



# St Andrews Parish Council

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## **DRAFT Minutes of the Online Full Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7:00pm**

**Councillors Present:** Daniel Adams, Jean Blake, Mary Friend, Steve Heyes, Paul Morris, Fran Quarterman, Steven Pipe, Vera Tomlinson (Chairman) and Vince Williams  
**Officers Present:** Emma Sylvester (Clerk), Luke Jones\* (Grounds Supervisor)  
**Public Present:** 2

\* Left at 21:24pm

### **59. APOLOGIES**

Tim Owen.

### **60. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None

### **61. MINUTES RESOLVED**

To accept the minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 as a true record and for them to be signed when the Clerk next meets the Chairman.

### **62. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (i) The Chairman reported that Swindon Borough Council would be visiting Eastbury Way to assess the location as a suitable site for a bus shelter. The Chairman added that she was confident it is a suitable site. The Chairman explained that SBC may install and maintain the bus shelter at no cost to the parish council or just the installation with the parish council responsible for cost of shelter and upkeep. Once firmer information had been received this would be brought to Full Council for approval.
- (ii) The Chairman reported that there would be budget meetings on 17<sup>th</sup> December and 6<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.
- (iii) The Chairman reported that planning at 22 Dunley Close had been declined at appeal and reiterated to Councillors that if they feel strongly against an application don't be afraid to speak out as we have been elected to protect the parish.
- (iv) It was reported that Swindon Borough Council had notified the parish council of funds available totalling £8266 to be spent on play areas.

### **63. PUBLIC RECESS**

No public wished to speak

**64.** Members agreed to bring forward agenda items 7 and 9

### **65. WILTSHIRE POLICE**

Members received correspondence from Wiltshire Police regarding NER Community Engagement Plan. Inspector Reed explained the proposed changes to the policing model.

#### **RESOLVED**

It was agreed that Cllrs Williams, Heyes and Adams would represent the parish on the Community Safety Group.



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## 66. PLAY AREAS

- (i) Cllr Heyes requested that Full Council approve the recommendation from the Play Areas Committee to purchase inclusive equipment. Members discussed types of equipment with a local resident suggesting that the parish council purchases swings and roundabouts as it enables children to play together.

### **RESOLVED**

To defer deciding on purchasing inclusive equipment until the Play Areas Committee has a full proposal for pieces of equipment and costs.

- (ii) Cllr Heyes explained CCTV packages for play areas supplied by Swindon Borough Council. He suggested a trial in one play area of two cameras with a further two cameras installed the following year.

### **RESOLVED**

To discuss further at next Full Council meeting

- (iii) Cllr Heyes reported that Wallis Drive was overgrown as shrubs and trees had not been maintained by Swindon Borough Council. He added that due to the thickness it is a secluded park which is used by youths late at night and many complaints are received from residents regarding their anti-social behaviour. He added, that if the council wanted to install CCTV at this play area, vegetation would need to be removed to ensure cameras worked effectively. Members discussed the options given by the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor.

### **RESOLVED**

To carry out option 1 ensuring that the play area has a full cut back at the cost of £5000.

To ask Swindon Borough Council to transfer S106 funds totalling £8,266.00 plus any interest connected with Redhouse Village Centre S/12/0711 which would be used to make changes to the landscaping and improvements to equipment.

## 67. REDHOUSE LAND

The Chairman reported that St Andrews Parish Council is now the proud owner of its first asset. Land at Redhouse has now been purchased at a cost of £280,000.

## 68. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE DEPOT

Cllr Williams presented a brief for a Grounds Maintenance depot along with a recommendation from the Grounds Maintenance committee of 3 possible locations. Members discussed finance for new depot and asked the Clerk to look into a Public Works Loan over 3, 5 and 10 years.

### **RESOLVED**

To seek permission from Swindon Borough Council for use of land at Eastbury Way for a depot.

To keep other two locations, Standen Way and North of Diamond Jubilee, on the list should Eastbury Way be unavailable.

## 69. COMMITTEES

Members noted minutes from the following committee meetings:

Grounds Maintenance 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Play Areas 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Planning 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Redhouse Community Centre 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020

70. Members agreed to extend Standing Orders to finish the items on the agenda.



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## 71. REDHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

- (i) **RESOLVED** to approve Redhouse Community Centre Committee to spend £2500 from General Reserves due to lack of income following COVID-19 restrictions.
- (ii) **RESOLVED** to put on hold parish council charges for use of Redhouse Community Centre.

## 72. ACCOUNTS

Payments for October, totalling £372,765.72 as detailed in the document attached in the Minute Book, were noted.

## 73. SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL CODES AND PROTOCOLS

The Chairman reported that she would be attending Swindon Borough Council's Standards Committee meeting as a Ward Councillor. It was agreed that if any councillor had any comments on the review of Swindon Borough Council's Codes and Protocols to pass them on to the Chairman.

The meeting closed at 21:38pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_