

## **CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2018 at 7.00pm  
at Pinetrees Community Centre

**Present** Cllr D Moffatt (Chair)  
Cllr J Ballman (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr R Ballman  
Cllr P Exell  
Cllr S Exell  
Cllr S Henderson  
Cllr M Lucas  
Cllr D Montaut  
Cllr K Parker  
Cllr J Rodrigues  
Cllr K D Small  
Cllr S Thompson  
Cllr J Yeowell

**Officers** Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)  
Andy Reeves (Parish Manager)  
Hannah Morgan (Deputy Clerk)  
Bernice Mack (Community Assets Manager)

**Public** One

**Public Session** There were no questions or comments from the public.

**419** **Apologies**

Cllr P Baker  
Cllr H Fullick  
Cllr T Smith

**420** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

None.

**421** **Minutes of the previous meetings**

Cllr Henderson referred to minute 390.2 and asked for an update regarding the logo. The Chair stated that an email had been sent to Councillors for comment and he was waiting for responses.

The Chair referred to Minute 390.4 and encouraged all Councillors to put forward projects for their Wards. Cllr Rodrigues asked whether unused funds would be carried forward into the next financial year and the process for Councillors to follow. Cllr Small stated that a decision regarding funding being rolled over would need to be made by the Finance & Staffing Committee.

Cllr Rodrigues referred to minute 390.1 and asked whether any assets had been transferred to the Parish Council. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council was still in negotiation with Swindon Borough Council. Cllr Montaut stated that some of the assets would be a financial liability and he questioned whether the Parish Council should take on them on. The Chair explained that some assets, like the football pitches would require investment, but the Parish Council would be providing facilities for the community that were sustainable

Cllr Rodrigues stated that the discussion about paperless minutes was not recorded in the minutes.

**RESOLVED** that with the addition of the above comment the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 21 March 2018 be approved as a correct record.

**422**     **Finance & Staffing Committee**

Cllr Small referred to minute 402 and said that costings for the doors at Moredon & Rodbourne Library and Western Community Centre would be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee.

Cllr J Ballman referred to minute 400 and the Parish Manager confirmed that the lawn mower had been purchased.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee held on 3 April 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

**423**     **Planning & Environment Committee**

Cllr Lucas referred to minute 414 and asked the Parish Manager to look at the cost for grasscrete that had been quoted. Cllr P Exell added that the draft questions had been drawn up and would be agreed at the next meeting of the committee.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 4 April 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

**424**     **Leisure & Amenities Committee**

The Chair referred to minute 418 and stated that Rachel Ind, who was responsible for street cleaning StreetSmart services would be invited to a future meeting.

Cllr R Ballman asked whether the issues with the hedge at Tree Courts had been resolved. The Parish Manager explained that the cost of clearing the cuttings would need to be paid for by Swindon Borough Council.

Cllr S Exell stated that she was unaware that she had given authority for a disclaimer and she asked officers to set up a system for the future. Cllr S Exell also stated that the response of the committee to the request from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust was more positive and this should be reflected in the minutes.

Cllr R Ballman asked whether a response had been received from Thames Water. The Parish Manager confirmed that no reply had been received and he would chase Thames Water for a reply.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Leisure & Amenities Committee held on 4 April 2018 be confirmed and adopted.

**425**     **32 The Circle**

The Chair updated Councillors on the latest position regarding a lease for 32 The Circle. The property was owned by Swindon Borough Council and had been leased to a company, who had now vacated the building and it empty.

The main issue with leasing the building was the rent that was being set by Swindon Borough Council and the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Parish Manager were still in negotiation for a more realistic rent. The Chair stated that the Parish Council would be making an investment in the building by making improvements and wanted this to be reflected with an initial rent-free period.

The Chair added once the improvements had been carried out the building would be suitable to use as a meeting room for both the Parish Council and other organisations. Cllr S Exell stated that she was unhappy about Parish funds being used to renovate a building and she would want funds to firstly be used for people. The Chair referred to the Labour Party's history regarding this building and asked non Labour members individually of their opinion. All were content to pursue of an economic acquisition.

**RESOLVED** that authority be delegated to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council to negotiate the rent for 32 The Circle with Swindon Borough Council.

**426**      **GDPR Compliance**

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

The report set out details of the General Data Protection Regulation which takes effect from 25 May 2018.

**RESOLVED**

- a) that the Finance & Staffing Committee hold the function to monitor GDPR compliance by providing bi-monthly standing agenda items presented by the Parish Manager for the first year until May 2019 where the future need will be reviewed:
- b) that the Chair and Vice-Chair attend a meeting of GDPR SAC Compliance on 23 April 2018.

**427**      **Chair, Officers and Members Report**

The Chair refer to the statue known as Tommy which was the outline of a WW1 soldier. The Parish Council had considered siting the statute at St Barnabas Church, but despite contacting the church had heard nothing back. Cllr Henderson offered to contact the church to find out the reason for the delay. The Chair suggested an alternative site of the Transfer Bridges, where it could remain for 1 year and then be returned to Pinetrees Community Centre.

**RESOLVED** that if no response is received from St Barnabas Church within 7 days, the Parish Council agree to site the Tommy statue at the Transfer Bridges for 1 year.

The Vice-Chair and the Parish Manager reported that they had attended a meeting with Inspector Andy Bridge of Wiltshire Police to discuss anti-social behaviour in the parish and whether the Parish Council could make any changes to improve the situation.

There followed a long discussion with all Councillors contributing about Policing in the parish and the loss of facilities for young people in the area like youth clubs.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should do more to support organisations working with young people and the Parish Manager was asked to put this on the next agenda of the Finance & Staffing Committee to look at possible funding. The Chair supported a proposal by Cllr Henderson for a working party on the wider issues of Social Inclusion.

The Chair reminded Councillors that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held the following Thursday and the Annual Parish Council would be held on 16 May 2018. At this meeting the Chairs and Vice-Chairs would be elected and papers concerning this and the committees would be sent out the following week.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council