

# WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 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 (Chair)  
Cllr H Hodd  
Cllr D Hooper  
Cllr D Martyn  
Cllr D Phillips

### Clerk

Emma Freemantle (Deputy Clerk)

### FC/094

#### Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Richards, Cllr A Spry, Cllr G Ratcliffe and Cllr G Overbury.

### FC/095

#### Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest nor applications for dispensation.

### FC/096

#### Public Questions

There were three members of the public present.

### FC/097 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 19 August 2019.

### FC/098

#### Community Safety

Members **NOTED** the report of the Police and Crime Commissioner, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

### FC/099

#### Information from Borough Councillors

Members received a verbal update from Cllr Brian Ford and Cllr Cathy Martyn.

Cllr B Ford confirmed that as mentioned at the last meeting, the works which previously caused the closure of Swindon Road have now been resolved.

A petition has been received from the residents of Willow Walk complaining of the living conditions within the homes. Urgent maintenance is required and Cllr B Ford has received the petition along with the other two Ward Councillors including Robert Buckland. Works were supposed to have started this week however for some reason have not, Cllr Ford has since met with Sanctuary, the housing maintenance company and other Swindon Borough Council Officers to chase this up on behalf of the residents.

Cllr B Ford advised that he will be providing his department with weekly updates on the lead up to Brexit. The department of Adult Care is in need of constant supplies and has stressed how important it is that everyone is aware of the current status.

Cllr H Hodd asked if there was anything that the Parish Council should be doing or reporting on with regards to the lead up to Brexit, Cllr B Ford confirmed no.

Cllr P Bhardwaj asked Cllr B Ford if other departments within Swindon Borough Council were providing the same weekly update to the cabinet members, Cllr B Ford advised he was only aware of his own.

**Cllr D Hooper entered the meeting at 7.45pm.**

Cllr C Martyn informed that Ward Councillors have been working on the speed checks within Wroughton since major accidents took place in July this year. Cllr C Martyn advised that they've been trying to improve safety on Wharf Road since November 2018 with implementing regular speed checks. There have been three accidents and one near miss in Brimble Hill and other reported speed issues in Perry's Lane, Cllr C Martyn has been in contact with the Superintendent regarding all issues and raised further concerns surrounding the pedestrian crossings.

Cllr C Martyn advised that she is currently working on the case work of dangerous dogs, the public are advised that if a dog is intimidating members of the public then this should be reported to the Police however if the complaint surrounds the noise disturbance by a dog then this can be reported to Swindon Borough Council.

It was suggested that this information and useful help numbers / email addresses are added to the next Parish Council newsletter.

**Agenda item 10 Local Plan Consultation was moved forward.**

**FC/100**

**Local Plan Consultation**

The Chair suspended standing orders to allow the members of the public present to speak.

Those present expressed their concerns over the Local Plan draft document. They requested that the tone of the document should be changed slightly to sound more objective to the potential building requests from Swindon Borough Council.

Cllr H Dosanjh read the document in its current format and comments were made by the public and Councillors present to highlight the following concerns:

- Increased traffic into the village
- Potential future problems similar to that of Swindon Road with the recent closure
- The infrastructure in place is not adequate, requires further shops/services
- The Parish Council will need an updated Census
- Connectivity with Wroughton
- Air Quality and the breach of current policies
- Vagueness of the opening paragraph
- Current roads are not fit for purpose for increased traffic
- Add further to the current wish list stating employment needs to be increased
- Coalescence within developments

- Addition of a skate park
- Provision of play areas
- Fuelling stations / Electric charging points

The Chair reinstated standing orders.

Members **NOTED** the draft response to Swindon Borough Council's Local Plan Consultation, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the response as amended, a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

**Cllr H Dosanjh left the meeting at 8.48pm.**

**FC/101 Parish Council Representatives' and Trustees Report**

There were no representative reports available.

**FC/102 Chair's Report**

The Chair gave a report, a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the minute book.

**FC/103 Hills Development Working Party**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the Terms of Reference for the Hills Development Working Party with agreed amendments as per Appendix E, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree to elect Cllr J Hewer, Cllr H Dosanjh, Cllr C Clark and Cllr D Martyn onto the Working Party.

**FC/104 Financial Regulations**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the financial regulations with amendments, a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

**FC/105 Community Assets Committee**

Members **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr G Overbury as the Chair of the Community Assets Committee.

Members **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr D Martyn onto the Community Assets Committee.

**FC/106 Calendar of Meetings**

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the calendar of meetings up to the end of the current municipal year, a copy of which appears as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

**FC/107 Moat Pond**

Members **NOTED** the verbal update of the Deputy Clerk regarding required maintenance to Moat Pond.

The Deputy Clerk informed members that the Parish Office is looking into the costs of additional PPE for the Grounds Team should they need to maintain the Moat pond in the future.

Also advised by the Deputy Clerk, the Office are looking into outside guidance from Swindon Borough Council and the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust for a longer term management plan.

**Action:** Quotes for external services to be taken back to the next Open Spaces Committee meeting for consideration.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council