



# St Andrews Parish Council

Minutes of the Depot Working Group Meeting held on  
 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 held at 7pm in Redhouse Community  
 Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon

**Councillors Present:** Kola Beyioku, Jean Blake, Ben Fenton, Paul Morris, Vera Tomlinson,  
 Paul West and Vince Williams (Chairman)  
**Officer Present:** Emma Sylvester  
**Public Present:** 8

Agenda Item	Notes	Actions/Decisions
1. Apologies	Beverly Elmer, Mary Friend and Steve Heyes	
2. Election of Vice-Chairman	<b>RESOLVED</b> to elect Cllr Heyes as Vice Chairman to Depot working group.	
3. Declarations of Interest	None	
4. Minutes	<b>RESOLVED</b> to accept the minutes of the last meetings held on 19 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 as a true record	
5. Location	<p>Cllr Tomlinson reported that she had been asked to update the working group on her meeting with a local developer's agent, whom she recently met with along with the Clerk, and gave the following statement:</p> <p>Details of the parish council's requirements for a depot had been accepted as reasonable and it is believed that they can be provided. The developer's architect is now looking at the plans, that have been drawn up by the working group, and the developer is looking to see where it will fit on the land. The Chairman has received assurance that there will be space available.</p> <p>If plans work out there will be a meeting with the agent, Vince Williams, Grounds Maintenance Manager, Clerk and Chairman, herself. If an agreement is received terms and costings for a contract will be written up.</p> <p>The agent has said that there is a possibility that the grounds vehicles can be housed on the land until the new depot is built however Cllr Tomlinson recommended caution in putting anything on the land until the contract had been drawn up.</p> <p>The developers have mentioned that they would be able to build the depot and an agreement regarding S106 monies and CIL could be advantageous to the parish council. This would mean that there would be no need for the parish council to borrow considerable amounts of money to build a depot itself.</p>	

	<p>Unfortunately, due to discussion only being at the early stages the details of the developer were not to be in the public domain. As soon as the parish council is further down the line information will be provided to the public.</p> <p>The land at Eastbury Way was one of three locations that the parish council was looking at. The parish council has not disregarded Eastbury Way altogether however it has been shelved for now dependant on the outcome of discussions with the developer. The land at Eastbury Way has a lot against it whereas the land being offered by the local developer appears to be ideal.</p> <p>The Chairman is 90% confident that an agreement will come about in the next few weeks.</p>	
6. Public Recess	<p>The parish council received the following questions from members of the public:</p> <p>Who came to the decision that the adult equipment was unsafe at Eastbury Way? The parish council agreed to give a written response following the meeting as the Chairman of the Play Areas Committee was not present.</p> <p>What is being done about the drainage on the open space land at Eastbury Way? The parish council responded that this was the responsibility of Swindon Borough Council and would look into the matter.</p> <p>Why are meetings not advertised? The parish council responded that meetings are advertised on the parish council noticeboard, website and social media however agreed to add this to the next Full Council agenda to see if improvements could be made.</p>	
7. Next Steps	To set up meeting with developer	
8. Date of Next Meeting	On hold	

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.

**Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_