

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 April 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 G Overbury
Cllr N Hooper
Cllr B Keetch
Cllr B Streeton
Cllr N McMahon
Cllr H Woodward

Ward Cllr B Ford
Ward Cllr D Martyn

Clerk

Emma Freemantle

Public

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FC/196

Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr T Kewen and Cllr L Gough.

No apologies from Ward Cllr A Poole.

FC/197

Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or applications for dispensations.

FC/198

Public Questions

There was two members of public present, no questions raised.

One member of public stated that he was attending as interested in Agenda Number 14, Dog Fouling.

Another member of the public attended as one of the candidates running in the May elections.

FC/199

Full Council Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** to confirm as a true record the minutes the council meeting held on 25 March 2024.

FC/200

Open Spaces Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** to confirm as a true record the minutes of the council meeting held on 06 February 2024.

FC/201

Chairs Report

Members **NOTED** a report of the Chair, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book. The Chair thanked Cllr B Ford for his long service in the parish and dedication to the role along with best wishes for the future.

FC/202

Ward Councillor Update

Members received a report from Swindon Borough Ward Councillor, Cllr B Ford.

NOTED, Cllr B Ford is having a further meeting with Robert Buckland regarding the installation of broadband UK, in Wroughton, they will try and get the parameters amended to include the older part of the village. Hopeful of new connection. **NOTED** that the conversation is continuing.

NOTED - Earthline – this planning appeal is still with the legal team at SBC and no other comment to be made at this point.

NOTED - Perry's Lane, specialist contractors which go under the culvert to carry out preventative flooding works have not yet been finished.

NOTED – again no apologies from Cllr A Poole.

FC/203

Clerks Report

Members received a report of the Clerk a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

FC/204

Parish Council Representatives' Report

Members received a verbal update from Cllr G Overbury regarding the next bus / transportation meeting with SBC.

NOTED: Cllr G Overbury and the Clerk have a meeting scheduled for Monday 29 April with SBCs public transport team.

FC/205

Ellendune Community Centre

Members **NOTED** a report of the Clerk regarding the Ellendune Community Centre and the ongoing relationship with the parish council as sole trustee, a copy of which can be found as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

FC/206

Wroughton Community Library

Members **NOTED** a report of the Deputy Clerk regarding the Wroughton Community Library a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

FC/207

Working in Partnership with Swindon Borough Council – Transfer of Services

10.1 **NOTED** the next SLCF meeting took place on Thursday 11 April 2024.

10.2 **NOTED** an update from the Chair regarding this forum previous meeting, a copy of the notes are attached as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

FC/208

Dog fouling and Sports Pitches

Members consider a report of the Deputy Clerk regarding new signage proposals and “dogs on leads” new policy for Open Spaces in the Wroughton Parish Council area. A copy of the report can be found as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

The Chair read comments from Cllr T Kewen, a copy of which is attached as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

Members discussed the responsibilities of dog owners and raised concerns over the enforcement of instructing dogs to be on leads at all times.

RESOLVED to **agree** the following recommendations:

- 1) Adopt the new “Dogs on Leads” policy on marked playing pitches and children’s play areas only.

- 2) Grounds Team to mark on plans and maps the main entrances to all areas of public open space in the Parish.
- 3) Delegate to the Clerk / Deputy Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair the authority to get sufficient signs to install at the main entrances to all areas of public open space in the parish and delegate authority to agree the locations for the signs.
- 4) Consider new wording for the signage which is also shorter in text and for the wording to support recommendation 1. To bring examples back to the next suitable council meeting.
- 5) Agree that office staff are to do a week of social media posts to alert residents to review the policy and reasons why this is now in place within the parish.

FC/209

Tree Tender Applications

- 15.1 Members opened all tree tenders received to date at the meeting, 18 received in total.
- 15.2 **RESOLVED** to agree that Cllr D Archer, Cllr N McMahon, the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Grounds Manager will form part of the scoring panel which is taking place on Tuesday 16 April at 10.00am.

Meeting closed at 8.27pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council