

## **CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 at 32 The Circle, Pinehurst

<b>Present</b>	Cllr T Smith	(Chair)
	Cllr M Lucas	(Vice-Chair)
	Cllr J Ballman	
	Cllr R Ballman	
	Cllr D Patey	
	Cllr J Rodrigues	
	Cllr S Thompson	
	Cllr J Yeowell	
	Cllr D Moffatt	(Non-committee member)
<b>Officers</b>	A Reeves	(Parish Manager)
	H Morgan	(Deputy Clerk)

**Public** None

**457** **Apologies**  
None received.

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

**459** **T Brewing**  
Cllr M Lucas introduced Rob Weir who had been asked to attend the meeting to provide further details about T Brewing.  
Rob introduced Kristian Summerfield from Symbio and went on to provide information around his background and T Brewing.

Rob explained that he had been in the green keeping industry for over 30 years and has been involved with 3 top private members club. He has been T Brewing for a number of years.

T Brewing is not specifically for the green keeping industry it's also used in the farming industry. It is a process which enhances what nature does and enhances soil biology. T Brewing improves plant health, making them more robust and less prone to disease.

With more chemicals being banned via the EU there is a growing need to find other ways to feed and nurture plants and it's imagined T Brewing will become a growing trend.

Rob went on to explain the brewing process stating that it was simple clean and easy.

Kristian informed members that he had been a green keeper for 23 years and had won awards in Europe. He had spent his career looking at organic solutions. He explained that T from brewing contained the full spectrum of soil food and gave further details about the processes, outcomes and benefits of T Brewing.

It was confirmed that water for a brew could come from roof tops and bore holes and the brew could be used in the garden.

Cllr S Thompson asked about the size of containers required. Kristian confirmed 200 Litre containers are used for football pitches and golf greens.

Cllr J Ballman asked what the optimum time of year for brewing was and how a brew could

be spread. Kristian stated that T brewing was not a Winter activity and microbial activity slows down as the temperature drops, he confirmed a brew could be spread by spraying of using a watering can.

Cllr D Moffatt asked how often a brew should be applied to a football pitch. Kristian confirmed that spraying on a monthly basis was recommended.

Cllr M Lucas suggested Rob and Kristian be invited to present at a meeting of Allotment Representatives.

Rob suggested a pack be put together for site representatives in advance.

All agreed.

**RESOLVED** that Rob Weir and Kristian Summerfield present at a future meeting of Leisure Garden site reps.

**460**     **Bees on Leisure Gardens**

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

Cllr R Ballman commented that bees were very important to the environment.

Cllr J Ballman queried the notion of netting. This was explained by the Deputy Clerk.

It was confirmed that bee keepers would provide their own equipment.

It was suggested that Leisure Garden site representatives and tenants be consulted about keeping bees at an allotment site to gauge whether there would be interest and/or any concerns, and officers proceed with the recommendations of the report based on feedback received. All agreed.

**RESOLVED** that the following recommendations be approved and implemented by officers as appropriate following a consultation with Leisure Garden site representatives and tenant:

1. Officers seek advice on the best location for an apiary at Pickards Field
2. A maximum of £500 + VAT be spent on creating a suitable apiary
3. A bee-keeping policy be created

**461**     **Bins**

A document detailing bin requests received was circulated along with relevant maps of current bin locations.

The Parish Manager queried the suggested cost of collections and stated this would be confirmed with StreetSmart. He added that deciding on the location of bins would be easier once more accurate maps were available. Historically bins had not been set strategically, mapping would assist with this.

Cllr R Ballman suggested any decisions on purchasing new bins be put on hold until the required maps were available. The Parish Manager informed members that maps would not be available for a few months.

Cllr D Moffatt stated that the Parish Council should be mindful of the location of bins and how they can be accessed. Bins should be placed near to roads and pathways and there is an additional cost if bins are hard to access and empty.

Cllr J Ballmans stated that a request for a bin outside 243 Cricklade Road had been sent to the members hotline several times and he would be keen for a bin to be installed as suggested.

Cllr D Moffatt stated he would be happy to support the installation of a bin outside 243 Cricklade Road. All agreed.

**RESOLVED** that a bin be purchased and installed outside 243 Cricklade Road.

**462** **Dilapidated Shrines**

The Parish Manager explained that a discussion with Cllrs around dilapidated shrines had taken place prior to the meeting.

In the earlier discussion the Parish Manager referred to an email sent by Cllr D Moffatt re: dilapidated shrines within the parish.

Cllr D Moffatt provided further information on the dilapidated shrines within the parish and suggested the Parish offer families a more permanent alternative to shrines, in the form of a plaque with an appropriate message of their choosing.

The Parish Manager explained that often shrines can become magnets for ASB and can pose a danger to the public.

It had been suggested that it's likely flowers would still be left in the place of a permanent plaque and that the matter should be raised with Swindon Borough Council and the Police.

Cllr T Smith suggested the item be put on the agenda for a future Full Council meeting to gather all Cllrs views.

Cllr R Ballman stated that the ASB issue around a shrine in Penhill was being dealt with by the police and suggested they be asked to deal with all similar matters.

Cllr S Thompson asked if the Parish Council could look into tidying up the shrine on Akers Way. The Parish Manager confirmed this could be looked into.

Cllr J Rodrigues suggested, given the sensitivity of the topic, the Parish Council should only get involved if approached by another body.

**463** **Update from Youth Worker**

The Youth Worker spoke of the success of the Breakfast Club running from Pinetrees Community Centre and gave an example of confidence building with one individual. He informed members that a Youth Club had started at John Moulton Hall with 14 people attending the first session.

The Youth Worker had helped the Mini Police with a litter pick the previous week where 10 bin bags were filled.

The Youth Worker explained a Dragons Den/Apprentice type project being ran for young people during the Easter school holidays. He added that he would be taking 10 young people to London during the holidays to see the main sites.

Working with VAS, a Knife Crime Rally was to be launched in June 2019.

The Grants Manager had helped obtain funding for the Youth Worker to complete an apprenticeship on the Level 3 Community Sport Health Officer Standard.

Cllr J Rodrigues asked if the young people the Youth Worker had been working with knew that the Parish Council were funding the work. The Youth Worker confirmed he informed young people who worked for and wore a uniform.

It was explained that South Swindon Parish Council wished to buy 7 hours of the Youth Workers time per week to help manage a new employee.

Cllr R Ballman asked if the Youth Worker had 7 hours a week spare. The Parish Manager confirmed that the Youth Worker was employed for 30 hours per week so the Parish Council would charge South Swindon Parish Council for the additional 7 hours. He added that it would provide a good link in with South Swindon Parish Council.

Cllr R Ballman noted the excellent work the Youth Worker had completed to date.

**464**      **Update from Estates Manager**

The Estates Manager referred to a written updated circulated, a copy of which can be found as Annex B in the Minute Book. He went onto summarise a report on CCTV at the Southbrook football pitches, a copy of which can be found as Annex C in the Minute Book.

It was confirmed that the CCTV would be paid for from S106 funds which could only be spent on security in Gorse Hill.

Cllr J Ballman explained the need for CCTV and recommended the Parish Council continue with the purchase of the CCTV as suggested in the report. He added that he would prefer to opt for the more expensive camera for the Southbrook compound. Cllr M Lucas agreed. Cllr D Patey supported the suggestion of opting for the more expensive movable camera. All agreed.

**RESOLVED** that the Estates Manager proceeds with the purchase and installation of 1 fully functional camera (and signage) from OSE Security, to be positioned at the entrance of Southbrook football pitches.

The Estates Manager went onto brief members on his activities as per the report circulated.

**465**      **Update from Allotments Officer**

The Allotments Officer informed the Committee that in addition to his usual activities of moving rubbish from abandoned allotment plots, meeting potential new tenants, spraying allotment plots; a new lock had been fitted at the Somerford Close Leisure Garde site and the water supplies had been turned on.

Much of the Allotments Officers work equipment etc. had been moved to the depot at Southbrook. A deep clean is required at the depot.

The Allotments Officer had taken on line manager responsibility for both Grounds Maintenance Assistants and the Washroom Attendant at Chapel Street Toilets.

One of the Grounds Assistants had helped the Allotments Officer construct the slow worm fencing at Churchward Avenue Leisure Garden.

**466**      **Update from Community Centre Manager**

The Community Centre Manager updated the Committee on events upcoming at Pinetrees Community Centre and John Moulton Hall (JMH); Pinehurst Information Day, Bridge the Gap, Litter Pick. She added that the Pinecones Café were improving and were hosting different activities during the week.

All events were being added to and advertised on the relevant Facebook pages.

The general feedback from Pinetrees Community Centre users was that it was a bright, welcoming place.

A new booking had been taken for a church group at JMH and the initial feedback had been good.

The CCTV at JMH had been repaired and the Estates Manager and Community Centre Manage were to view and manage this going forward.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed.....

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Chair of the Leisure & Amenities Committee