Joint Venture Company ('The Developers') are required to provide communal facilities, such as play areas, leisure space and sports grounds, as part of the S106 agreement for the development and that those facilities will also be for the benefit of residents of East Wichel, which forms part of South Swindon Parish Council.

c) direct provision of services in Middle and West Wichelstowe may not be cost effective and better value may be obtained by partnering with another organisation or by contracting services out.

d) it would not be cost effective to duplicate some facilities, such as specialised Sports Facilities, public toilets or the Community Library which attract users from a wider area than the immediate community and it would be better if the facilities developed in Middle and West Wichel complemented rather than competed with those already provided in the Parish south of the M4.

e) that as Middle and West Wichel develops the size, in terms of population and precept, and demographic makeup of the Parish will change significantly, which will require the Parish Council to change to meet the challenge this will bring.

Members **RESOLVED** to:

1. Within the limitations of the Parish Council's budget, seek to provide or enable similar services to residents of Middle and West Wichel as are provided to other residents of the Parish. *(For clarity, the Parish Council obligations in Middle and West Wichel should not require a rise in the parish precept for a band D council tax payer greater than that which would otherwise be required).*

2. Work with the Joint Venture Company, Swindon Borough Council and South Swindon Parish Council to ensure that those community facilities provided as part of the developer's obligations, meet the needs of the Wichelstowe Community, complement existing provision elsewhere and have suitable agreements in place for their long term upkeep and maintenance.

3. Work with the Joint Venture Company, Swindon Borough Council and South Swindon Parish Council to ensure that amenity lands provided as part of the developer's obligations, meet the needs of the Wichelstowe Community, and have suitable agreements in place for their long term upkeep and maintenance.

4. Notify the Joint Venture Company, Swindon Borough Council and South Swindon Parish Council of the full text of this resolution.

5. Produce 'Welcome information' to be delivered to all new residents of the Parish, whether in Wichelstowe or elsewhere, which sets out the services and facilities that the Parish Council is able to offer and other useful community information.

**FC/163      Neighbourhood Plan – 10 Minute Rule Bill**

Members **NOTED** that the 10 Minute Rule Bill was presented by John Howell MP, which aims to give Neighbourhood Plans more weight against planning appeals. The Bill will have its second reading on Friday 25 January 2019.

Members **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council send a letter to Robert Buckland MP to request that he formally support this bill and request that the 3yr housing supply be reduced to 18months. Send a copy of the letter to all local parishes that are working to produce a neighbourhood plan and ask if they wish to send a similar letter to their own MP.

**FC/164      Emergency Plan Working Party – Terms of Reference**

Members **NOTED** the report of the Clerk regarding the Emergency Plan Working Party Terms of Reference, a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations within the report with the following amendments to the Terms of Reference:

Remove 'in 2008'.

Change 'Environment & Road Safety' to 'Planning Safety & Highways'.

**FC/165      Flora & Fauna Working Party**

Members **RESOLVED** to elect Susan Ogden onto the Working Party.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council