

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2025 at 7.30pm
At the Ellendune Community Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton. SN4 0RX

Councillors: Cllr J Hewer
Cllr L Campisano (Vice-Chair)
Cllr G Cook
Cllr D Hooper
Cllr N Hooper
Cllr T Kewen
Cllr B Keetch
Cllr N McMahon
Cllr W McGregor
Cllr G Overbury
Cllr E Shaw
Cllr B Streeton

Ward Cllr M Courtliff.

Clerk: Emma Freemantle

FC/156 **Apologies**
Apologies received from Cllr H Woodward and Cllr L Ramsey
No apologies from Ward Cllr A Poole.

FC/157 **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/158 **Public Questions**
No members of the public present.

FC/159 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
Members **RESOLVED** to confirm as a true record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16 December 2024.

FC/160 **Resignation of a Parish Councillor**
Members **RESOLVED** to agree to accept the formal resignation from Cllr T Kewen with the effective date 18 February 2025.

The Clerk confirmed that the parish council cooption vacancy will be advertised as and once the timescales have passed with Swindon Borough Council and confirmation of no election called.

FC/161 **Chairs Report**
Members **NOTED** a report of the Chair, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A in the Minute Book.
Action: Clerk to confirm that the Pancake races will commence as requested, in Willowbrook Gardens on Saturday 1st March at 2.30 pm.

FC/162

Ward Councillor Update

To receive a report from Swindon Borough Ward Councillors.

Cllr G Cook advised that the Check Inn works are continuing with many complaints and residents can't access their properties and garages due to fencing being erected by contractors on site. Cllr G Cook has sent the enforcement letter to SBC along with photos of what the residents are dealing with.

Lorries in Bassett Down, lorries driving on the roads.

Members also noted that the Thorney Park bus service to the center of the village, to the shopping area in Wichelstowe is still under discussion. Currently there is no funding and discussions are still taking place. More is to follow after April.

Cllr G Cook has a meeting on Wednesday with Road Safety officer Perry Paine regarding Marlborough Road, as and when progress is made Cllr G Cook will update full council accordingly.

Members NOTED that Chris Watts, of SBC will be looking at the culverts in Devizes road. SBC are looking a feasibility report on what can be done to assist with flooding in the local area.

Cllr M Courtliff - Members NOTED that the SBC Property team are being asked to look at the ECC car park to resurface but the pot holes along with other areas in Wroughton as well. In particular one on M4 bridge over to Croft Road.

Brimble Hill, the bank which is falling over still remains an issue and also Cllr M Courtliff has called in the planning application on Priors hill. Cllr M Courtliff has raised questions with SBC about the impact assessment on the loss of the conservation officer, he believes that a member of staff will be contracted in on a ad hoc basis moving forward.

The Chair suspended standing orders and brought Agenda Item 17 forward.

Cllr M Courtliff updated the parish council regarding SBCs position with the memorial of the late Brian Ford, once the offering is complete he will confirm with members.

The Chair reinstated standing orders.

Cllr N Hooper asked Ward Councillors about provisions for post 16 public transport for students. Cllr M Courtliff confirmed that there is a new budgetary item within the SBC budget to include a new version of post education transport.

Cllr M Courtliff left the meeting.

FC/163

Wroughton Community Library

Members received a report from the Library Supervisor regarding the Community Library provision, a copy is attached as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

FC/164

Friendship Café

Members received an update with recommendations from the Deputy Clerk regarding the weekly Friendship Group hosted in the Wroughton Community Library, a copy of the report is attached as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

Cllr E Shaw formally thanked Cllr D Archer and Cllr L Campisano for their time given each week to help supervise the event and stated how each week numbers have increased and its seeming popular with the residents.

Members also received a verbal update from Cllr G Overbury regarding the Friendship Café.

FC/165

Parish Council Representatives' Report

To receive reports from Members of outside bodies:

Transport Reps (Cllr G Overbury & Cllr N Hooper) advised they have recently met with Rachel Edgington, Assistant Design Technician - Public Transport and Low Carbon Research from Swindon Borough Council.

Members NOTED the Flemming Way update, Ask Nathanael for his notes and the new bus services in Badbury Park 1a and 1b. new services. Also new services to orbital. There is also Bus shelter information which is currently private and confidential. Cllr N Hooper is currently pushing the new 82 service forward.

Carnival Committee (Cllr L Campisano & Cllr D Archer) No Update

Footpath Working Party Update (Cllr H Woodward) No Update

Wroughton History Group (Cllr D Archer) No Update

FC/166

Wichelstowe Sports Hub Update

Members received an update from the Joint Venture Team on recent consultation feedback from residents in relation to the future plans of the Sports Hub, a copy is attached as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

Members also received notes from the Deputy Clerk following the last update at the parish councils planning and highways meeting, a copy of the notes are attached as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

Action: Clerk to request that Community Projects & Grants Officer arrange a site visit to Wiltshire FAs sport site at Green Lane, Devizes.

FC/167

Wroughton Churchyard

Members deferred the item, to consider changes to the rubbish collection services provided by the parish council as a gesture of good will, until the next meeting.

FC/168

Ellendune Community Centre Managers Report

Members received a report from the Centre Manager, a copy is attached as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Action: Clerk to arrange next ECC Working Party Meeting.

FC/169

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.**

FC/170

Akers Land, Mooremead Road.

The Chair provided a verbal update regarding the recent meeting which took place with Swindon Borough Council.

Members received a confidential report from the Clerk regarding the notes of the recent meeting and members NOTED that these will be taken forward to the next full council meeting in March.

FC/171

Staff Projects List

Members received and NOTED a report from the Clerk detailing all staff projects and current workloads. The Clerk advised that the same file has also been uploaded to VSM shared for viewing.

The Clerk confirmed that the Community Projects and Grants Officer will work with the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to ascertain if memorial trees can be planted in memory of VE Day this year. Ideas and suggestions will be taken forward to the next Community Assets and Open Spaces Committee meeting.

FC/172

Memorial Suggestions Cllr B Ford

Members received correspondence from Cllr M Courtliff, a copy of which is attached in the confidential minute book.

Members considered options for a memorial to commemorate the late Cllr B Ford, ideas agreed will be put forward to the 10th March Projects and Priorities meeting for 2025/2026.

All present RESOLVED to agree a budget of up to £1000 for a new planter / fruit trees with memorial plaque at a location to be decided on. Members and officers are to bring forward ideas to the next appropriate meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.23.

Signed:

Chair of the Council

Date: