



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 24 May 2022

The event opened at 7.30pm to give residents an opportunity to engage with local community groups and partake in light refreshments.

**The formal meeting began at 8pm
Meeting held at the Ellendune Community Centre, SN4 9LQ**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions by the Chair

The Chair Cllr J Hewer welcomed members of the public, councillors and staff.

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Gary Edwards and Ward Cllr Brian Ford.

3. Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the last Annual Parish Meeting minutes from the meeting held on 29 April 2019.

4. Report from the Chair of Wroughton Parish Council

All present received a report from the Chair, a copy is attached as Appendix A.

5. Financial Report for the year 2021/2022 by the Clerk

All present received a report from the Clerk, a copy is attached as Appendix B.

6. Committee Report - Chair of Planning & Highways Committee

All present received a report from the Vice Chair of the Planning & Highways Committee, Cllr H Dosanjh. A copy is attached as Appendix C..

7. Committee Report - Chair of Community Assets Committee

All present received a report from Cllr G Overbury, a copy is attached as Appendix D.

8. Committee Report - Chair of Open Spaces Committee

All present received a report from Cllr J King, a copy is attached as Appendix E.

9. Report from Swindon Borough Councillors (Ward Councillors)

All present received a report from Cllr C Martyn on behalf of the Ward Councillors. A copy of the report is attached as Appendix F.

10. To note reports from other community groups.

Reports from the following organisations are also attached:

- The Ellendune Hall Trust
- Wroughton 1st Scout Group
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust
- Wiltshire Police
- Wroughton & Wichelstowe Parish Church
- Wroughton Community Asset Trust (Library Trust)
- Wroughton Districts Gardner's Society
- Wroughton Men's Football Club

11. Questions from Parishioners

A member of the public asked the Chairman about the future of the council and its members past the next election year in 2023. The member of the public asked that the parish council try to become more visible to its parishioners and by that he means in person as opposed to online material.

The Chairman agreed that moving forward Wroughton Parish Council would benefit from having day time drop in sessions at the Ellendune Community Centre so that members of the public can come along and ask questions and learn more of what's happening locally. However, one thing that was noted was that over the last two years this has been extremely difficult for obvious reasons relating to the pandemic. The Chair stated that this is something to progress later this year and remain consistent in the future.

The resident then questioned the involvement of Wroughton Parish Council with the Wichelstowe development, questions were asked if the parish council were still meeting with the development team.

The Chair confirmed that the Parish council still regularly meet with both Swindon Borough Council and the Joint Venture Team to discuss the ongoing build out of the planning parcels and Open Spaces.

The resident raised concerns over Wroughton losing its identity and becoming a much larger urban parish, similar to the larger parish councils already in Swindon such as North and South.

The Chair advised that Swindon Borough Council had recently approached all parish councils asking if they would be interested in considering a boundary review. The majority vote across the board was a "no" and so a review is now unlikely to take place again until much later in the future.

Wroughton is subject to a number of large developments over the next few years, from the Bellway site through to Hills site in North Wroughton. The Chair added that it was always thought that Middle and West Wichelstowe, possibly including East Wichelstowe would become a standalone parish once its complete.

As this process is likely to take a number of years (10+) Wroughton Parish Council are keen to both keep the identity of the existing Wroughton village but also help and support Wichelstowe as it develops further into a community of its own.

The meeting ended at 20.46.