

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2019 at 7.30pm
in The Ellendune Community Centre.

Present
Cllr L Campisano
Cllr C Clark
Cllr H Dosanjh
Cllr S Harcourt
Cllr J Hewer
Cllr H Hodd
Cllr G Jones
Cllr D Phillips
Cllr A Richards
Cllr A Spry
Cllr D Wells

Clerk Jodie Smart

FC/213 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr P Bhardwaj, Cllr C Kennedy and Cllr A Woodhead. No apologies were received from Cllr T Kimberley-Fairbourn.

FC/214 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

There were no declarations of interest nor applications for dispensation.

FC/215 **Public Questions**

There were two members of the public present. A resident made representations regarding the traffic along Brimble Hill and Marlborough Road. The resident provided Council with a written statement and photographs which appear as Appendix A in the Minute Book. The resident stated that she had met with Swindon Borough Councillors, Cathy Martyn and Gary Sumner and detailed the problems with these roads. The resident stated that she would like the assistance of Wroughton Parish Council and invited members to walk the route. Cllr J Hewer stated that he regularly uses this route and has initiated a letter to the DVSA to ask them to change the HGV test route so that it does not use these roads and therefore encourage the local training companies to do the same. Cllr Richards stated that the driving school use smaller vehicles. The resident confirmed that the driving schools no longer use smaller vehicles and have a wide range of vehicles. Cllr Richards asked if a restriction on HGV's would help. Cllr Hewer responded that he felt this could not be done as it was a designated 'B road'. Cllr S Harcourt stated that this was a national problem due to so many villages having a Victorian road system. Cllr Harcourt added that he sympathised with the problem but that a solution would be difficult to find as it is very difficult to have restrictions on a 'B road'. Cllr D Phillips stated that she lives on Marlborough Road and that the lorries are so huge they make the houses rattle. Cllr Phillips added that she has witnesses some extreme near misses as the pavements are so narrow. Cllr Hewer stated that this item would be added to the Planning, Safety and Highways agenda. Cllr A Spry stated that the road was not suitable for pedestrians and lorries. Cllr Spry added that he had met with the driving school last year and asked them

to amend their routes. They had said that they would alternate their routes more and that they use more environmentally friendly vehicles with smaller engines and better suspension. Swindon Borough Councillor, Cathy Martyn declared that she lives on Marlborough Road. Cllr Martyn stated that she had received lots of comments from residents regarding this issue and that she had sent a comprehensive list of requests to Swindon Borough Council's Highways Officers, which included reinstating the bollard at Wanshot Close, the hedge at the Pitches to be cut back (to enable better visibility), to ask a landowner at Wanshot Close to cut back a hedge and for the stretch of road between the Three Tuns Roundabout and Wanshot Close to be designated as 20mph. Cllr Martyn has also contacted the Science Museum to ask that they reiterate to all of their delivery drivers that they should not be using this route. Cllr Martyn added that five different training schools use this route and this will only change if the test route is changed. Cllr Martyn suggested that she could meet with Wroughton Parish Council after the election so that they can work together on these issues. Cllr Harcourt commented that he felt the driving school vehicles were safer as they had instructors and were more likely to be following the highway code. Cllr Phillips stated that lorries often mount the pavement. Cllr H Hodd asked if the pavement could not be used by a wheelchair is this discrimination. Swindon Borough Councillor, Brian Ford stated that this was probably not the case as the pavement is older than the regulations. Cllr Ford asked that Swindon Borough Councillors and Wroughton Parish Councillors work together to resolve these issues. Cllr Hewer confirmed that Wroughton Parish Councillors will meet with Ward Councillors and consider this item at a Planning, Safety and Highways meeting.

FC/216 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18 March 2019.

FC/217 **Community Safety**

Members **NOTED** the minutes of the Community Safety Forum meeting held on 28 March 2019, a copy of which appear as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Members **NOTED** the notes of the public meeting with the Police held on 8 April 2019, a copy of which appear as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

FC/218 **Information from Borough Councillors**

Cllr B Ford thanked the Parish Councillors and stated that he was sad that quite a few were not standing for election.

Cllr Ford added that he had received concerns about a curtailment of services to Harry Garrett Court. Cllr Ford stated that he was tasked with saving £9.7m from his portfolio and had asked his Officers to come up with suggestions. One of which had been to cut day care and extra care. Following consultation, this has not happened and Cllr Ford has tasked Officers with finding alternative solutions, which have now been approved and result in a slightly enhanced service.

Cllr A Spry echoed Cllr Fords comments about the Parish Councillors. Cllr Spry added that uncontested elections were a problem for many of the traditional parishes and that we need to look at why this is and resolve the problem.

Cllr Spry stated that there was currently a review of road maintenance for 2019/20 underway and that there would be road 're-dressing' being done at Devizes Road and

Church Hill. Hicks Close and Artis Avenue were having works to repair potholes and footpaths.

Cllr Spry stated that Swindon Borough Council were reviewing the election method and may consider a whole council election in future.

Cllr A Richards stated that she was glad Hicks Close was being repaired as there are a lot of holes for a small road.

Cllrs B Ford and C Martyn left the meeting at 8.03pm.

FC/219 **Parish Council Representatives Report**

There were no parish council representative's reports.

FC/220 **Chair's Report**

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

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of the Chair. The Chair thanked all members for their support over the municipal year and stated that the loss of six councillors stepping down would be a great one. The Chair thanked Cllrs S Harcourt, C Kennedy, A Woodhead, G Jones and D Wells on behalf of the people of Wroughton for all of the hard work they have contributed over the years. The Chair then reminded all members that they were still in office until 7 May 2019.

The Chair passed on a message of congratulations to those members recently elected from Cllr C Kennedy and advise on how the workload may be shared with fewer members.

Cllr S Harcourt thanked the Chair and Vice Chair for steering the Council through a difficult year.

FC/221 **Safe Drive Stay Alive**

Members **NOTED** the presentation given at the previous council meeting regarding the safe drive stay alive initiative organised by the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to contribute £600 per year for the next three years, to the safe drive stay alive initiative, on the condition that Ridgeway School attends each year.

FC/222 **Practitioners Conference**

Members **NOTED** the report of the Clerk regarding the Society of Local Council's Practitioners Conference, a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

FC/223 **Election of Chairs and Vice Chairs**

Members agreed to defer this item until the Full Council meeting on 13 May 2019.

FC/224 **Terms of Reference and Scheme of Delegation**

Members agreed to defer this item and send comments to the Clerk via email.

FC/225 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

Members **RESOLVED** in accordance with Standing Order 3 (d) that 'in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public

interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw’.

Reason: Contractual matters.

The resident left the meeting at 8.15pm.

FC/226

Vehicles

Members **NOTED** the report of the Clerk regarding an additional vehicle for the Grounds Maintenance Team, a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Confidential Minute File.

Members **RESOLVED** to contract hire an Isuzu D-Max for a term of three years from HRVS at a cost of £369.93 per month.

FC/227

CCTV

Members **NOTED** the report of the Clerk regarding the installation of CCTV at Maunsell Way, a copy of which appears as Appendix G in the Confidential Minute File.

Members **RESOLVED** to install CCTV at Maunsell Way using Rockstar Security, providing that they are approved by Secure By Design and that a cheaper broadband provider is sought. (CIL allocation).

FC/228

Sports and Youth Facilities Working Party

Members **NOTED** the plans and notes from the Sports and Youth Facilities Working Party meeting held on 20 March 2019, a copy of which appears as Appendix H in the Confidential Minute File.

FC/229

Wroughton Neighbourhood Plan Review

Members **NOTED** recommendation of the Planning, Safety and Highways Committee and the suggested Neighbourhood Plan review and timeline, a copy of which appears as Appendix I in the Confidential Minute File.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the draft Neighbourhood Plan review.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Neighbourhood Plan review timeline.

The meeting closed at 8.53pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council