

## **CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 32 The Circle, Pinehurst

**Present** Cllr M Lucas (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr J Ballman  
Cllr R Ballman  
Cllr J Rodrigues  
Cllr J Yeowell

Cllr D Moffatt (Non-committee member)

**Officers** A Reeves (Parish Manager)  
H Morgan (Deputy Clerk)  
A Webb (Youth Worker)

**Public** None

**301** **Apologies**  
Cllr T Smith (Chair)  
Cllr S Thompson

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

**303** **Parking at Rodbourne Farm Leisure Garden**  
The Committee were informed of the recent issues of parking outside the site which had been restricted by the installation of Double Yellow Lines by Swindon Borough Council (SBC). A map of the site was displayed, and Cllrs were informed that the Projects Manager had been asked to look into the parking options inside and outside the site, as agreed at the Finance & Staffing Committee meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

A discussion around the obvious parking options took place and all agreed that the Parish Council should continue to put pressure on Swindon Borough Council (SBC) to remedy the parking problems and the Committee would await the findings of the Projects Manager.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council put pressure on Swindon Borough Council to resolve the parking problems at the Rodbourne Farm Leisure Garden site and the findings of the Project Manager are reported back to the Committee at a future meeting.

**304** **Trees on Grass Verges**  
The Deputy Clerk summarised the written report circulated, a copy of which can be found as Annex A in the Minute Book.

Cllr J Ballman queried whether the cost provided in the report was for 1 tree. This was confirmed.

Cllr R Ballman commented that the Parish Council should have a policy on such matters as similar requests would be expected in the future.

Cllr M Lucas noted that the Parish Council were being asked to replace trees and plant new trees. He stated he was in favour of planting trees.

Cllr M Lucas went on to suggest the Parish Council could reduce the cost of replacing the trees by asking the requesting residents to water the trees themselves, if replaced.

Cllr J Yeowell agreed that it would be fair to ask the requesting residents to water the trees if replaced.

Cllr R Ballman suggested Cllr P Baker be asked if he would be happy to pay for both requests from his Ward Allowance, as both streets concerned were in the Penhill Ward.  
All agreed.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr P Baker be asked if he would be happy to fund both requests for trees from his Ward Allowance.

Cllr J Ballman agreed that the Parish Council should have a policy on tree planting which should be consistent with Swindon Borough Councils (SBC) policy. He went on to suggest that the Parish Council find out what the SBC Policy is with a view to adopting or developing a policy for the Parish Council. All agreed.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council obtain the Swindon Borough Council policy on trees and it be adopted or developed into a Parish Council policy.

**305**     **Mains water installation at Leisure Garden sites in Penhill**

The Deputy Clerk summarised a written report circulated, a copy of which can be found as Annex B in the Minute Book.

Cllr J Ballman voiced his support of the recommendation and suggested the report and recommendation be accepted. All agreed.

**RESOLVED** that a maximum of £6,250 be spent on installing a dip tank and mains water at the Somerford Close and Allington Road Leisure Garden sites.

**306**     **Ramp required for compostable toilet at Pickards Field Leisure Garden site**

The Deputy Clerk summarised a written report circulated, a copy of which can be found as Annex C in the Minute Book.

The Youth Worker left during this item.

Cllr J Ballman provided some further information regarding the requirement for a ramp. Cllr M Lucas agreed that a ramp was a necessity.

Cllr M Lucas proposed the Committee accept the recommendation of the report. All agreed.

**RESOLVED** that a maximum of £1,500 be approved for the installation of a ramp to the compostable toilet at the Pickards Field Leisure Garden site.

The meeting closed at 8.43pm

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Vice-Chair of the Leisure & Amenities Committee