

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2022 at 7:30pm
at the Ellendune Community Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW

- Present** Cllr J Hewer (Chair)
Cllr L Campisano
Cllr D Archer
Cllr H Dosanjh
Cllr T Kewen
Cllr G Overbury
Cllr D Hooper
Cllr N Hooper
Cllr N McMahon
Cllr B Streeton
Cllr H Woodward
- Clerk** Emma Freemantle
- Public** 1
- FC/113** **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr L Gough, Cllr B Keetch, Cllr J Kemble and Cllr Dave Edwards

Apologies also received from Ward Cllrs, Cllr C Martyn, Cllr B Ford and Cllr D Martyn.
- FC/114** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
There were no declarations of Interest or applications for dispensation.
- FC/115** **Public Questions**
One member of the public present, Cllr Paul Sunners from Chiseldon Parish Council.
- FC/116** **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Full Council held on 17 October 2022.
- FC/117** **Chairs Report**
Members received and **NOTED** an update from the Chair, a copy of his report can be found as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

The Chair suspended standing orders and invited Cllr P Sunners to speak regarding the Boundary Commission review.

Cllr P Sunners attended to ask what Wroughton Parish Councils thoughts were regarding the proposed changes to the 2023 Boundary Commission Review. The general view from Chiseldon Parish is that if they become part of the much larger East Wiltshire, rather than the existing South Swindon, this will result in Chiseldon losing its identity and proximity with the current local MP.

Cllr P Sunner confirmed that Chiseldon had the same question raised as part of a previous council meeting to have the conversation openly. All present noted that there could be some positivity out of the boundary review if the plans go ahead for East Wiltshire as this would allow for Wanborough, Chiseldon and Wroughton to renew relationships and rural links.

Cllr H Dosanjh asked what issues could be faced with the propose changes, the Chair confirmed that his personal view is that the parish councils, both Wroughton and Chiseldon will no longer have a strong connection with the local MP for the area. The new proposed boundary is so large that resource and support will be spread too thinly.

Cllr N Hooper asked how the parish councils' relationship with Swindon Borough Council (SBC) would be affected and the Chair confirmed that there would be no change. SBC remain the Unitary Authority for the area.

A link to the Boundary Commission Consultation information can be found here:
<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2023-review/south-west/>
A copy also attached as Appendix B.

PCSO Charlotte Watson entered the meeting at 19.43

Cllr Paul Sunners left the meeting at 19.45.

PCSO C Watson provided an update regarding the local Wroughton reported crime statistics covering the month of September. The police data is publicly available and can be found here:
<https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/wroughton/?tab=crimemap>

Members were also advised that there have been multiple reports of fly tipping at Red Barn Lane and that the Police are carrying out regular patrols, request are being put forward by the police for the installation of CCTV to help prevent matters.

Members **NOTED** that there has been a significant increase in burglaries in the Wroughton area and that the police are trying to educate the public regarding applying safety measures in and around their homes. Leaflets have been left at the Ellendune Community Centre and PCSOs also hope to attend the next parish councillor drop in session on Friday 02 December 2022 9am – 11am.

The Chair confirmed that the Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) Is due to visit either the December or January full council meeting and advised this would be a good opportunity for councillors to raise specific concerns.

PCSO Charlotte Watson left the meeting at 19.57

The Chair reinstated standing orders.

FC/118

Ward Councillor Update

Apologies were received from Ward Councillors however information regarding ongoing parish council issues and requests to SBC can be found as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

FC/119

Parish Council Representatives' Report

Cllr N Hooper confirmed that new bus shelters are being installed at Perry's Lane and Wharf Road by the end of January 2023.

Cllr G Overbury confirmed that communication remains outstanding from Ward Councillors regarding the ongoing discussions about a working party meeting for parish councils, Swindon Borough council and the bus companies.

FC/120

Wroughton Carnival 2023

Members consider a request from the Carnival Committee to use the Weir Field and Weir Field Pavilion over the weekend of 07 – 10 July 2023, a copy of the request can be found as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the date, use of pavilion and field and underwrite costs of £2,500.

FC/121

Parish Council Committee Structure and Working Party Memberships

Members reviewed the parish councils committee structures and working party memberships.

A copy of both new structures with newly elected members can be found as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

FC/122

Churchyard Working Party

Members received and **NOTED** the minutes from the Churchyard Working Party held on 15 November 2022, a copy can be found as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Members **NOTED** the official timescales attached in the report and that the Deputy Clerk will provide further information at the January 2023 meeting.

FC/123

Twinning Association

Members received and considered correspondence from Sylvain Sejourne, president of the "Friends of Twinning Association" from Saint-Germain-Lès-Corbeil. A copy of the correspondence can be found as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

The Chair and Vice Chair expressed an interest in travelling to Saint Germain during May 2023 over the Spring bank holiday weekend as suggested. The Chair asked that if other parish councillors are interested in attending that they let him or the Clerk know.

FC/124

Wroughton's Welcome and Warm Space

The Clerk provided a verbal update regarding progress with the Welcome and Warm Space offering within the Community Library.

All present **NOTED** that Swindon Borough Council are offering a directory of Warm and Welcome spaces which are to be opened over the winter months, the spaces are for the public to use freely and allow residents to warm up, have a hot drink, and socialise with others in the community. The Clerk advised that the opening hours for the public to use the space in Wroughton are the same as the core Library hours, this allows meaning that there is typically two members of staff on hand.

Volunteers are being organised to cover the hours throughout the week from 26 December to Saturday 31 December and the Clerk thanked all councillors and trustees who have stepped forward to offer their time.

FC/125

Projects and Priorities 2023/2024

The Clerk provided a report summarising the parish councils' priorities for the next financial year, the summary was created following the projects meeting held on Tuesday 08 November 2022. A copy of the report can be found as Appendix H in the Minute Book.

FC/126

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: **Commercially and Contractually Sensitive**

FC/127

Maunsell Way Pavilion

Members considered a report of the Clerk regarding the financial impact of the Maunsell Way Pavilion plans ahead of approving the parish councils' budget for 2023/2024. A copy of the report can be found in the Confidential Minute Book.

Members discussed the financial support required to enable the pavilion plans to go ahead within the next financial year 2023/2024.

All present agreed that with the current cost of living prices increasing to unmanageable rates for residents, it would be sensible to wait until after the precept (budget) setting has been completed before exploring funding options further.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the following:

- 4.6 The parish council are to investigate whether there are other existing viable community buildings that the both the Youth Groups and Scouts could utilise as a new permanent base.
- 4.7 Any future public consultation documentation surrounding the Maunsell Way Pavilion plans **or** other community facility plans, are to be circulated with the parish council's annual newsletter which is delivered to all homes within the parish.
- 4.8 The parish council note that the granted planning application for the new Maunsell Way Pavilion plans are valid until October 2025.

The meeting closed at 9.13pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council