

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 August 2021 at 7:30pm
at the Ellendune Community Centre, Barratt Way

- Present**
- Cllr J Hewer (Chair)
 - Cllr L Campisano (Vice Chair)
 - Cllr H Dosanjh
 - Cllr L Gough
 - Cllr D Hooper
 - Cllr J Kemble
 - Cllr J King
 - Cllr P Bhardwaj
 - Cllr G Overbury
- Clerk**
- Emma Freemantle
Amanda Woodhead, Community Projects & Grants Officer.
- FC/056** **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr C Clark.
- FC/057** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
The Chair declared an interest in agenda item 11.
- FC/058** **Co-option of Councillors**
Members **RESOLVED** to elect Ms Deborah Raikes May as a Co-opted Councillor.
- FC/059** **Public Questions**
There were no members of the public present.
- FC/060** **Minutes**
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 19 July 2021.
- FC/061** **Ward Councillor Update**
Members **NOTED** a verbal update from Ward Cllr C Martyn.
- FC/062** **Parish Council Representatives' and Trustees Report**
No reports were received.
- FC/0623** **Chair's Report**
Members **NOTED** a report of the Chair a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.
- FC/063** **Committee Membership**
Members **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr D Edwards onto the Christmas Working Party.

FC/064

Bench Relocation

Members received a verbal update, from the Chair of the Open Spaces Committee regarding the relocation of the bench positioned at the Loop Path near Belmont Green.

Members **NOTED** comments from a member of the public via email correspondence.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree that the bench in question will be removed and the new location will be decided by the Chair of the Open Spaces Committee in consultation with the Clerk and Grounds Manager.

FC/065

Dog Bin Relocation

Members **NOTED** a request from a member of the public to relocate a dog bin at Alexandra Park, a copy of the request appears as Appendix B in the minute book.

Members suggested that the location of the dog bin could be moved towards the area near the post box on Comet Way and away from other houses.

All present **RESOLVED** to agree that a suitable location is decided on in line with consultation of the Clerk and Grounds Team Manager.

FC/066

Storywalk

Members received a verbal update the Community Projects and Grants Officer regarding the Storywalk event positioned in Willowbrook Gardens.

Wroughton Parish Council have been working collectively with the Wroughton Community Library to Launch this seasons storywalk, the book is called "Dear Earth and written by Isobel Otter.

The official launch was last Friday, there were two children in attendance from the Wroughton primary schools. Members **NOTED** that unfortunately damage has taken place to one of the boards within day one of it being installed, another has had to be removed.

The story will be in place until the end of August and the public are encouraged to take a look.

FC/067

Community Tree Planting

Members **NOTED** a report from the Community Projects and Grants Officer regarding tree planting options within the parish. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

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

1. Councillors agree WPC sites and locations where further tree planting should occur.

2. Councillors give a steer on their preference for how the tree planting work should take place and by whom so that these options can be fully scoped and if appropriate, costed.
3. Councillors allow the Community Projects and Grants Officer under the supervision of the Clerk to liaise with Swindon Borough Council Trees for Climate Project to secure new saplings for these areas and enable their planting in the winter dormancy period this year from November to March.
4. Councillors allow the Community Projects and Grants Officer under supervision of the Clerk to explore opportunities for community engagement and publicity as part of any future planting schemes.
5. That an additional site, site O at Belmont Green be investigated further for potential tree planting.
6. Both the Community Assets and Open Spaces Committees are kept informed of developments.

FC/068

Thorney Park Play Area

Members received a verbal update from the Community Projects and Grants Officer regarding the Thorney Park Play area installation.

Members **NOTED** that the opening launch event date will be during the month of September.

FC/069

Churchyard Working Party

Members **NOTED** a report of the Deputy Clerk, a copy of which is attached as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

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

- 1.1 To conclude the allotment site is not suitable for cemetery use.
- 1.2 To support the use of the NE allotment section for a community woodland and to engage with the SBC Trees for Climate scheme.

FC/070

Office Broadband and Telecommunications

Members **NOTED** a report of the Deputy Clerk regarding a new broadband and telecommunications supplier for the parish office. A copy of the report appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to defer the item to a later date pending more information.

FC/071

Church Hall Parish Clock

Members received a verbal update from the Clerk regarding the maintenance of the parish clock positioned at the Church Hall on Priors Hill. A copy of the correspondence, tender documents and photographs are attached as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Members **NOTED** the expected costs of refurbishment to be estimated £5,800.

FC/072

Internal Auditor Quotes

Members **NOTED** a verbal update from the Clerk regarding the parish council's internal auditor.

The Clerk advised that quotes are still being sourced for new auditor and further information will be available at the next appropriate meeting.

FC/073

Items for the next agenda

No additional items were added.

The meeting closed at 9.16pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council

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