



ST ANDREWS PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Grounds Maintenance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at 7:30pm at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon

Councillors Present: Daniel Adams, Jake Chandler, Steve Heyes, Vera Tomlinson
(In Attendance), Paul West and Vince Williams (Chairman)
Officer Present: Luke Jones (Grounds Maintenance Manager), Emma
Sylvester (Clerk)
Public Present: Two

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr MacDonald

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Vera Tomlinson declared that she had completed the negotiations for land at Redhouse

Cllr S Heyes declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 - Depot

52. MINUTES RESOLVED

With one amendment to a minor typo to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on 16th February 2022 as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

53. PUBLIC RECESS

A resident from Eastbury Way asked if the open space would be used for a depot and if the adult fitness equipment would be re-instated?

The Chairman responded that the parish council had considered the open space at Eastbury Way but had found that it was not fit for a depot and it was the intention to install adult fitness equipment within the parish.

A resident from Redhouse addressed the committee regarding the earth mound at Redhouse land stating that the work was unlawful without planning permission. He asked the following questions:

What did the Parish Council do to assess local opinion from residents about the plans to build bunds on the field?

Are there detailed plans including drawing for the bund construction?

Are there detailed engineering documents that detail how the bunds are to be built, effect of runoff, soil type and compaction, etc.?

Is there a detailed risk assessment for the bund construction project?

Due to the number of questions asked the Chairman responded that the parish council would respond in writing following the meeting. Cllr Tomlinson added that the parish council had taken action to protect the land from vehicle access and had

sought advice from Swindon Borough Council who had agreed that the works came under permitted development.

54. CORRESPONDENCE

Members discussed correspondence received from a local employee requesting benches on land at Redhouse. Members were in agreement that plans were still undecided for this land and there were currently no funds.

RESOLVED

At this present moment not to install benches.

55. OPEN SPACES

(i) Members received 'Open Spaces Issues' spreadsheet and discussed work that had been completed. The Ground Maintenance Manager reported that SBC are still sending over requests that are not relevant to the parish i.e., problems in Tadpole Garden Village and Abbey Farm.

Cllr Williams requested an update on the graffiti at Highdown Way. It was noted that there was currently no manpower to complete this job. The Grounds Maintenance Manager also reported that he was still speaking to SBC regarding the newt barrier at Eastbury Way to see if it could be removed as this is also graffitied.

Cllr Chandler requested that thanks were passed on to the team for a good job done with the fallen tree behind Woodsman Close at Groundwell.

(ii) **RESOLVED** to purchase shrubs to replace dead ones by 20 Eastbury Way.

(iii) Cllr Chandler reported that he was working with SBC to identify land where trees can be planted for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Members discussed possible areas.

RESOLVED to plant one tree at Redhouse Community Centre as soon as possible to mark the start of many trees to be planted in the parish. Cllr Chandler agreed to donate a tree and would speak to the Grounds Maintenance Manager to ensure the right species is planted.

(iv) The Grounds Maintenance Manager requested a new location for a bin and replacing smaller dog bins with a dual-purpose bin.

RESOLVED

To place a new bin on open space at Bergman Close, replacement bins on Roman Field and Wallis Play Area.

56. COVID SNAKE ROCK

(i) Members consider costs to install the Covid Snake Rock following a successful trial of the varnish to protect the designs on the stones.

RESOLVED to materials and hire equipment at a cost of £999 for installing Covid Rock Snake.

(ii) The Clerk reported that there had been a delay in taking over the play area leases and suggested that the parish council apply for a works licence from SBC to move forward with the project.

RESOLVED to apply to Swindon Borough Council for a works licence to install the Covid Rock Snake around the play area at Standen Way.

57. ELECTRIC VEHICLE

Members reviewed the logo for the electric vehicle discussing the wording.

RESOLVED

To recommend to Full Council that the logo included simple wording 'Cutting our CO2' as attached in the Minute Book.

58. DEPOT

The Chairman report that there was no update. He had made enquiries regarding leasing a commercial warehouse outside of the parish but it had already been taken.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Chairman _____

Date _____