

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 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 G Cook
Cllr D Hooper
Cllr N Hooper
Cllr T Kewen
Cllr N McMahon
Cllr G Overbury
Cllr E Shaw
Cllr B Streeton
Cllr H Woodward

Clerk: Emma Freemantle
Amanda Woodhead, Community Projects & Grants Officer

FC/091 **Apologies**
Apologies received from Cllr B Keetch and Cllr L Ramsay
No apologies from Ward Cllr A Poole and Cllr M Courtliff

FC/092 **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 2024.

FC/093 **Public Questions**
Matt Moore attended to provide an update on the progress with the opening of the Science Museum. A copy of the slide show and information will be sent to councillors and uploaded to the parish council website. The science museum building is now open to the public various schools have visited to date 283 school children have visited and 318 tickets purchased for the tour. The Science Museum is open for the wider village and public so all are welcome.

MM advised that there will be new signs coming to Wroughton shortly, these changes have been requested via Swindon Borough Council. All noted that signs are not allowed at J16 however they are acceptable from Wharf Road onwards.

Cllr J Hewer asked that MM attend a future Planning & Highways Committee meeting to discuss the items in full, with the slide show. MM agreed and will attend the next relevant meeting.

MM also advised that Clouts Wood re opening, works have now been completed with re seeding with wild flower meadows, the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and Science Museum each own half of the Clouts Wood. JH – with extra activity in the area will the access road receive improvements? MM advised that SBC are looking at this as they are pushing for improvements, the timescales for this is out of their control.

FC/094

Bennet and Sutton Charity

Item deferred as there was no attendance from Revd Phill Harrison.

FC/095

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Members **RESOLVED** to confirm as a true record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 23 September 2024.

FC/096

Chairs Report

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

Action: Clerk to share the letter regarding Kings Farm Wood with residents on the website and Facebook.

FC/097

Ward Councillor Update

Members received a report from Cllr G Cook.

Cllr G Cook advised that the residents of Brook Meadow park are having issues with an open cess pit. SBC have been out to investigate. Residents also have issues with water and electric bills, their bills are too high and the landlord won't allow residents to have water meters fitted. Information is now being passed on to Danny Kruguer as MP in the hope that he can help.

Brimble Hill / Marlborough Road – Cllr J Hewer, Cllr G Cook and the Deputy Clerk met with Perry Paine, today. The meeting took place to discuss road safety issues, we are now waiting on for a report to come back from Perry Paine with suggestions. There are ongoing, long standing safety concerns with HGVs in particular using Brimble Hill.

All noted that the 20mph speed restrictions are now in place following the latest School Safety Zones scheme, the 20pmh is now active from Perry's Lane.

Cllr G Cook has arranged a site visit to The Pitches to discuss flooding with residents, by the Brown Jack. Danny Kruger also now attending as residents are getting anywhere with Thames Water and SBC.

Both organisations blame the Environment Agency. SBC have stated that the bridge belongs to Sanctuary Housing, this is why nothing happens. SBC say that it's not their issue nor an SBC bridge.

Cllr H Woodward stated that its positive news that the public toilets at Barbury Castle are now open. SBC have phoned in to apologise for the length of time they were closed and confirmed that a ranger will now go up twice a week to check on the status of the toilets.

FC/098

Representatives Reports

Members receive reports from Members of outside bodies:

Transport Reps – Cllr N Hooper advised that the transportation reps have a meeting booked in with Cllr G Cook on Friday 22 November 2024.

NOTED - Minutes from the Get Swindon Moving meeting in September, a copy is attached as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

NOTED – the most recent notes a survey in relation to the proposed Bus Charter, a copy is attached as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

Cllr G Overbury provided an update following the most recent meeting with SBC and the JVT. Detail on the changes for the bus time tables have improved, Stagecoach didn't turn up to the meeting as expected which was disappointing. There is also a new bus stop for Mill Lane / Waitrose and hopeful improvement to the frequency of the No 82 service.

Carnival Committee - Cllr L Campisano provided an update following the most recent Carnival Committee Meeting. WPC is being asked if it could facilitate longer operating hours for the Carnival next year.

WPC **RESOLVED** to agree that the fun fair hours are extended for the Carnival on the Saturday and **NOTED** that the Fun Fair has its own insurance cover for the day.

NOTED that WPC will be holding a stall for the 2025 Carnival event and all councilors to consider availability. Date of Carnival next year is **5th July 2025**.

FC/099

Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Report 2023 - 2024

Members received the PCCs annual report [Annual Report 2023 - 2024 \(wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk) a copy of which is attached as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

FC/100

SMASH Youth Work

Members received the quarterly update from SMASH a copy of which is attached as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

The Community Projects and Grants Officer provided a verbal update regarding SMASH the parish council's youth worker team. Members considered a request from SMASH to fund a 3rd staff member for the Tuesday evening sessions and to also split the sessions into two age categories so that safeguarding conditions are still met.

RESOLVED to agree that:

The parish council agreed to pay an additional uplift of a further £885 on top of the already queried amount of £1,115.00. This means that we have the go ahead to approve costs up to £2,000 for the remainder of the financial year.

Budget to be used: General Reserves.

Community Projects & Grants Officer to ask SMASH for their exegeted costs with the new SLA for the 2025/2026 financial year so that WPC can budget accordingly.

FC/101

Wroughton Community Library

Members received the monthly update from the Library Supervisor regarding the Community Library provision and **NOTED** the 2nd Quarters statistics for the Wroughton Library received from SBC, a copy of both reports are attached as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

All agreed that the library footfall has increased further again over the last 12 months and how the parish council is now offering far more activities in the library which are well received and popular with the public.

FC/102

Friendship Cafe / New sessions

Members considered a report of the Deputy Clerk to consider a brief outline proposal for Wroughton Parish Council to host a Friendship Group/Café on a weekly or fortnightly basis, in the Library, whilst the Library is closed on a Monday, a copy of the report is attached as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

Members agreed that the WPC staff time is already stretched and that staffing the Monday session would be difficult. Cllr H Woodward referenced that this would be a hard to achieve with out a leader / main organizer.

Cllr L Campisano explained the background to this session and that she had visited Chiseldon Parish Councils friendship group a few months ago and that Wroughton would benefit from something similar.

All agreed that the activities for the elderly in Wroughton are limited and sessions which already exist such as Soup and Sandwich, already have a waiting list. Cllr L Campisano stated that Wroughton needs more sessions like these as there are a large volume of elderly residents who are lonely and some isolated.

Cllr J Hewer asked that the Clerk post an ad in the Wroughton Monthly magazine asking for volunteers to help organise and run a new friendship café. Members agreed that there is a need for a friendship café and there is space in the library on a Monday however staff time is currently not available so volunteers willing to regularly help will be needed.

FC/103

Ellendune Community Centre

The Clerk confirmed that the mins from the previous working party meeting on 08th October 2024 will be circulate via email after the meeting.

FC/104

Clerks Forum

The notes form the Clerks Forum held on 07th October 2024 have still not been received so update will follow at the next appropriate meeting.

FC/105

Casual Vacancy Notice

Members received and accepted the resignation of Cllr L Gough and **NOTED** the casual vacancy advertisement attached. Copy of the advert is attached as Appendix H in the Minute Book.

FC/106

Committee Membership

AGREED - To elect Cllr B Keetch as the new Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee.

AGREED - To elect Cllr H Woodward as the new Vice Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee.

AGREED - To remove Cllr G Cook from the Planning and Highways Committee.

AGRRED - To elect Cllr G Cook onto the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Meeting closed at 20.54.

Signed:
Chair of the Council

Date: