

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 March 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 D Archer
Cllr G Cook
Cllr L Gough
Cllr T Kewen
Cllr G Overbury
Cllr D Hooper
Cllr N Hooper
Cllr B Streeton
Cllr N McMahon
Cllr H Woodward

Ward Cllr B Ford
Ward Cllr D Martyn

Clerk

Emma Freemantle

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Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr B Keetch.
No apologies from Ward Cllr A Poole.

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Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensations.

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Public Questions

One member of public present, no questions raised.

FC/187

Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** to agree that the minutes of the council meeting held on 19 February 2024 are a true record.

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Chairs Report

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

FC/189

Ward Councillor Update

Members received a report from Swindon Borough Ward Councillors.

Cllr B Ford raised the query of grass verge damage on the strip between Baileys way and Perry's Lane. The grass strip, this gets churned up as vehicles drive on this. Cllr B Ford has advised the member of public to complain to the police and continue to report in each time an issue has occurred. The parish council have also been notified but the Clerk confirmed that upon checking last the damage was minimal and difficult to see.

The Clerk advised Cllr B Ford that the parish office have also advised the resident the same and they should contact the police as and when the witness careless driving.

Members **NOTED** that the SBC draft local plan is still undergoing work and not yet ready to be shared with the parish councils or public. The Clerk has asked for clarification on timescales and its anticipated that the draft could be publicly available for consultation by summer 2024.

All **NOTED** that when the consultation takes place it's likely that further housing will be proposed for Wroughton including SBC owned farm land. Public meetings are likely to take place and the parish council will need to push for these to go ahead within the Ward and not central Swindon. As the parish council are not yet sure who the ward councillor successors will be, it will need to fight for inclusion with any public meeting offering in the near future.

Draft Local Plan - WPC need to push for these to go ahead with the ward councillors' successors to fight on behalf of the parish council. Public meetings will be needed. According to SBC all local plans will go via a planning inspectorate system and so this may be a different process in the future and more intrusive for the system.

Speeding update, Cllr D Martyn has been contacted by the road safety partnership officer of Wiltshire Police, Brimble Hill church hill Marlborough road. All entrance roads into the village

Earthline update, Ward Cllrs were at the SBC local plan meeting. Officer Richard Bell advised on little information however officers are aware of the situation with Earthline and they are aware they are still active on site.

Cllr D Archer asked if SBC were employing earth line to do work for them and Cllr B Ford confirmed no that is not the case. The Earthline site at Ashton Keynes has also been refused planning approval so they seem to be waiting for a resolution on where to go next.

Bellway update (Marlborough Road development) Cllr D Martyn has contacted residents about antisocial behaviour between residents of both the Bellway site and Marlborough Road side. There have been many complaints and reports of particular ASB such as car keying. Cllr D Martyn is asking that all residents park considerably and remain careful at all times.

Flooding – there has been attempts to remove the calcification from the Pitchens and Perrys Lane. SBCs senior office Brian Pinchbeck is leading the case however as we know he is due to leave at the end of March. Cllr D Martyn has confirmed he will chase this up for a final attempt in requesting clearance of the calcification.

Broadband – Both Ward Cllrs D Martyn and Cllr B Ford have a call scheduled on Friday morning with Robert Buckland and BDB. Members noted that there is still no further progress with the broadband installation in Wroughton and hopefully the meeting will summarise the current position.

Cllr D Martyn advised that he needs to resign between the 12th and 26th of March to allow for the bi election to take place. Cllr D Martyn confirmed he will be doing that shortly and that he wishes his successors well. He has enjoyed working with Cllr B Ford and his time in supporting residents.

Cllr H Woodward stated that residents are very unhappy with the lack of or no, blue bin liners for rubbish collections. Plastic rubbish bags are now long overdue delivery. Cllr H Woodward confirmed she had reported this to SBC however currently no response so is asking Ward Cllrs to chase this up. The Clerk confirmed that if SBC thought it practical, the parish council office would store blue rubbish bags in the office ready for collection.

Ward Cllrs left.

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Parish Council Representatives' Report

- 7.1 Ellendune Hall Trust – The Clerk confirmed that the next trust meeting is on 21 March 2024, a copy of the agenda is attached as Appendix A in the Minute Book.
- 7.2 Transport Reps (Cllr G Overbury) – No update.
- 7.3 Wroughton History Group (Cllr D Archer) – No update.
- 7.4 Friends of Wroughton Library (Deputy Clerk) – No update
- 7.5 Carnival Committee (Cllr L Campisano) – The Carnival Committee are advertising the annual Easter egg hunt fundraising event which is set for the Easter / bank holiday weekend. Volunteers for the carnival date itself are still required and if councillors are available to help please let Cllr L Campisano or Cllr D Archer know.

FC/191

Swindon's Local Government Boundary Commission Response

Members considered a response of the parish council for the Ward Boundaries in Swindon, the deadline for submission is the 18 March 2024 and the Clerk will submit the response following the closure of the meeting.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the attached response to the boundary commission a copy of which is attached as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Members also agreed that in the future it would be best to hold public meetings in the Wichelstowe area i.e. rooms at the Deanery school, to try and encourage new residents to take part in the parish council activities.

Members also **NOTED** that should a future parish boundary review take place then consultation will need to take place with Chiseldon Parish and South Swindon Parish Councils.

FC/192

Committee Structures 2024/2025

- 8.1 Members **RESOLVED** to amalgamate the Open Spaces and Community Assets Committee from May 2024 and increasing the meeting frequency to monthly sessions.
- 8.2 **RESOLVED** to reduce the membership of the Finance and General Purposes Committee membership and adjust Terms of Reference accordingly for May 2024.
- 8.3 Members considered the membership of the new Ellendune Community Centre Working Party and agreed to invite independent representatives and existing Ellendune Hall Trust trustees to join the group,
- 8.4 **RESOLVED** to agree that following the annual meeting in May the parish councils Youth Work and associated updates will feed back to Full Council. Terms of reference for committees will be adjusted accordingly.

FC/193

Working in Partnership with Swindon Borough Council – Transfer of Services

Members **NOTED** the next SLCF (Swindon Local Councils Forum) meeting has been postponed pending outstanding financial information from Swindon Borough Council.

NOTED the next scheduled SLFC with representatives from Swindon Borough Council is set for 11 April 2024.

FC/194

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**

Akers Field Land

Members considered a report of the Clerk a copy of which can be found in the Confidential Minute Book.

Members **NOTED** the recent discussions which have taken place with Swindon Borough Council and the Prospect Hospice regarding the charities land, Akers Fields. Wroughton Parish Council is now waiting for the next meeting date to be arranged with both organisations.

Meeting closed at 8.31pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council