

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2021 at 7:30pm
Virtual Zoom meeting

Present

Cllr J Hewer
Cllr L Campisano
Cllr C Clark
Cllr H Dosanjh
Cllr J Kemble
Cllr G Overbury
Cllr N Hooper
Cllr D Hooper
Cllr D Martyn
Cllr P Bhardwaj

Ward Cllr C Martyn
Ward Cllr B Ford

Clerk

Emma Freemantle
Amanda Woodhead – Community Project & Grants Officer.

Public

There were no members of the public present.

FC/364

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr G Ratcliffe.

FC/365

Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest of applications for dispensations made.

FC/366

Public Questions

There were no members of the public present.

FC/367

Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the Full Council meeting on 18 January 2021.

FC/368

Chairs Report

The Chair provided a report a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

FC/369

Ward Councillor Update

Members received a verbal update from Ward Councillors.

Cllr B Ford advised that they have received an update on the Wichelstowe scheme and the noise bund, members noted that the first planned bypass route will now be

removed and Ward councillors have called this decision into the planning committee as they are not happy with this decision.

Priors Hill has also been called into the Borough as the pavements have been completely iced over in many places. There are issues with pot holes and the road conditions.

Cllr B Ford confirmed that they are now going to be in receipt of an additional £800,000 next year for road works from the government.

Wharf Road results from the leaflet drop asking residents for suggestions over how funds are spent with Hay Lane and Wharf Road, a footpath and cycle way has been the preferred response at the moment which would lead down Wharf Road over to Wichelstowe. Cllr B Ford confirmed the responses are still coming in.

Open Reach – questions have come from a resident at Maunsell Way regarding Open reach and the credit scheme. Cllr B Ford advised that Cllr D Martyn is looking into this further and will be able to provide residents information in due course. The scheme is utilising vouchers which enables broadband into your home. The Government deadline is quite tight and the scheme would need to be adopted by the end of March 2021.

Last week there were 147 volunteers present at the Steam Railway helping with Covid 19 vaccinations. In total there was 808 hours of volunteering altogether and this is fantastic.

Ward Councillors also wanted to thank all other volunteers within Swindon who are helping with calls, deliveries and support services to others.

Members notes that the 20mph speed limit paper will be going to cabinet over the next few weeks to look at areas across the Borough where this can be placed.

Cllr P Bhardwaj asked if anything could be done about the pot holes and road condition at the junction where Brimble Hill meets the intersection of the B4005 towards Hodson.

Cllr B Ford advised he would take a look over the next few days and report back to the Borough.

Cllr D Martyn advised that there is now a community Facebook page dedicated to the Openreach incentive and he believes that the project will need the backing of the community as a whole by trying to get the voucher requests up. There seems to be a large appetite for broadband choice in Wroughton.

There is currently an option of virgin fibre which is fast when it works but not always reliable or there is BT which is copper. The Openreach project option would allow for the fibre infrastructure in which would open up options to other providers.

Cllr D Martyn said this would be a great community initiative to be involved with.

Cllr C Martyn and Cllr B Ford left the meeting.

FC/370

Committee Membership

Members **RESOLVED** to agree to elect Cllr J Kemble onto the Planning & Highways Committee.

FC/371 **Payment Schedule**
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule for February 2021, a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the minute book.

FC/372 **Bank Reconciliations**
Members **NOTED** the bank reconciliations of December and January 2021, a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the minute book.

FC/373 **Income & Expenditure Report**
Members **NOTED** the income and expenditure report up the end of January 2021, a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the minute book.

FC/374 **Memorial Bench**
Members considered a request for a new memorial bench to be placed in Willowbrook Gardens, a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the minute book.

Cllr C Clark advised that the location may not be suitable due to the current garden layout and maintenance schedule.

All present agreed that the purchase of a memorial bench would be acceptable in line with the parish council's memorial policy document however resident expectations need to be managed with regards to the positioning of this in the village.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree:

- To discuss the location of Willowbrook Gardens with members of Vision 4 Wroughton.
- Offer an alternative location for the bench position of Boness Road, the new Secret garden.
- The Parish Council to have the final approval of the chosen location for a memorial bench once purchased.

FC/375 **Wroughton Community Pantry**
Members **NOTED** a report of the Clerk regarding the ongoing communication with the Wroughton Community Pantry. A copy of the report appears attached as Appendix G.

Members **NOTED** that an informal meeting via Zoom is being held on Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 4pm to cover and questions or concerns over the running of the Pantry and Parish Council involvement. All Councillors and staff invited should they wish to attend.

FC/376 **Blackhorse Farm**
The Clerk provided a verbal update regarding the unfinished pathway near Falkirk Road.

The Clerk advised that having spoken to Jonathan Wilshaw (Swindon Borough Council) he is happy to fund the completion of the path works via the Community Forest Scheme. SBC have the funding for completion however do not have the capacity to project manage the job.

The Clerk advised she will be talking to Martin Fry (SBC) regarding quotes for work tomorrow lunch time and a further update will be provided to Full Council in March.

Members requested that thanks are passed on to Martin Fry and Swindon Borough Council.

FC/377

Thorney Park Play Area

Members received a verbal update from the Community Projects & Grants Officer regarding the recent tendering process which took place for the installation of the new play area at Thorney Park.

Members **NOTED** that there were two chosen preferred contractors via the Play Area Working Party.

The Community Projects and Grants Officer along with the Deputy Clerk opened all tenders once received and pulled together a tender scrutiny team to analyse the quoted works further.

All submissions were scored against the following criteria:

- Play Value
- Quality of materials and durability
- Adherence to design brief
- Value for money

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the following recommendations:

- A play area working party to be called before the end of this month to receive presentations from the top two contractors.
- A public consultation will take place in Thorney Park during March 2021 with a view to a final decision and awarding of contract taking place by the April 2021 full council meeting.
- To approve up to £300 for the printing of advertising material to assist the public consultation.

The Chair asked how the public consultation will take place, the Community Projects and Grants Officer confirmed that she would like to engage with the public on line via the parish website and Facebook pages, and also place posters and banners on the site at Thorney Park.

All present agreed that a public presence may not be suitable due to the current lockdown restrictions however this can be reviewed each week if circumstances change.

FC/378

Telephone Boxes

Members **NOTED** a verbal update from the Community Projects & Grants Officer regarding the restoration of the telephone box at Woodland View and Kellsboro Avenue.

All present **NOTED** further information regarding the future use of the telephone box at Kerrs Way.

FC/379

Wildflowers

Members **NOTED** a verbal update from the Community Projects & Grants Officer regarding the wildflower planting project for specific designated areas within the parish.

All present **NOTED** that the new wildflower planting on Church Hill would be grown this year in memory of Vision 4 Wroughton member and keen gardener John Gregory.

FC/380

Green House Gas Emissions

All present receive a verbal update from Cllr C Clark regarding the Swindon Borough Council Carbon Reduction Strategy. All **NOTED** that Wroughton Parish Council fed back its comments via the Planning Committee before Christmas and it has expressed an interest in taking part in any forthcoming initiatives.

Members **NOTED** a report for the considerations of a way forward for the parish council to record its emissions and report accordingly, a copy of which appears as Appendix H.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree defer this item until the next appropriate meeting to allow for more time to investigate the process and time of work required from officers.

FC/381

Sports & Youth Facilities Working Party

Members **NOTED** a verbal update from the Clerk regarding the Sports & Youth Facilities Working Party held on Thursday 11 February 2021, a copy of the report appears as Appendix H in the minute book.

Members **NOTED** that the following information is still to be considered further by the Working Party:

The sports and Youth Facilities Working Party Review of existing business case.

Tender and Procurement route decisions

Investigations into the ownership model of building and explore the trust Route

Review VAT status for different approaches

Revisit Preschool 'need' and any supporting funding.

The meeting closed at 8.57pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council