

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2023 at 7:30pm
at the Ellendune Community Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW

Present

Cllr J Hewer (Chair)
Cllr L Campisano (Vice Chair)
Cllr H Dosanjh
Cllr D Edwards
Cllr L Gough
Cllr B Keetch
Cllr T Kewen
Cllr D Hooper
Cllr N Hooper
Cllr N McMahon
Cllr G Overbury
Cllr B Streeton
Cllr H Woodward

Clerk

Emma Freemantle

Public

PCSO Harry Partl

FC/143

Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr D Archer, Cllr J Kemble and Ward Councillors.

FC/144

Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Cllr L Campisano and Cllr H Dosanjh declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 as they are Trustees to the Wroughton Community Asset Trust.

Cllr D Hooper declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 as she is a Trustee to the Ellendune Hall Trust.

FC/145

Public Questions

PCSO Harry Partl was in attendance to provide an update on local community policing issues.

Members **NOTED** that all policing reports and offences are publicly available on the police website and that the information provided can be quite specific and worrying. Cllr H Woodward stated that the interactive website which highlights the description of any offence caused and almost immediate location, can be seen as both interesting and damaging.

The Clerk asked how information can be sourced regarding Community Speed Watch in the Wroughton area and how active the current members are with the current group.

Cllr B Keetch confirmed his interest in becoming part of the Community Speed watch group, PCSO Partl advised that contact should be made with Becky Diamond at Wiltshire Police and she can advise further.

PCSO PARTl left the meeting at 7.48pm.

FC/146

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Full Council held on 19 December 2022.

FC/147

Chairs Report

The Chair provided a brief update to the council and advised that the parish councillor drop in session at the Ellendune Community Centre is now on the following dates between 10am – 12pm:

- Saturday 28th January 2023
- Saturday 25th February 2023

Cllr D Hooper confirmed attendance for the January date and Cllr N Hooper confirmed he can attend the February date.

Members **NOTED** that representatives of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust will attend the February full council meeting and the Police Crime Commissioner will attend the March 2023 meeting.

The Chair expressed concerns over the delay in receiving Swindon Borough Councils draft parish / borough charter. A new charter is required for all parish councils to coincide with the role of Swindon Borough Council which in turn will help provide a better framework of collaborative working for both authorities.

Members **NOTED** that the Parish Charter should include elements of highlighting which authority does what, providing clear communication channels to officers / residents, responding to public enquiries in a timely manner and overall providing a more effective public service.

FC/148

Ward Councillor Update

There were no Ward Councillors present.

Questions to be sent back to Ward Councillors via the Clerk:

- A) How long are the temporary traffic lights going to be in place by the Ridgeway School.
- B) Can improvements be made to the Zebra Crossing by the Ellendune Community Centre to assist with flooding
- C) There still seems to be a blockage near the Catholic Church (Willow Walk) that still causes flooding, is anything being done about this to help fix the issue.
- D) How would the parish council raise concerns over the speed limit for Priors Hill? This is currently 60mph and it would serve a safer route if speed reduced to 20mph. Residents often have to walk this route and there is no safe / lit footpath.

FGP/149

Parish Council Representatives Report

Members **NOTED** the following updates:

Cllr G Overbury advised that the two new bus shelters are on track to be installed for the 01st and 2nd of February 2023 one is being installed on Wharf Road and one at Perry's Lane.

Members **NOTED** that the Transportation Reps for the Parish Council have requested a new direct bus route from Wroughton to the Swindon New College, any updates will be sent back via the next full council meeting.

Cllr L Campisano advised that the Carnival is set for the 08 July 2023 and this year there will be a hog roast on site for the event. The Carnival Committee are still welcoming of volunteers and if councillors or members of the public are available then please contact either Cllr L Campisano or Cllr D Archer.

FC/150

Calendar of Meetings 2023 – 2024

Members **NOTED** the calendar of meetings for 2023 – 2024, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree to move the Community Assets Meeting on the 02 January 2024 to Tuesday 09 January 2024.

FC/151

Ellendune Hall Trust Grant Application Form

Members received a verbal update from the Clerk regarding the previous meeting held with the Ellendune Hall Trustees.

Members **NOTED** the minutes the minutes from the meeting on 09 January 2023, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the recommendations in the report:

Approve the EHT Grant of £15,000 within the current year fund for 2023/2024 account and to further Earmark £5,000 as a contingency should it be required at a later date.

To progress the conversation with the EHT and Scout Group at the EHT meeting on 19.01.2023.

The next meeting date with the Ellendune Hall Trust is the 06 March 2023.

The Ellendune Hall Trust request that new parish councillors are elected onto the Ellendune Hall Trust. Members **RESOLVED** to change councillor representatives at the May 2023 Annual Meeting.

Cllr N McMahon and Cllr D Edwards will be attending the next EHT meetings until this time to represent the parish council.

Cllr H Woodward requested that further guidance is provided for new councillors surrounding the role of a parish councillor representative. Clarification should be provided regarding what level of discussion and input members are able to participate at trust / grant giving body meetings.

FC/152

Budget and Precept Demand 2023/2024

Members received and **NOTED** the draft report from the Clerk regarding the 2023–24 Budget, a copy of which can be found as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

The Chair confirmed that in light of the outstanding information from Swindon Borough Council regarding the ongoing maintenance of the closed Churchyard, this item is deferred until the February Full Council Meeting on 20 February 2023.

FC/153

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: **Contractually Sensitive**

FC/154

Wroughton Community Library

Members received an update from the Clerk regarding the amended draft business case for staffing of the community library which is received from Swindon Borough Council.

Members **NOTED** the reports and associated timescales for transfer. A copy of the Business Case and Equality Impact Assessment can be found in the Confidential Minute Book.

FC/155

Closed Churchyard Maintenance

Members received a verbal update from the Chair regarding the site visit which took place at the Wroughton & Wichelstowe Parochial Churchyard on 12 January 2023.

The Clerk advised that Swindon Borough Council have agreed in principle to take on the maintenance of the Tree Work at the Churchyard however they are still in discussions with the parish council regarding the remainder of the maintenance works.

Members **NOTED** that a further site visit is likely to take place with representatives of the Churchyard Committee and Swindon Borough Council before the 1st March 2023. Also **NOTED** that a formal response from Swindon Borough Council is expected by the parish council before the end of March 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.36pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council