

St Andrews Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 7:00pm at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon

Councillors Present: Jean Blake, Deborah Donohoe, Mary Friend, Tim Owen, Derek Ricketts, Vera Tomlinson (Chairman), Melanie Woods, Kevin Woods and Vince Williams
Officer Present: Emma Sylvester
Public Present: Ivan Sawyer + one other

131 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor S Cole,

132 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

133 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 JANUARY RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

134 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (i) The Chairman informed members that Cllr Woods was holding a coffee morning at the Jovial Monk on Wednesday 28th February at 10:30am and all Councillors were invited.
- (ii) The Chairman reported that £1054.17 was raised from the Christmas Fayre and had now been banked. She thanked Cllr Woods, Donohoe and all Councillors for their help.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow for public participation

135 PUBLIC RECESS

Ivan Sawyer addressed the Council with regards to the transfer of Redhouse Community Centre. He handed out a report to all members and spoke to challenge the recent notice he had received to vacate the Redhouse Community Centre, to explain how frustrated he had been with the previous clerk and to remind the Council that a TUPE process must be followed.

Standing Orders were reinstated

136 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered 4 planning applications.

RESOLVED

S/HOU/17/2044

Re: Erection of a single storey rear extension

At: 25 Fitwell Road, SN25 2EZ

No objections – The Parish Council would like to see clear drawings

S/17/2085

Re: Erection of single storey extension with associated patio & relocation of existing furniture.

At: Blunsdon Arms SN25 2NA

No objections

S/HOU/17/1994
Re: Erection of a single storey rear extension
At: 31 Birkdale Close SN25 2DH
No objections

S/HOU/17/2049
Re: Erection of a two storey rear extension and front porch
At: 2 Ascott Close SN25 2EP
If extension is larger than permitted the Parish Council would like to object. It is bigger than most houses in near proximity. The plan is very difficult to follow.

- 137 BUDGET 2018/19**
Members discussed the draft budget version 3.
RESOLVED
To approve budget and request precept of £268,500.00 from Swindon Borough Council.
- 138 BROOK PARK SEATING AREA**
Members discussed correspondence received from resident regarding Brook Park seating area where damage had occurred to bricked area.
RESOLVED
To concrete the area to stop the bricks being repeatedly removed and delegate decision to clerk to find appropriate contractor allowing a budget of £250.
- 139 HIGHDOWN WAY**
Members discuss correspondence received from resident regarding damage to grass verge at entrance to Highdown Way centre car park.
RESOLVED
To check with Swindon Borough Council Highways department if planters or matting could be placed in this area.
- 140 WASTE BIN**
Members discussed hiring a 1 x 1100L General Waste Bin for use by Groundsman.
RESOLVED
To hire a bin at the cost of £17+VAT per week
- 141 ACCOUNTS YEAR END**
Members discussed quotation received for assistance in the Year End Close Down.
RESOLVED
To accept quotation for £515 from Accounts Provider.
- 142 PLAY AREAS**
(i) It was noted that Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Williams and the clerk met with Swindon Borough Officers on Tuesday 9th January to discuss play areas in the parish.
(ii) The Chairman reported that Swindon Borough Council had offered the play areas on a 99 year lease. This would be discussed at the next meeting.
(iii) The Chairman reported that the play area at Bergman Close had yet to be grassed. Clerk to contact Swindon Borough Council for a date the works would be completed.
(iv) Cllr K Woods requested that thanks were passed to the Groundsman as the play areas were looking lovely.
- 143 PARISH WEBSITE AND EMAIL**
(i) Members discussed the present website and current design and it was agreed that Cllrs Cole and Owen, along with the clerk, would meet with the designer.
(ii) Members discussed purchasing a .gov.uk domain
RESOLVED
To purchase the domain standrewspc.gov.uk at a cost of £120 for 2 years

- (iii) Members discussed setting up generic emails for all councillors and staff. It was agreed that the clerk would obtain costings.

144 BANNERS

Members discussed whether or not advertising banners should be allowed on the railings of Redhouse Community Centre.

RESOLVED

To defer a decision until after the transfer of Redhouse Community Centre

145 DISCRETIONS POLICY

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

146 MEETING DATES

Meeting dates up to the end of 2018 were approved as follows:

17th Jan, 14th Feb, 14th Mar, 11th Apr, 9th May, 13th Jun, 11th Jul, 12th Sept, 10th Oct, 14th Nov, 12th Dec

- 147 Members resolved to exclude members of the public as the business to be transacted contained personal information pertaining to staff members and confidential business.**

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____