

# WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2022 at 7:30pm  
at the Ellendune Community Centre, Barratt Way

- Present** Cllr J Hewer (Chair)  
Cllr L Campisano (Vice Chair)  
Cllr H Dosanjh  
Cllr D Edwards  
Cllr G Edwards  
Cllr D Hooper  
Cllr N Hooper  
Cllr J Kemble  
Cllr J King  
Cllr G Overbury
- Clerk** Oliver Armstrong
- Cllr Cathy Martyn (SBC)  
Cllr Brian Ford (SBC)
- Public** 1
- FC/194** **Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Cllr Bhardwaj, Cllr C Clark, Cllr L Gough, Cllr B Keetch, Cllr D Martyn.
- FC/195** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**  
There were no declarations of interest of applications for dispensation.
- FC/196** **Public Questions**  
No representations received.
- FC/197** **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**  
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 March 2022.
- FC/198** **Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting**  
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Open Spaces meeting held on 05 April 2022.
- FC/199** **Information from Borough Councillors**  
Cllr C Martyn updated members on the current status of traffic on Perrys Lane. Measures had been put into place, including signage to deter HGVS using Perrys Lane and implementing no waiting or no parking zones to improve the traffic movement in the area. Complaints had reduced significantly since these traffic management systems had been put into place.

Cllr C Martyn, Cllr B Ford and Cllr H Dosanjh had a site meeting with an SBC officer on the Swindon Road M4 overpass bridge to discuss potential improvements in relation to safety and lighting. Highways England own the bridge and were responsible for maintenance and improvements. Cllr C Martyn stated that Highways England prioritise funding to improve safety of the bridges which have a significantly higher proportion of incidents relating to public safety and security.

Providing one example of a bridge in a separate part of the country that had over 70 incidents of suicide in one year. Cllr Martyn stated there was anecdotal evidence to suggest if the bridge was less utilitarian and more visually appealing there was a reduced likelihood of suicide.

The bridge was on a 30-year maintenance schedule. SBC can request improvements with Highways England although noted weight restrictions on the bridge, which discounted certain improvements. Including artwork and increasing the side barrier heights may be requested.

The most likely and achievable improvement from SBC would be to improve lighting on the approach to the bridge, however funding would be an issue. Cllr Martyn suggested approaching from the solar farms for funding when the costs were known.

Cllr C Martyn and Cllr B Ford had been working on improving the flow of culverts and streams in Wroughton, most notably near the Catholic Church. It has been cleared once already and Ward Cllrs had requested a second clearance in addition to adding it to the monthly culvert inspection list. Cllr B Ford added that the section of the stream flowing north of Falkirk Road to the M4 was very overgrown and he had reported it to the Environment Agency. This was noted but no date for undertaking the maintenance was forthcoming.

Ward Cllrs were currently pushing TFA, the data centre client, to install a tarmac or compacted footpath along the rutted verge alongside the highway which connects Inverary Road and the Ridgeway overflow car park. Additionally, improvements to the overflow car park would be sought.

Cllr B Ford was dissatisfied that no bin would be installed on Overtown Road. Cllr Hewer reiterated that there were no appropriate locations to install a bin.

Cllr B Ford, cabinet member for Adult & Health, provided an update on his portfolio. He stated he had recently had an emergency phone call to tell him that 30 elderly people in one care home would have to be rehoused due to structural failures. He stated that it was an insurance issue and SBC was able to arrange short term cover until the problem was resolved. This highlighted an issue and SBC were looking into a nationwide solution for short term insurance to allow care homes to continue until any problem was resolved.

**FC/200**

**Parish Council Representatives' and Trustees Report**

Cllr G Overbury provided an update on buses

**FC/201**

**Chairs Report**

Members **NOTED** the update from the Platinum Jubilee Working Party held on 07 March 202, a copy is attached as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

**FC/202**

**Councillor Attendance**

Members **NOTED** the correspondence from Margaret Penfound regarding the change in Trustees for the Bennet and Sutton Charity, a copy can be found as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the following new trustees:

- Gina Moody (vice principal, Ridgeway School), replacing James Povoas.
- Revd Phill Harrison (vicar of Wroughton and Wichelstowe and governor at The Academy, Wichelstowe)

**FC/203      Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

Members

**FC/204      Platinum Jubilee Event**

Members

**FC/205      Youth Services**

Members

**FC/206      Boness Road Play Area**

Members

**FC/207      Sports & Youth Facilities Working Party**

To

**FC/208      Parish Clerks Forum**

Members

The meeting closed at 8.11pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council