

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 09 August 2017 at 7.00pm at Pinetrees Community Centre

Present Cllr J Ballman (Vice-Chair)
Cllr R Ballman
Cllr M Lucas
Cllr J Rodrigues
Cllr K Small
Cllr T Smith
Cllr J Yeowell

Officers Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)
Andy Reeves (Parish Manager)
Hannah Morgan (Deputy Clerk)

Public One

Public Session A member of the public stated that Beechcroft Avenue had become much busier since the local roads had been closed and he would like to request road humps. The Vice-Chair suggested that he contacted Swindon Borough Council with this request in the first instance.

129 **Apologies**
Cllr D Moffatt (Chair)
Cllr P Baker
Cllr P Exell
Cllr S Exell
Cllr H Fullick
Cllr S Henderson
Cllr D Montaut
Cllr K Parker

130 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None

131 **Minutes of the previous meetings**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 12 July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

132 **Finance & Staffing Committee**
Cllr J Yeowell stated that both he and Cllr M Lucas were recorded as being present but they did not serve on the Committee. Cllr J Rodrigues stated that he was present at the meeting and not recorded and also Cllr Moffatt attended, although he was not a Committee Member.

RESOLVED that with the amendments above the minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee held on 19 July 2017 be confirmed and adopted.

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RESOLVED that with the amendments above the minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee held on 25 July 2017 be confirmed and adopted.

134 Planning & Environment Committee

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 02 August 2017 be confirmed and adopted.

135 Leisure & Amenities Committee

Cllr R Ballman asked for the latest position regarding the John Moulton Hall.

The Parish Manager said that the boxing club and the Little Lights play group were still interested in hiring the John Moulton Hall but there were some issues to be resolved in order that they could both use the facility. Meetings with both groups were planned for the following week.

The Parish Council would take over the running of the building from 01 September 2017 and a lease on the same basis as the Pinetrees Community Centre lease would be drawn up with Swindon Borough Council.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee held on 02 August 2017 be confirmed and adopted.

136 Chairs Report

The Vice-Chair stated that no report has been made by the Chair, who was unable to attend the meeting.

The Vice-Chair provided an update on Gorse Hill toilets. The Parish Council were still awaiting a lease from Swindon Borough Council for the building. Once this had been agreed the quotations for the refurbishment could be considered and the work completed.

137 Parish Council Representatives' Report

There were no reports from Councillors.

138 Councillor Vacancy (Min. 97 – 12.07.17)

The Parish Manager confirmed that an election had not been called. The Parish Council were now able to co-opt a new Councillor and a notice was currently being displayed of the vacancy.

The potential candidates would be interviewed in accordance with the approved procedure and a recommendation would be made to the next Full Council meeting.

139 Parish Council Name (Min. 98 – 12.07.17)

The Parish Manager submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

The Parish Manager stated that there had been a consultation on the change of name which included writing to neighbouring parishes, displayed on the website and opinion was sought at the recent Fun Day.

The response to the name change had been mixed with no clear majority. The request to change the name had been submitted to the Monitoring Officer at Swindon Borough Council and the Parish Manager asked Councillors if they wanted to continue with this action or look at an alternative.

Cllr K Small proposed that the Parish Council request a decision first and then decide on a course of action.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council continue with their request for a change of name to North Swindon Parish Council.

140 Pinetrees Community Centre (Min. 46 – 06.07.17)

The Parish Manager reported that the new lease for Pinetrees Community Centre had been agreed following legal advice and started from 01 August 2017.

The post of Community Centre Manager was being advertised with a closing date of next week. Interviews would be conducted by Cllr S Exell and the Parish Manager. The Parish Manager was now in a position to move forward with the Parish Office and a safe would be purchased and a credit card machine installed and he would find out if the solar panels were in use.

There were some issues to also be resolved with the dentist that shared the building regarding maintenance of the grounds and use of the bins.

141 Libraries

The Parish Manager submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

The Parish Manager stated that the opening hours for the libraries had been agreed and these were contained in the report. The café in Pinetrees Community Centre was going to be run by Twigs from 01 September 2017 and he asked Councillors for their views about moving the library to the café area. Cllr M Lucas said that he was worried about the potential for drinks to be spilt on computers and Cllr R Ballman suggested that the usage of the café with the new operator should be monitored first as she believed that the café would become more popular.

Councillors agreed that they would require a review to be made after six months and reporting made by Swindon Borough Council in accordance with the details contained within the report that appears as Appendix B.

142 Transfer of Services from Swindon Borough Council (Min. 100 – 12.07.17)

The Clerk submitted a report a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

The report contained a precis of the legal advice received and suggested amendments to be made to the Deed for the transfer of services. The Vice-Chair asked Councillors to inform the Clerk or any further changes they would require before 22 August 2017. The Chair of the Parish Council would be meeting with the Chair of South Swindon Parish Council and offices from Swindon Borough Council on 22 August 2017 to discuss the changes to the Deed.

RESOLVED that the suggested changes to the Deed contained in paragraph 2.3 of Appendix C be approved.

The Vice-Chair introduced Hannah Morgan to Councillors who was the new Deputy Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.07pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council