

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at
Pinetrees Community Centre, Pinehurst, Swindon SN2 1QR
on Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 7.00pm.

- Present** Cllr Telcy Araujo (via Zoom)
Cllr Paul Baker
Cllr John Ballman
Cllr Ray Ballman
Cllr Marilyn Beale
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Steph Exell (Chair)
Cllr Mick Lucas (Vice Chair)
Cllr Dan Miller
Cllr David Patey
Cllr Javes Rodrigues
Cllr Will Stone (via Zoom)
Cllr James Yeowell
- Officers** Andrew Briggs (Estates Manager)
Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk)
- Public** None
- FC123** **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr Ian Edwards, Cllr K Small and Cllr Will Stone (present via zoom)
- FC124** **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr J Ballman declared interests as a Member of the RSPB and HBUF.
The following Members hold a valid dispensation to vote on the precept:
Cllr P Baker
Cllr J Ballman
Cllr R Ballman
Cllr M Beale
Cllr M Lucas
Cllr D Patey
Cllr J Yeowell
- FC125** **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
The Chair presented the minutes of the meeting held on 15th December to be approved as a true and correct record.
- FC126** **Environment & Planning Committee**
The Committee Chair presented the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on 15th December and 5th January 2022 to be approved as true and

correct records.

FC127 Leisure & Recreation Committee

The Committee Chair presented the minutes of the Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting held on 2nd December 2021 to be approved as a true and correct record.

FC128 Community Wellbeing Committee

The Committee Chair presented the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 5th January 2022 to be approved as a true and correct record.

FC129 Finance & General Purposes Committee

The Committee Vice Chair presented the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings held on 7th December 2021 and 4th January 2022 to be approved as a true and correct records.

RESOLVED that all committee minutes listed from FC125 to FC117 be approved as a true and correct records.

The Chair moved agenda item 10 up the meeting.

FC130 Council and Committee Resolutions

RESOLVED to approve the decisions made at virtual and inquorate meetings held:

Full Council 15th December 2021

FC117 **RESOLVED** that all committee minutes listed from FC113 to FC117 be approved as a true and correct record with the addition of noting the Committee Chair and Vice Chair on the Community Wellbeing Committee Minutes.

FC118 **RESOLVED** to approve the Community Plan as per Appendix A.

FC120 **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk to write to Swindon Borough Council in relation to formalising the dispute on the devolution of tree maintenance over 2m.

FC122 **RESOLVED** that up to £3,500.00 of Cllr I Edward's ward allowance be used towards security improvements at Pembroke Gardens.

RESOLVED that up to £1,000.00 of Cllr R Ballman's ward allowance be used towards planters and bulbs at St Marks Rec.

Finance & General Purposes 4th January 2022

FGP095 **RESOLVED** to approve the payment list from November 2021 totalling £47,772.46.

FGP097 **RESOLVED** that Cllr M Beale may use up to £484.00 of her Ward Allowance to install a new litter bin in Penhill. Ongoing revenue costs to be funded from the additional grounds maintenance budget line.

FGP099 **RESOLVED** to recommend that Full Council considers options 1, 3b and 4 as budget options for 2022/23.

Leisure & Recreation 6th January 2022

LR086 Asset Remedial / Repairs

The Estates Manager presented members with a number of quotations relating to the following three remedial projects:

1) Mechanical work at Penhill Changing Rooms

- 2) Electrical work at Penhill Changing Rooms
- 3) Mechanical work at Moredon & Rodbourne Cheney Library

RESOLVED to approve the works listed in LR086 above.

FC131

ICT Usage and GDPR Compliance

Members NOTED the report of the Clerk regarding ICT usage and GDPR compliance.

Cllr T Araujo entered the meeting via zoom at 7:13pm.

RESOLVED To approve the Clerk to:

- Provide a revised budget for **£9,000** for ICT improvements in the 2022/23 capital programme.

- Novate existing data and set default parameters for cloud based document management with the Councils ICT partner Horizon Telecom, Cirencester.

- To revise the ICT policy to ensure Officers with access to the Microsoft 365 portal admin functions, do not access files, emails or folders relating to Councillors business unless in the event of an FOI request where Councillors are unable to comply with the request.

Additional costs to be attributed to 2021/22 financial year underspend.

Action: Clerk to confirm that Members will get an alert if their Office 365 account is activated from a new device.

FC132

2022/23 Budget and Precept Setting

Members noted the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to review options 1, 3b and 4 for the 2022/23 budget, a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

Cllr J Ballman proposed that the Maintenance Management Plan be postponed for 12 months and that option 1 be agreed as the 2022/23 budget.

Members discussed at length the proposal within option 4 to take out a Public Works Loan to complete necessary works within the Maintenance Management Plan. Cllr D Patey stated that postponing by 12 months would lead to increased interest rates for the loan and potentially increased costs for products.

Members discussed the precept increase required for option 4 which would be £14.31 per annum per Band D household (10.57%) and that in conjunction with many other price increases currently, this may be unaffordable for residents.

Members debated the affordability versus the dilapidations of the existing assets of the Parish Council. The Chair stated that if Members are not minded to maintain the current assets that Council should seriously consider taking on any new leases currently under discussion with Swindon Borough Council.

Cllr Will Stone left the meeting (via Zoom) at 8:45pm.

RESOLVED to approve option 1 as detailed in Appendix A as the budget for 2022/23. This results in an overall precept demand of £1,418,349.11 which equates to a £8.62 per annum increase (6.36%) per Band D household.

The meeting closed at 9:04pm

Signed.....

Date.....
Chair of the Council.