



# St Andrews Parish Council

**DRAFT Minutes of the Full Council Meeting**  
**Held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7:30pm**  
**at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon**

**Councillors Present:** Daniel Adams, Kola Beyioku\*, Jake Chandler, Sue MacDonald, Paul Morris and Vince Williams  
**Officer Present:** Emma Sylvester (Parish Clerk)  
**Public Present:** 1

\*Arrived 7:40 pm

## 145. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Vera Tomlinson, Mary Friend, Paul West, Steve Heyes and Bradley Williams.

## 146. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

## 147. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the last meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 as a true record and signed by Cllr V Williams.

## 148. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's Announcements due to the absence of Cllr Vera Tomlinson.

The Clerk reminded members that the official opening of the outdoor gym equipment in Brooke Park was taking place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 11am.

## 149. PUBLIC RECESS

No public wished to speak.

## 150. COMMITTEES

- (i) Members noted minutes from the Youth Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
- (ii) Members considered a recommendation from the Youth Committee regarding youth activities following the successful trial programme run in Summer 2022.

### **RESOLVED**

To approve the recommendation from the Youth Committee to run a youth programme through BEST charity over Easter and Summer which will be a total of 10 sessions of 2 hours each, costing £2000.

## 151. REDHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Members requested background information on the installation of CCTV at Redhouse Community Centre. The Clerk reported that it was a recommendation from the police and asked for the item to be deferred as full details and costs had not been received from Swindon Borough Council.

Members asked questions regarding the location of the camera, whether it would be monitored in house. The Clerk responded that all this information would be gathered and brought back to a future meeting for members to consider different options.

**RESOLVED**

To defer this item to a future meeting when more information had been gathered. Cllr V Williams requested members send any questions to the Clerk prior to the next meeting.

**152. COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Members discussed making meetings available to residents using video and audio technology. Concerns were raised regarding costs, reliability of equipment/network and demand. The Clerk reported that groups had been lobbying Government to allow parish councils to hold meetings virtually so that members can attend remotely and vote which may affect the type of technology required. The Clerk reminded members that when deciding consideration should be given to the different locations that meetings are held in.

**RESOLVED**

To defer this item to a future meeting and request the clerk obtain costs of suitable equipment.

**153. ACCOUNTS**

Members noted payments (attached in the Minute Book) for January 2023 totalling £40,604.52

**154. OFFICE PRINTER**

Cllr V Williams explained that the current office printer was 6 years old and various parts had begun to break down.

**RESOLVED**

To purchase a new Brother printer from Ebuyer at a cost of £288.95

To sell the current printer on eBay for the best price after holding on to it for a short period of time to ensure there are no problems with the new printer.

**155. INSURANCE**

Members considered a report from the Clerk regarding the insurance requirements for 2023/24. The Clerk explained that cover would need to be increased for precept, wagheroll, equipment and income.

**RESOLVED**

To approve recommended changes to insurance cover for 2023/24 as detailed in the attached report in the Minute Book and to delegate the decision of renewing the insurance policy to the Clerk to ensure that the new policy is in place by 1st April 2023.

**156. DEPOT**

Cllr V Williams reported that there was no update due postponement of meetings.

The meeting closed at 8:04 pm

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_