



# WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22 January 2018 at 7.30pm  
in The Ellendune Community Centre.

**Present**  
Cllr P Bhardwaj  
Cllr L Campisano  
Cllr C Clark  
Cllr H Dosanjh  
Cllr S Harcourt (Chair)  
Cllr J Hewer  
Cllr T Kimberley-Fairbourn  
Cllr S Pagett  
Cllr A Richards  
Cllr D Wells  
Cllr A Woodhead  
Cllr H Woodward (Vice Chair)

**Clerk** Jodie Smart

**FC/171** Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr G Jones, Cllr B Kingstree and Cllr A Spry.

**FC/172** Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

All Members declared an interest in agenda item 4, Budget and Precept 2018/19. All Members hold a valid dispensation to vote on this matter.

Cllr A Richards, Cllr T Kimberley-Fairbourn, Cllr S Harcourt, Cllr H Woodward and Cllr A Woodhead declared an interest as Trustees of Wroughton Community Asset Trust, in agenda item 4, the proposed budget included a grant for Wroughton Community Asset Trust. All hold valid dispensations to vote on this matter.

There was a declaration of personal interest from Cllr C Clark in agenda item 5, BMX Track, as she knows the representatives of BMX Wroughton.

**FC/173** Public Questions

There were 5 members of the public present.

A resident enquired as to whether the Parish Council was capped on the amount they could increase the precept by. Cllr S Harcourt confirmed that there was no cap in place at present. The resident responded that the Council may wish to increase the precept before capping comes into force.

The resident also asked whether the tax base had been increased due to the large developments within the Village. Cllr S Harcourt responded by explaining that the tax base is a figure supplied by Swindon Borough Council, which is a calculation of the council tax payers at council tax rate Band D within the Parish. The Clerk confirmed that the tax base had risen slightly year on year and was set at 2890.7. Cllr S Harcourt commented

that the new developments did not yet impact on the tax base as they had not been completed.

The Chair of BMX Wroughton gave a statement which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book. Cllr S Harcourt thanked the Chair of BMX Wroughton for speaking and stated that the Parish Council had always supported the installation of a pump track, but had never agreed to fund the re-siting of play equipment. Cllr Harcourt continued that the removal of play equipment in favour of the pump track was not sensible and to pay £10,000 for this was not a good use of public money. Cllr Harcourt suggested that moving the site of the pump track was much more cost effective.

*The Chair moved agenda item 5 forward.*

**FC/174**

**BMX Track**

Members **NOTED** a report from Cllr S Pagett, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book. Reference was made to a map of the site, a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

*The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 7.55pm to take representations from the public.*

The Chair of BMX Wroughton confirmed that work to be invoiced must be started by 19 March 2018 to maintain the grant from Community First.

*The Chair re-instated Standing Orders at 7.57pm.*

Members debated the options presented by Cllr S Pagett.

*The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 8.12pm to take representations from the public.*

The Chair of BMX Wroughton confirmed that there were no technical difficulties with 'site C' on the map but would like to be clear on the boundaries of the suggested site.

*The Chair re-instated Standing Orders at 8.17pm.*

Members **RESOLVED** to work with BMX Wroughton and Wroughton Youth Football Club to move the installation of the Pump Track to point C on the map, (which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book). The precise site to be agreed between the Clerk and BMX Wroughton.

Members **RESOLVED** to continue to pursue the procurement of land from Thames Water for future use within the Maunsell Way recreation field.

**FC/175**

**Budget and Precept 2018/19**

Members considered the report of the Clerk regarding the budget for 2018/19 and the precept for 2018/19 a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the budget with the following amendments:

- a) Reduce the budget for replacement bus shelters by £4,500.
- b) Transfer the Wharf Road Toilets to an existing Trust and reduce the budget by £1,500.

- c) Reduce the Machinery Purchase budget by £1,500.
- d) Reduce the Vehicle Renewal budget by £2,000.

Members **RESOLVED** that the precept for 2018/19 is set at £400,228 resulting in a £5.44 (4.09%) per annum increase per Band D household.

**FC/176**

**Finance and General Purpose Committee – Terms of Reference**

Members **NOTED** the report of the Clerk, a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation of this report.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council