

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2020 at 7:30pm
Virtual Zoom meeting

- Present** Cllr J Hewer (Chair)
Cllr P Bhardwaj
Cllr H Dosanjh
Cllr D Phillips
Cllr D Hooper
Cllr N Hooper
Cllr D Martyn
- Clerk** Emma Freemantle
- Public** 0
- FC/257** **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr C Clark.

Apologies were received from Ward Cllr B Ford.
- FC/258** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
Cllr H Dosanjh declared an interest in agenda item 17.
- FC/259** **Public Questions**
No members of the public present.
- FC/260** **Minutes**
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the Full Council meeting on 20 July 2020.
- FC/261** **Chairs Report**
Members **NOTED** a report from the Chair. A copy of which appears as appendix A in the minute book.
- FC/262** **Ward Councillor Update**
Cllr B Ford advised that there was rumour of a new planning application for the Earthline site, however this had not been confirmed. Earthline are able to appeal the decision providing that the appeal process starts before the statutory appeal date.

Cllr B Ford advised that through a lot of hard work and time the Grange crossing on Swindon Road had begun and was nearing competition.

Cllr C Martyn and Cllr B Ford have composed a joint response to the Bellway planning application. Both Ward Councillors stated that Bellway will continue with their existing plans and refuse any requested compromises put forward. Cllr B ford advised

that Cllr C Martyn has done a great job and is the main driver behind the responses and communicating with residents daily.

Cllr C Martyn declared an interest in the Bellway site application as she is a resident situated adjacent to the Bellway site (Marlborough Road). Cllr C Martyn doesn't believe that residents are being listened to. A copy of the Ward Councillors joint response has been shared with the Parish Council and also listed on the Swindon Borough Councils planning portal. Ward Councillors asked for a meeting with Bellway however this had since been declined. Cllr Martyn suggested that residents argued that developer is not interested in engaging with local concerns and they believe they are being ignored.

Back in May 2020 the parish were advised of the no waiting restriction from SBC Highways in relation to this development. The Highways Officer explained this was only valid for a year and that the Borough need to give 6 weeks' notice to residents. Ward Councillors are not sure if this notice includes the demolition of the old bakery and so questions have been sent back to the Borough. Cllr C Martyn requested that if the parish council have any public enquires then they need to pass them directly to Ward Councillors Cllr C Martyn and Cllr B Ford.

Cllr H Dosanjh and Cllr C Martyn took a visit to the Wroughton Reservoir. Cllr C Martyn confirmed that the landslip is not near the dam and the site seems to remain secure. Both Councillors had requested a visit before and after the works had been completed so that they can see the changes overall.

Thames Water are considering partnering up with another organisation such as the Wiltshire wildlife trust to get the site back up and running and possibly open to the public as soon as possible. Cllr J Hewer advised that he went round the reservoir with previous councillors over a year ago now and he was concerned over the lack of railings around the dam at the reservoir. Cllr C Martyn is under the impression that this would be something to be thought of for the future.

Cllr C Martyn asked the Parish Council if they could advise whether or not they will be in a position to help cut the trees back at the Ellendune Centre car park. The Clerk confirmed she would let her know by tomorrow once further investigations have taken place.

Cllr B Ford advised the Clerk that should the Parish Council require further help or assistance with pushing service requests back to the Borough Council then the council will need to go to Ward Councillors with information. Neither ward Councillor had any input into the transfer deed document previously and some of the services are still unclear on what the Parish maintain and what the Borough maintain.

Cllr H Dosanjh asked if the parish council should chase up Martin Fry, Swindon Borough Council, regarding the Wichelstowe footpath which floods due to heavy rainfall. This had not yet been chased up by ward councillors.

Cllr D Phillips and Cllr D Martyn declared an interest in the Marlborough Road / Bellway homes application as they both live in the same location.

FC/263

Payment Schedule

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule for August 2020. A copy of which appears as appendix B in the minute book.

FC/264

Grounds Contract – Tender Document

Members **NOTED** that the deadline for the tender applications is 07 September 2020 and that the awarded contract will begin from 01 March 2021.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree that they would meet ahead of the next Full Council meeting to agree on a scoring process for the opened tenders.

FC/265

Remembrance Service

Members **NOTED** an email of the Deputy Clerk, a copy of which appears as appendix C in the minute book.

The Chair confirmed that this years' service will be scaled back and there will be no gatherings or road closures planned.

Cllr D Martyn suggested that the Parish Council publicise the event in its lower level format so that the public are aware of plans.

Cllr N Hooper suggested that the Parish Council live stream the event so that the public who are not comfortable attending can view on line.

The Clerk confirmed that a list of staggered attendees for the day will be shared publicly so that the public are aware of the presence at the war memorial.

FC/266

Christmas Event

Members **NOTED** a report of the Deputy Clerk and **RESOLVED** to agree the draft budget for the Christmas Event 2020, a copy of which appears as appendix D in the minute book.

FC/267

Telephone Boxes

Members **NOTED** a report of the Clerk regarding the telephone boxes at Maskelyne Way and Woodland View, a copy of which appears as appendix E in the minute book.

The Clerk confirmed that there is a delay with the works due to the appointed company having a back log of work from Covid restrictions.

FC/268

Maunsell Way Pavilion

Members **NOTED** a verbal updated from the Clerk regarding the Maunsell Way planning application.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had been in receipt of the drainage survey results and that the planning application has now been submitted.

FC/269

Maunsell Way Play Area – Basket Swings

Members **NOTED** a verbal update form the Clerk. The Clerk advised that the basket swings needed moving due to their position being too close to the BMX Track. One of

the swings will be moved within the same area and the other one will be moved to the Weir Field play area.

Members **NOTED** the quotes received, a copy of which appear as appendix F in the minute book.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the following quote: £4,809 from Playcubed Limited.

FC/270

Litter Pick

Members **RESOLVED** to agree that the Parish Council should hold a litter pick in the Spring time once issues surrounding Covid 19 have been resolved. The Parish Council could label the event as a Spring clean and involve Councillors and both the office and grounds team staff.

Members confirmed that all PPE and risk assessment would be made available to those taking part with the litter pick.

FC/271

Weir Field

Members **NOTED** a request from a resident to hold a child's birthday party on the Weir Field playing field.

Members **RESOLVED to** agree that the request would be declined due to Covid 19 restrictions.

The Clerk confirmed that she would suggest the resident contact the Ellendune Community Centre to book the hall or the garden of the Ellendune Community Centre as an alternative.

If the Parish Council consider outside bookings in the future then they need to consider taking damage deposits.

FC/272

Exclusion of Press and Public

To resolve 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: Staffing matters.

FC/273

Project Officer Vacancy

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the Community Grants and Project Officer role job description and NJC spinal column points. A copy of the application pack appears as appendix G in the confidential minute book.

The meeting closed at 8:57pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council

