

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 02 August at 8.10pm at Pinetrees Community Centre

Present	Cllr T Smith (Chair) Cllr D Montaut (Vice-Chair) Cllr R Ballman Cllr M Lucas Cllr K Parker Cllr J Yeowell
Officers	A Reeves (Parish Manager) H Morgan (Deputy Clerk)
Public	None Cllr J Ballman in attendance

123. Apologies

None

124. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None

125. Play Areas & Open Spaces

The Parish Manager gave a verbal update and advised the Deed should be agreed as soon as practicable.

It is assumed that all deeds should be the same.

Cllr R Ballman asked about the consultation on play areas.

RESOLVED: The Parish Manager to follow up on the consultation on play areas.

126. Allotments

The Parish Manager gave a verbal update.

Mark Jennings (SBC) has suggested the Parish Council adopt SBC software for allotment management. The Parish Manager advised he felt the software to be complicated. Alternative should also be considered.

The Parish Manager suggested that once allotment data has been received from SBC; plot holders should be informed of the transfer and meetings with them arranged.

The Parish Manager advised annual payments for allotments will be due in October 2017 and we should obtain the data before this date.

127. Community Centres

The Parish Manager gave a verbal update.

Pinetrees

Cllr D Montaut queried when a management action plan would be put in place for the Community Centre.

It was confirmed that the report for Full Council will include a complete review and strategy.

It was mentioned that 75% of bookings are not made by those living or operating from the SN2 area.

Pricing and advertising is to be adopted as agreed in Junes Full Council.

John Moulton Hall (JMH)

The Tenant has advised SBC of their intention to vacate on 31 August 2017. The Parish Council will take on the facility from 01 September 2017.

The new Community Assets Manager will be responsible for establishing a new community group to take on the management of the facility.

Councillors have been encouraged to view the site.

Chippenham Close

The Boxing Club are looking at taking occupation under the auspices of the PCA. The Parish Manager has met all parties. There was a discussion re: Little Lights and the frequency of their sessions as they have raised safety concerns over joint use with the Boxing Club.

ACTION: The Parish Manager is to clarify the frequency of Little Lights usage of the Centre.

Cllr J Ballman asked if the committee knew how much income is needed to keep JMH & Chippenham Close running.

128. Libraries

A discussion re: library leases and staffing took place.

The Parish Manager confirmed that all libraries were being leased for 3 years and that the service charge will be deduced based on the hours staff work and the libraries open.

Cllr D Montaut commented on library usage and questioned how the Parish Council will ensure libraries are being used and managed in the correct way.

A discussion was had re: the availability of Wi-Fi in libraries. The Parish Manager confirmed Parish sites have been surveyed by BT and that the Parish are able to take on their Wi-Fi service.

129. Community Engagement

A discussion re: crime and the recent clashes between groups of people from Penhill and Pinehurst took place.

The Parish Manager confirmed a meeting with Supt. Adrian Burt has been arranged to raise awareness of concerns, discuss ways forward and the role of the Parish Council.

The Parish Manager stated that the police commissioner should attend future Full Council meetings.

Cllr D Montaut asked if a report on local crime could be requested from Police to be presented at future meetings.

RESOLVED: That regular crime reports be requested from the Police.

Meeting closed 20.53pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair of the Council