



ST ANDREWS PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 14th July 2021 at 7:00pm
at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon

Councillors Present: Daniel Adams, Kola Beyioku, Jean Blake*, Beverly Elmer, Ben Fenton, Mary Friend, Steve Heyes, Paul Morris, Vera Tomlinson (Chairman), Paul West and Vince Williams**
Officer Present: Emma Sylvester (Clerk)
Public Present: Five

*left at 7:30pm

**arrived at 7:21pm

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman, Cllr Vera Tomlinson, and Cllr Jean Blake presented the Community Hero Award to Tim Clarke and Sally Rowles of The Ridge Wombles.

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Williams that he would be late.

44. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

45. MINUTES RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 9th June 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

46. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcement was made by the Chairman:

- The Borough Council are compiling their forward plan as ordered by the Government. Chapel Farm land has not been included which might mean it will be sold to travellers. The Chairman gave a brief history of the site informing members that the land was high contaminated and asked how can anyone allow children to live on this land?

47. PUBLIC RECESS

A resident from St Andrews Ridge stated how disappointed he was with cutting down all the trees at Wallis Drive play park without any consultation with the public. He asked the council whether this was necessary to cut them all down? The Chairman responded that the council had been asked to carry out the work by the police due to drug related problem and anti-social behaviour. Carrying out the work would increase visibility and enable CCTV to be installed.

A resident from Eastbury Way area asked why there had been a lack of communication with regards to a new bus shelter in the area. The Chairman apologised explaining that



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there had been delays due to the pandemic and asked the residents to stay for the rest of the meeting where community engagement was being discussed.

48. COMMITTEES

- (i) Members noted minutes from the following committee meetings:
Redhouse Community Centre 16th June 2021
Staffing 23rd June 2021
Depot 30th May 2021
Planning 30th June 2021
- (ii) **RESOLVED** To approve Cllr Elmer's membership on to the Play Area committee and Depot working group and reversal of Cllr Tomlinson and Williams roles for the Planning committee.

49. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Chairman reminded members that at the last meeting residents raised the issue that the parish council was not passing on information to the public and asked members for their comments. Members discussed collecting email addresses to send a monthly newsletter along with delivery of a newsletter however it was thought at present that there was not the funding or staff capacity.

RESOLVED

To continue to use the noticeboards in the parish informing residents to go to the website where all agendas and minutes are posted. A notice would also be posted stating that residents can telephone the Clerk for any information or updates. It was agreed that this was an ongoing plan to engage more with residents and would continually be monitored.

50. REDHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

- (i) Members considered quotations received for installation of air conditioning in the main hall and discussed costs and noise. Members felt more information was needed and agreed to defer until the next meeting following discussions with the Centre Manager.
- (ii) Members considered quotations received for a building survey prior to signing the lease. Members were unclear on the different types of surveys and requested that the Clerk contact the solicitor for clarification on type of survey required.

51. PLAY AREA

Members received and considered a report from the Grounds Maintenance Manager stating that the Bridlewood play area surface needed to be replaced. One estimate had been received. The Clerk reminded councillors of the process for procurement and that the Play Area Committee was unable to authorise any expenditure over £1000.

RESOLVED

To agree that the play area is resurfaced at Bridlewood play area and the Play Area committee is authorised to decide on contractor up to a value of £30,000 from Play Area Earmarked Reserves.



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52. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Chairman reported that Swindon Borough Council may be embarking on another Community Governance Review (CGR) and has requested that parishes discuss and pass on initial views.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to request that due to the increase in size of the parish that the number of councillor seats is increased.

53. PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW

- (i) Members noted that the Boundary Commission for England has just commenced a consultation on their recommendations for the 2023 Parliamentary Boundary Review.
- (ii) It was agreed not to send an official response.

54. BANKING AND ACCOUNTS

- (i) It was noted that from September 2021 the monthly banking fee on the Barclays Current Accounts would be increasing by £2 to £8.50. The Clerk agreed to research alternative banks for another current account with less charges.
- (ii) Members noted payments for March 2021 totalling £136,982.35 and June 2021 totalling £38,802.89 as detailed in the document attached in the Minute Book.
- (iii) Members received first quarter management accounts from April 2021 to June 2021 as detailed in the document attached in the Minute Book.

55. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

Members received and noted correspondence received from Swindon Borough Council regarding the new arrangements in place for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints.

56. SWINDON'S ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY – STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

- (i) Members noted correspondence emailed on 5th July regarding Swindon's Road Safety Strategy - Stakeholder Consultation
https://www.swindon.gov.uk/downloads/file/7508/road_safety_strategy_-_dia
- (ii) It was agreed not to submit comments

57. Members agreed to extend Standing Orders in order to proceed with the final agenda item.



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58. LAND NEAR A419

Following the Chairman's earlier announcement members discussed land at Chapel Farm.

RESOLVED

To submit a bid to purchase land at Chapel Farm

The meeting closed at 9:42pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____