



St Andrews Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 7:30pm
at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon

Councillors Present: Daniel Adams, Kola Beyioku, Jake Chandler, Mary Friend, Steve Heyes, Vera Tomlinson (Chairman), Paul West, Bradley Williams and Vince Williams
Officer Present: Emma Sylvester, Parish Clerk
Public Present: 2

99. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs MacDonald and Morris

100. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

101. MINUTES

Members received the minutes from the last two meetings. With one amendment to the date of the September meeting it was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the last meetings held on 28th September and 12th October 2022 as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

102. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- (i) The first of the budget meetings will be held on Wednesday 16th November at 7:30pm and the attendance of all councillors is expected with the focus being on raising funds to build a depot. The Chairman asked councillors to keep this in mind when coming with lists asking for money, stating that the question on all suggestions must be, is it absolutely necessary? and can we manage to do without it?

Councillor Tomlinson continued saying everything has a cost with the burden falling on people of the parish as they pay the precept. Everyone is affected by the country's financial state – gas, electric, food and fuel have all increased and people still have to pay other bills and if we increase the precept dramatically residents are not going to be happy.

- (ii) Swindon Borough Council had still not responded regarding the use of Waterside for the parish council's depot and the parish council will continue talks regarding other land for a depot.

103. PUBLIC RECESS

No public wished to speak

104. COMMITTEES

- (i) The Clerk updated members that there had only been one committee meeting since 7th September. This was the Grounds Maintenance meeting which was held on 2nd November and the minutes would be on the next agenda for information only.
- (ii) **RESOLVED** To hold the next Redhouse Community Centre committee meeting on Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 7pm in Redhouse Community Centre.
- (iii) Members noted that the next Youth Task Group meeting will be held on Monday 21st November
- (iv) Members noted that Cllr Mary Friend has resigned from the Youth task group
- (v) Members discussed the vacancies on the Youth task group and Redhouse Community Centre committee. **RESOLVED** for Cllr D Adams to join Redhouse Community Centre committee and the vacancy for the Youth task group would remain.

105. POLICIES

RESOLVED to adopt the following revised policies as attached in the Minute Book.
Sickness and Absence Policy
Retention and Disposal Policy
Health and Safety Policy
Expenses Policy

RESOLVED to appoint Clerk as Council's Safety Officer.

RESOLVED to defer the Transferable Data Policy until the next meeting as members requested significant changes which includes not allowing data to be transferred with USB storage devices or CDs.

106. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude members of the public as the business to be transacted contained the likely disclosure of exempt information.

107. DEPOT

The Chairman reported on the financial state of the country and advised members that moving forward with the depot should be one step at a time.

Members discussed when to notify public of the proposed location of land to build a depot. It was agreed to wait until further discussions had been held regarding planning permission. Cllr Tomlinson informed the councillors that a meeting had been set up with Swindon Borough Council's lead planning officer to see if it would be possible to build a depot on land of a neighbouring parish council.

108. NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL PAY SCALES 2022/23

RESOLVED to approve new pay scales for 2022/23 as agreed by the National Joint Council which awards an extra £1925 on each scale point with effect from 1st April 2022

The meeting closed at 9:15 pm

Chairman _____

Date _____