



# WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2019 at 7.30pm  
in The Ellendune Community Centre.

- Present** Cllr P Bhardwaj  
Cllr L Campisano  
Cllr C Clark  
Cllr H Dosanjh  
Cllr J Hewer  
Cllr H Hodd  
Cllr G Jones  
Cllr C Kennedy  
Cllr T Kimberley-Fairbourn  
Cllr D Phillips  
Cllr A Richards  
Cllr A Spry  
Cllr A Woodhead
- Clerk** Jodie Smart
- FC/179** **Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Cllr S Harcourt and Cllr D Wells.
- FC/180** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**  
Cllr A Woodhead declared an interest in agenda item 9 as she is Group Scout Chair and her husband is a Manager for Wroughton Youth Football Club. Cllr J Hewer declared an interest in agenda item 13 as an Alexandra park resident.
- FC/181** **Public Questions**  
There were two members of the public present. A local young person sincerely apologised for spray painting at the Weir Field. Members thanked the young person for coming to the meeting and having the bravery to apologise to them in a public meeting. They asked that he take this opportunity to move forward in a positive manner. Cllr T Kimberley-Fairbourn suggested that the young person may consider taking up the Youth Advisor position within the Parish Council.  
  
The Youth's parent spoke and offered to pay back the cost of cleaning the graffiti, stating that she would ensure the young person paid her back.
- FC/182** **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 January 2019.
- FC/183** **Information from Borough Councillors**  
Cllr Ford read an email from Chris Woodward, Public Health Programme Manager for Swindon Borough Council regarding initiating smoke free playgrounds. The Clerk confirmed that she had responded to the officer stating that the item will be discussed at

the next Open Spaces committee meeting. Cllr G Jones asked how this was achieved. Cllr Ford responded that the use of notices stating that it was a no smoking area were used and generally adhered to in other play areas and bus stops.

Cllr Ford informed members that he had attended the Science Museum Group Community Fund Grant Giving event which had provided £56,000.00 in grant funding payments.

*Cllr P Bhardwaj entered the meeting at 7.44pm*

Cllr C Martyn responded to a question posed via email by Cllr S Harcourt, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book. Cllr Martyn stated that Swindon Borough Council will recover the costs from undercharging the new parishes for StreetSmart services going forward via the service they provide for future years.

Cllr Martyn informed members that the Cabinet Member visited the Devizes road crossing and is reconsidering action.

Cllr Martyn added that she felt the Police would assist with the Wroughton Youth Club, as they do help various other organisations but they are waiting to be asked.

Cllr A Spry added that Swindon Borough Council had acknowledged his query over the undercharging issues but as yet had not articulated how they were recovering the costs.

Cllr Spry added that he had raised issues with Traffic Management, regarding Perrys Lane, as it is a busy road, as well as a bus route and had lots of parked cars. Cllr Spry confirmed that the Traffic Management Team had placed it in the works programme for the next twelve months to investigate the issues and possible solutions. Cllr J Hewer asked if parking restrictions would be put in place. Cllr Spry stated that he was not sure what will happen but it will be investigated.

Cllr C Kennedy added that along Perrys Lane, it was particularly problematic by Mill Lane bus stop. Cllr A Richards commented that it was also a problem just down from the access next to Mill House which serves 29 vehicles (access to garages), visibility is really compromised because of parking.

Cllr A Richards asked Cllr C Martyn whether the Officer looking at Devizes road crossing would be looking at problems with the crossing position or the floods. Cllr Richards suggested that they should move the crossing to where the footpath comes down from Moat Pond. Cllr Martyn confirmed that the Officer will be looking at all options to tackle both the crossing position and flooding.

Cllr A Woodhead asked whether the most recent SHELAA (Strategic Housing Environment Land Availability Assessment) included the Prospect site. Cllr Martyn responded that she doesn't know if it will be included, and advised that the next stage would be a full consultation in June. Cllr B Ford advised that the SHELAA is governmentally necessary, but doesn't actually mean a lot. With no three or five-year land supply, planning applications will get through on appeal. Cllr Ford stated that Swindon Borough Council were trying to achieve more planned development via the SHELAA/Local Plan. Residents shouldn't think that because a piece of land is in the SHELAA it will be built on and if it isn't in the SHELAA it won't be built on.

Cllr J Hewer thanked Cllr Martyn for lobbying to ensure the patch in Alexandra Park should no longer be in the SHELAA.

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

Cllr J Hewer thanked Cllr S Harcourt in his absence for posing the question regarding Swindon Borough Council undercharging new parishes for their StreetSmart function.

Cllr A Woodhead added that existing parishes had already taken quite a hit when new parishes came on board.

Cllr A Spry added that he felt existing parishes had been unfairly treated over many years.

**FC/184**

**Youth Club**

Members **NOTED** the report of the Clerk regarding the re-opening of the Youth Club, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

After a lengthy discussion, members **RESOLVED:**

a) that Wroughton Parish Council will work towards the safe spaces programme.

b) that the Clerk will send a robust letter to Youth Action Wiltshire, asking why the safe spaces programme was not recommended in 2016.

Action: Clerk to keep the Architect for the Maunsell Way Pavilion project updated on the status of the Wroughton Youth Club.

**FC/185**

**Parish Council Representatives' Report**

Members **NOTED** the report of the Clerk and Cllr C Kennedy regarding a recent meeting at Swindon Borough Council concerning the settlement boundary and open spaces audit, to support the local plan review. A copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of Cllr C Clark regarding her attendance at the Science Museum Group Community Fund Grant Giving, where £56,000.00 was awarded. Cllr Clark added that £200,000.00 had been applied for. There had been one small grant of £2,000.00, the remainder were large grants from £4,000 to £25,000.00. A significant number of schools had applied for funding for play equipment but the Trustees had felt they didn't meet the criteria. Cllr Clark added that, at the event there was feedback from last years recipients. BMXW had proved to be a good quality candidate as they had met all terms. Wroughton Football Club had received a small grant of £2,000.00, but had been very difficult to get hold of. The grant had been deferred to the next panel and eventually Wroughton Football Club gave the grant back because they hadn't spent it.

Cllr J Hewer asked if there was any indication on why the Trust had changed the rules so Parish Councils could not apply for grant funding. Cllr Clark responded that the Trust didn't want to be funding public sector organisations. They are focused on strongly funding community groups to get into the heart of the community. Cllr Clark added that it can be challenged.

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of Cllr L Campisano regarding a recent Community Safety Forum meeting. Cllr Campisano informed members that David Tippetts, Acting CPT Inspector gave a report. There had been a community speeding initiative. Police had concentrated on town centre crime with twenty arrests. Police were requesting more engagement and public reporting. Inspector Tippetts had mentioned Wroughtons anti-social behaviour and stated that it was being monitored. South Swindon Broad Green Community Centre had lots of problems with the play area being used by drug dealers. Police had used under-cover officers to improve the area. The police had stated that it was important to work with Youths – and South Swindon Parish Council were setting up a Youth Club with another organisation. Increased graffiti had been discussed, this was possibly a result of funding cuts meaning less cleaning.

Cllr Campisano added that Chiseldon Parish Council recommends that community safety is a standing agenda item for full council meetings. Cllr Campisano concluded that the matter of solving areas of crime when lots of police are present, only moves the issues rather than resolving them. The next Community Safety Forum meeting is in March, in Lydington.

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of Cllr A Woodhead regarding Wroughton Community Asset Trust. Cllr Woodhead informed members that the Trust was looking into launch events. Cllr Woodhead has arranged a meeting at the Science Museum to investigate how they can be involved. Cllr Woodhead added that the craft club on a Thursday afternoon was proving to be very popular.

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of Cllr G Jones regarding The Ellendune Hall Trust. Cllr Jones informed members that they had received a successful application from an independent trustee, Sally Parker. Cllr Jones added that the Trust had recently set up a Personnel Working Party to compliment the Finance and Communications working party's. Cllr Jones concluded that there is a meeting this Thursday. This is to be the Clerk's last meeting as Interim Secretary as the Trust's staff were now ready to take on this duty. Cllr Jones thanked the Clerk for her support.

## **FC/186**

### **Chair's Report**

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

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of the Chair. The Chair informed members that the recent SHELAA assessment had identified large areas of land in Wroughton with the potential to support nearly 1000 new homes in addition to those identified in our Neighbourhood Plan, the Berkeley Farm development, the Marlborough Road development and the McCarthy Stone development.

The cabinet member for Strategic Planning, Gary Sumner has met with the Planning Committee on three occasions and explained the SHELAA to residents at a public meeting in January.

Following this public consultation the SHELAA map has been updated, and clearly shows how the village will expand eastwards.

The point of the SHELAA is to be strategic, so that rather than having piecemeal development delivering very little return in terms of infrastructure and community benefits, we plan for the things we want and need for our village.

The Chair requested that members give some thought between now and March and tell the Clerk what sort of advantages we can claw back from these enormous changes. Some ideas so far have included: the provision of extra parking, a noise bund along the M4, a gateway feature in North Wroughton, a better bus service, set aside for self-build homes and the provision of quality sports pitches.

The Chair stated that we need to put together a vision for our village's future, how can we achieve both protection and progression?

The next stage of our engagement will be to send feedback to the Borough, so the Chair requested that members submit their views and ideas to the Clerk ready for discussion at Full Council in March.

**FC/187**

**Sports and Youth Facilities Working Party**

Members **NOTED** the update from Cllr C Clark regarding the recent Sports and Youth Facilities Working Party meeting. Cllr Clark informed members that the working party had met two weeks ago, where the Architect presented initial plans. In attendance were representatives from the Scouts, Cllr C Clark, Cllr G Jones and Cllr J Hewer. The Officer from Swindon Borough Council Early years was not there but did send comments. All parties have been asked to feedback comments on the first draft plans. Cllr Clark has received feedback from all except Wroughton Youth Football Club. Cllr Clark stressed that it was really important to get that feedback because if they don't respond there will not be changing rooms within the building. Cllr Clark informed members that the next working party meeting is scheduled for 5 March 2019.

**FC/188**

**CIL Review**

Members **NOTED** the report of the Clerk regarding CIL receipts, a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations within the report.

**FC/189**

**Childcare Provision at Allotment Site**

Members **NOTED** the report of the Administration Officer, regarding the request to allow a childcare setting at the allotment site. A copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED:**

- a) to invite the individual to present the proposal for the outdoor nursery.
- b) to advise the individual that legal advice will be required, which she may have to pay for.
- c) to invite allotment holders to the presentation.

**FC/190**

**Workshop Water Heater**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the expenditure of £124.00 for a new water heater at the Grounds Team Workshop (4700/450 Open Spaces General, £230.00 available).

**FC/191**

**Alexandra Park Notice Board**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the additional expenditure of £228.15 for a new notice board at Alexandra Park. (S106 Alexandra Park Play Area, £85,035.00).

**FC/192**

**Waste Carrier Licence**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the expenditure of £154.00 for a three-year waste carrier licence to enable the grounds team to dispose of waste at the Waterside Depot. (4900/450 Grounds Miscellaneous Expenditure, £244.00 available).

The meeting closed at 9.38pm.

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Chairman of the Council