

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 February 2024 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 G Cook
Cllr D Archer
Cllr L Gough
Cllr T Kewen
Cllr G Overbury
Cllr D Hooper
Cllr N Hooper
Cllr B Keetch
Cllr N McMahon
Cllr H Woodward

Ward Cllr B Ford

Clerk

Emma Freemantle

Public

PCSO Justine Trueman and PCSO Charlotte Watson
2 Members of the public

FC/169

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr B Streeton and Ward Cllr D Martyn.
No apologies from Ward Cllr A Poole.

FC/170

Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensations.

FC/171

Public Questions

PCSOS provided updates on criminal statistics in Wroughton for January 2024.
24 incidents reported, this is down on last month and last year as well
9 reports known to the police of assaults
5 reports of vehicle reports – Alexandra Park in particular and now PCSOs are carrying out regular patrols from 1am – 3am
4 reports arson and criminal damage, cars being keyed and fibre optic cable cut.

Barbury castle 51 crimes reported there – this has been brought to the police attention.
The location is incorrect on the police mapping system and so the statistics which are publicly available are for Shipley train station not the Barenburgh fields.

Currently no further reports of speeding / racing at Comet Way which is positive, the current team is for north east and south Swindon take on regular patrols in the area.
PCSOS have approached the landlord of the Ellendune Shops to ask if they would consider installing CCTV in the area. Landlord has confirmed there is no budget for CCTV for the shopping area.

Cllr B Ford entered the meeting 19.37

FC/172

PCC Phillip Wilkinson

Members received an update from the Wiltshire PCC regarding the new policing budget and other policing matters.

Member **NOTED** the following: The delivery of police service had not been sufficient when the PCC visited last year. Wiltshire police force had been graded with special measures, new heads of team instructed for the last year and the following changes have been made:

Journey of improvement.

New – Community Engagement Strategy.

New communication letters come out every two weeks which are circulated.

Parish Councils can monitor progress.

New framework of 214 new police officers and PCSOs with over 50% being in the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Retail crime now high on the agenda.

Call wait times for 101 number started at 28 mins and this is now at 8 mins with 999 calls being answered in 8 seconds

Wiltshire police force used to be the worst force with less than 2% success rate but now in the top quarter at 14%.

County lines – drugs -Operation Scorpion to help target specific areas. Scorpion 7 will begin early March. 5 forces in the south west are now performing in the top 10.

Now a new strategy for retail crime, trebled the size of the police presence in town centre. The police are also working with SBC to target crime and all should note that ASB is down in figures from last year.

Wiltshire Police are now also engaged with the High sheriff and starting rural crime intelligence led strategy.

Speed enforcement – PCC, reinforced the road policing team. Community Speed watch teams (150). 1324 speeding tickets issued

The PCC is now looking to recruit a member of new staff to look at road safety and take more of engineering background. To work with local authorities, the police and the public to improve road safety.

The PCC and PCSOs left the meeting.

FC/173

Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** to agree that the minutes of the council meeting held on 22 January 2024 are a true record.

FC/174

Chairs Report

The Chair provided a report, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Members **NOTED** the Boundary Commission deadline is the 18th March 2024 a formal response will be received at the March full council meeting. review comments.

FC/175

Ward Councillor Update

Cllr D Martyn provided a written report, a copy of which can be found as Appendix B in the Minute Book. The Chair read out the report.

Cllr B Ford confirmed apologies for Cllr D Martyn however no apologies from Wroughton's third Ward Councillor Cllr Adam Poole.

FC/176

Parish Council Representatives' Report

Members received a verbal update from the Clerk regarding the current activities of the Ellendune Hall Trust. Members **NOTED** that the sole trustee role will become active from the 01 April 2024 and that a new working group will be formulated at the annual May meeting.

Members **NOTED** a report of the Deputy Clerk on behalf of the Friends of Wroughton Library Group, a copy of which is attached as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

FC/177

Working in Partnership with Swindon Borough Council

Members received the notes from the SLFC meeting held on 15 Feb 2024, a copy of which is attached as Appendix D in the Minute Book. Members discussed the potential list of transferred services from Swindon Borough Council and **NOTED** that funding is unlikely to be attached to any transfer and that the parish council would need to fund any new or additional services.

The Clerk advised that further financial information is due to receive from Swindon Borough Council before the end of March.

FC/178

Parish Council Risk Assessment

Members **NOTED** the parish councils updated risk assessment a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

FC/179

Tree Work Tender

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the Tree tender document for the purposes of completing the parish councils tree work within the new 2024 – 2025 budget. A copy of the tender documents is attached as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

NOTED, the insurance clause within the tender description needs to be amended to reflect a higher level of £5million public liability and £10 million employer's liability cover.

NOTED, that the tender will be uploaded to the governments contract finder website for transparency and advertising.

FC/180

CIL funds

Members received a report of the Clerk with recommendations the informal meeting held on Monday 12 February 2024, a copy of the report is attached as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

Members considered a report of the Deputy Clerk regarding the purchase of a road sweeper and a copy is attached as Appendix H in the Minute Book.

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

1. Purchase the Karcher MC130 Plus, Demo unit (includes the third arm) for £71,000 including service contract at £5,142.83pa for 4 years, with the option to extend, using the CIL funds available.
2. Ringfence in a separate reserve £21,000 to cover 4 years of servicing costs – 5% added to allow for inflation.
3. Ringfence an additional £5K costs to cover consumables such as replacement brushes, hoses etc – the amount to be agreed as soon as the likely cost has been ascertained from Karcher. I will endeavour to get this before Monday's meeting.

FC/181

Fun Fair Dates

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the sider a request from Scarrotts Fun Fair to attend Maunsell Way and operate 01 August - 04 August 2024.

FC/182

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/183

Akers Field Land

Members considered a report of the Clerk regarding a response to Swindon Borough Council; a copy of the report is attached in the confidential minute book.

Meeting closed at 8.59 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council