

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2024 at 7.30pm
At the Ellendune Community Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton. SN4 0RX

Councillors: Cllr J Hewer (Chair)
Cllr L Campisano (Vice-Chair)
Cllr D Archer
Cllr B Keetch
Cllr G Overbury
Cllr D Hooper
Cllr N Hooper
Cllr N McMahon
Cllr E Shaw

Ward Cllr M Courtliff

Clerk: Emma Freemantle

Public: Wiltshire Wildlife Representative, Neil Pullen.

FC/057 **Apologies**
Apologies received from Cllr G Cook, Cllr H Woodward, Cllr B Streeton, Cllr L Ramsay and Cllr L Gough.

FC/058 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
There were no declarations or applications for dispensation by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 24 May 2023.

FC/059 **Public Questions**
No members of the public present.

FC/060 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
Members **RESOLVED** to confirm as a true record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17 June 2024. *Note both Cllr B Keetch and Cllr N Hooper were present at the meeting of 17 June.*

FC/061 **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT)**
All present received an update from the WWTs Conservation Lead Neil Pullen regarding the temporary closure and maintenance at Clouts Farm Wood. A copy of the map of works produced by the WWT is attached as Appendix A.

Neil Pullen advised that the conservation for WWT, reserves management and clouts wood are the biggest in Swindon, the Forest Meadows projects are focusing on biodiversity net gain.

Clouts Wood

First map – outlined in green, also own Markham banks. Kings farm wood down to badger's brook.

Clouts wood is a SSSI – ash elm woodland, there are large Elms in that woodland.

Ash die back is a large H&S problem as they collapse. Independent consultants have declared many issues due to the size of the trees. All of the ash trees on one path need removing mid-august 19th this will make the area safe. Natural England Forestry Commission, the Science Museum and WWT own the land and the WWT have been managing this land for 40 years.

Works will be happening along the paths in blocks not the whole woodland. There is also al

If a tree is a complete H&S nightmare the tree will come down regardless of bats. The woodland needs to be safe.

Works will take a min of 7 weeks to deliver and they hope to work with science museum. Clouts Wood will be closed for the entire duration however the WWT will keep as many paths open as possible.

JH asked if there would be a press release, NP advised yes there will be and it will be joint comms with the Science museum.

BK – how many trees will come down - 350 cubic meters of wood that will come down.

LC – asked about the colour dots on the trees via the map provided. NP confirmed that the red dots are not necessarily the issue, more so of natural regeneration. Wiltshire wildlife Trust are funding the works which are due to take place and also hoping to re coup some costs from timber sales.

BK – how will WWT protect the Flora and Fauna in the area considering the size of footpath is 3m wide. NP states this is a balance which needs assessing depending on the severity of work required in each location.

NH asked if this would this work effect the stream? NP advised, no work not likely by the stream.

FC/062

Chairs Report

The Chair provided a report, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

FC/063

Ward Councillor Update

No Ward Cllrs present, apologies received from Cllr G Cook and Cllr M Courtliff.
No apologies from Cllr A Poole.

FC/064

School Safe Environment Zone (SSEZ)

Members received the updated report from SBC regarding the SSEZ year 4 program, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

NOTED the road closure information in relation to the SSEZ for the 29 July 2024, copy attached as Appendix C.

FC/065

Parish Council Representatives' Report

Members received reports from Members of outside bodies:

Transport Reps – Cllr N Hooper advised that the next SBC get Swindon Moving meeting is scheduled for 11th September 2024. Members noted that there are potential changes to certain bus routes in Wroughton in the near future however currently no information has been confirmed.

A copy of the notes from the previous meetings are attached as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

Carnival Committee – Members **NOTED** the email of thanks from the organisers of the Carnival Committee, to the parish council and also thanks to Cllr L Ramsay for spending the day helping with the event.

Wroughton Community Library & WoLF – Members **NOTED** the report of the Library Supervisor, a copy of which is attached as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

FC/066

SMASH Youth Work

Members received an update from SMASH the parish council's youth work, copy attached as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Members **NOTED** the increase in attendance at the Youth Sessions each week and that the work of the Youth Team has been very proactive.

FC/067

Swindon Local Councils Forum (SLCF)

Members received the updated notes from the Swindon Local Councils Forum regarding the Transfer of Services working party discussions, a copy of which is attached as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

Key Updates **NOTED:** No transitional funds available now.

Parish councils have asked for definition over what SBC refer to as a statutory service and non-statutory service.

WPC has asked specifically what plans are in place for the Wroughton closed Churchyard.

Question from Cllr T Kewen: are we happy taking on jobs that are low level responsibility?

Question from Cllr N Hooper: will the maintenance be managed differently when there are housing schemes and income available?

Cllr L Campisano is happy with street furniture as these are low impact responsibilities for WPC, finances and workload.

FC/068

Ellendune Hall Trust Update

NOTED the resignation of previous trustees, Sally Parker, Gareth Jones, Peter Jeffreys.

Members **RESOLVED** to receive and agree the resignations from the parish council representatives, Cllr N McMahon, Cllr D Hooper and Cllr B Streeton.

NOTED the AGM meeting of the EHT is on Thursday 25th July 2024 at 7.00pm, a copy of the agenda is attached as Appendix H in the Minute Book.

Members reviewed the attached new constitution and the Clerk **NOTES** the wrong name listed at 7.1 and there is an error in the term at point 11.G.

RESOLVED to agree the date for the first Ellendune Community Centre working party meeting which is **Monday 12th August 2024 at 7.00pm**

Action: WPC Clerk to review the ECC insurance policy.

FC/069

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**

Akers Land

Members considered new information received from Swindon Borough Council in relation to the Akers Land adjacent to the parish council’s allotment site, a copy of which appears in the Confidential Minute book.

Meeting closed at 20.48.

Signed:
Chair of the Council

Date: