



St Andrews Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 7:30pm
at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon

Councillors Present: Daniel Adams, Kola Beyioku*, Jake Chandler, Steve Heyes, Sue MacDonald, Paul Morris, Paul West, Bradley Williams and Vince Williams
Officer Present: Emma Sylvester, Parish Clerk and Luke Jones, Grounds Maintenance Manager
Public Present: 7

* left at 9:39pm

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Vera Tomlinson and Mary Friend.

38. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Beyioku declared an interest in Agenda Item 13 – Redhouse Community Centre

39. MINUTES

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd June 2022 as a true record and to be signed by the Chairman.

40. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk read out the following announcement from the Chairman:

I would like to apologise for not attending the meeting tonight unfortunately COVID has struck for the second time, and I am unwell.

I have asked Emma to put in a request to defer agenda item 7(iii), 14 and 15 and for members to vote that these items to be put on an Extraordinary meeting to be held as soon as I am better.

All these items will then be discussed and debated in full.

I hope you have a good meeting.

Best wishes and thank you

Cllr Vera Tomlinson

41. PUBLIC RECESS

A resident from Downing Close addressed the council in relation to the public open spaces and the reported travellers at Diamond Jubilee Park. He asked what powers do

the parish council have to move on travellers who have set up on the open space, what prevention measures can be taken to stop this occurring in the future and why did it take longer to move on those in St Andrews Parish Council than Haydon Wick Parish Council?

He praised the parish council for the clear up that was completed on the Monday.

Cllr Williams responded that the parish council do not have weekend cover, but councillors are on hand. He explained that the parish council has no powers and only maintenance the land for Swindon Borough Council who are the landowners. He agreed that the next Grounds Maintenance committee would discuss the event and preventive measures to be put to Swindon Borough Council.

A resident from Delius Close asked the parish council what action was being taken about the ongoing anti-social behaviour by teenagers in the open space and parks.

A resident from Richardson Road asked what powers the parish council have to deal with the uncut grass at Richardson Road which is now a fire hazard. He explained that the landowner is not interested and also has concerns regarding travellers camping on the land near his house.

Cllr Williams responded that the parish council would contact the landowner but unfortunately had no powers to cut the grass as it was private land.

A resident from Redhouse asked the parish council if it was happy with the earth mounds around the land at Redhouse village. He stated that he thought they were an eyesore and did not act as a deterrent for vehicles. He requested that the parish council remove them.

42. Members **RESOLVED** to bring forward agenda item 7(v) Anti-Social Behaviour and Drugging.

43. ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND DRUGGING

The Clerk reported that this item had been deferred from the last Play Area committee following discussions regarding anti-social behaviour and drugging in the play areas. Members were seeking to set up a meeting with the police and residents to discuss illegal activity.

Members discussed past measures taken in consultation with the local police which included CCTV, moving benches and cutting back trees. It was agreed that that tackling these problems with youth would be a down to group collaboration with MP, police, parish council, residents and schools. Cllr Beyioku reported that the parish council is trying to contribute positively through the first youth project of Summer activities programme.

It was agreed to hold a meeting on Monday 15th August 2022 at 7pm with residents inviting the police to attend. Cllr Heyes agreed to send the invitation to the police.

44. COMMITTEES

- (i) Members noted the minutes of the following committees:
Planning – 15th June

Play Areas – 28th June

- (ii) Following the appointment of a Deputy Clerk who will be looking after the Planning committee and Youth Task Group members approved a new calendar of meetings as detailed in the attached document in the Minute Book.

45. PLAY AREA

- (i) Play Area Leases

The Clerk reported there was no update as a meeting with Swindon Borough Council is yet to take place.

- (ii) Standen Way Covid Rock Snake

The Clerk reported that Swindon Borough Council were happy for the Covid Rock Snake to be installed around the outside of Standen Way play area and had requested a variation to the Maintenance Deed. **RESOLVED** to accept the variation to the Maintenance Deed and for the Clerk to sign and return document. Copy filed in the Minute Book.

- (iii) Outdoor Adult Gym Equipment

Cllr Heyes showed members a design of adult gym play equipment from Komplan who had agreed a substantial discount. Cllr Heyes reported that this offer was available to 11th August 2022. Cllr Williams responded that he had concerns regarding funding. With no further comments it was **RESOLVED** To defer this item to an extraordinary meeting a later date.

- (iv) Play Area Repairs

The Clerk reported that two items had been referred to Full Council from the Play Areas committee due to the amount of expenditure being over £1000 which were a new net at Eastbury Way play area and equipment at Standen Way. The Grounds Maintenance Manager said he had only received one quote of over £3000 for a new net at Eastbury Way and was waiting for others. It was reported that the other companies usually come in a lot cheaper **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the purchase and installation with a budget of £2000

The Grounds Maintenance Manager reported that there had been complications when looking at a new piece of equipment being installed at Standen Way due to new regulations. It was agreed for this to go back to the Play Areas Committee meeting.

46. S106 RECEIPTS

The Clerk reported that funding was available to the parish council from S106 receipts and outlined the different funds for Redhouse Community Centre, Play Areas and Local Open Space.

RESOLVED

To ask Swindon Borough Council to transfer S106 funds totalling £69,406.18 as follows:

£10,879.85 – Abbey Farm S/OUT/14/0080 & S/RES/16/0289

St Andrews Parish Council wishes to improve the facilities at Redhouse Community Centre by providing a new boiler and air conditioning.

£25,389.79 - Abbey Farm S/OUT/14/0080 & S/RES/16/0289

St Andrews Parish Council wishes to improve play areas by installing a new roundabout, new seats for zip wire, swings, new cargo nets and panels

£33,136.54 – Abbey Farm S/OUT/14/0080 & S/RES/16/0289

St Andrews Parish Council wishes to improve local open space by purchasing new bins, fences, gates, signs, earth mounds, shrubs, trees, wildflower and bulb areas.

47. BANKING AND ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED for the Clerk to apply for a deposit card for the Barclays current account so that banking can be completed at a local post office.

48. CLIMATE CHANGE

Cllr Chandler tabled a draft Climate Action Plan requesting that members adopt the plan. Cllr B Williams said that he would like time to look through the plan and make some suggestions of additions. The Clerk reported that she didn't fully understand the action plan and how the council was to move forward with the plan. It was agreed to refer this item to the next Full Council meeting.

49. PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

The Chairman asked members if they had any comments on the survey from Swindon Borough Council in response to the Public Spaces Protection Order consultation. It was agreed for members to send their response to the Clerk before 3rd August to be sent to Swindon Borough Council.

Cllr Beyioku left the room.

50. REDHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Members discussed two historic debts from 2020 from hirers of Redhouse Community Centre. The Clerk reported that these were from before the new policy had been introduced.

RESOLVED

To write off two debts totalling £108 and to request that the Redhouse Community Centre Committee review the policy to include not hiring to those on a blacklist.

51. LAND AND LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED To defer this item to an extraordinary meeting a later date.

52. DEPOT

RESOLVED To defer this item to an extraordinary meeting a later date.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____