



WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2018 at 7.30pm
in The Ellendune Community Centre.

Present
Cllr P Bhardwaj
Cllr L Campisano
Cllr H Dosanjh
Cllr S Harcourt
Cllr J Hewer
Cllr G Jones
Cllr T Kimberley-Fairbourn
Cllr B Kingstree
Cllr A Richards
Cllr A Spry
Cllr A Woodhead
Cllr H Woodward (Chair)

Clerk Jodie Smart

FC/177 **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr C Clark, Cllr S Pagett and Cllr D Wells.

FC/178 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
There were no declarations of interest nor applications for dispensation.

FC/179 **Public Questions**
There were 16 members of the public present. Residents of Maunsell Way and surrounding areas expressed concerns regarding the proposed positioning of the BMX Pump Track. Residents stated that the Maunsell Way Recreation Field was currently the site of much anti-social behaviour and feared that the Pump Track would attract more unwanted behaviour. Residents were concerned that the revised positioning of the Pump Track was too close to dwellings.

Residents were advised by members to report any anti-social behaviour to the Police by calling 101. Members stated that each incident should be reported so that the Police can form a log of incidents and were then more likely to visit the area.

Residents also expressed concern over increased traffic and parking for people visiting the Pump Track from outside of the Village.

Residents asked why no planning permission had been sought for the installation of the Pump Track. Cllr S Harcourt informed residents that planning permission was not necessary as this fell within the existing use of the area.

The Chair moved agenda item 13 forward.

FC/180

BMX Pump Track

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of the Clerk. The Clerk informed members that following a site visit between BMX Wroughton, the Administration Officer and Grounds Team Leader it was discovered that Site C (previously approved for the BMX Pump Track) would not leave enough room for a youth football pitch. The parties had all agreed that site E as shown in the map, which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book was now the most suitable location. This site enabled a football pitch to run adjacent and for the drainage from the Pump Track to be directed into the ditch.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 7.50pm to take representations from the public.

Residents asked whether the Pump Track would be fenced off or open for all to use. Cllr Harcourt responded that the Track would not be fenced off and would be available for all to use.

Residents asked why they had not been consulted about the Pump Track installation. Cllr Harcourt also informed residents that there had been a consultation on the whole use of Maunsell Way Recreation Fields two to three years ago and that BMX Wroughton had performed their own consultation more recently.

The Chair re-instated Standing Orders at 8pm.

Members **RESOLVED** to request that BMX Wroughton meet with local residents to explain what the Pump Track involved and that the Clerk would facilitate the room hire for this meeting.

Members **RESOLVED** to delegate the decision on the position of the Pump Track to the Leisure and Amenities Committee who are next meeting on Monday 5 March 2018.

FC/181

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 15 January and 22 January 2018.

FC/182

Finance & General Purposes Committee

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 15 January 2018.

FC/183

Environment & Road Safety Committee

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2018.

FC/184

Planning Committee

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 24 January and 7 February 2018.

FC/185

Information from Borough Councillors

Cllr Brian Ford informed members that he had spoken with Swindon Borough Council Officers regarding issues with the phone lines and that they were aware of the problem and working on a solution.

Cllr Ford stated that delayed transfer of care (DTC) figures had improved vastly from 17 days last year to 1.83 days currently. The target for this is 6 days. Cllr Ford added that his department within Swindon Borough Council was currently £200k under budget.

Cllr Wayne Crabbe thanked his colleagues and stated that Cllr Ford had been working tirelessly and Cllr Martyn had been working with the homeless night shelters.

Cllr Amanda Woodhead asked Borough Councillors to investigate what was happening to the WRVS service as she had heard they would not be providing a home delivery service from March. Cllr Cathy Martyn committed to investigate this matter.

Cllr Holly Woodward asked whether Borough Councillors had any statistics on timeframes for assessing care packages. Cllr Ford responded that the statutory limit was twelve weeks and that the aim was to meet this target.

Cllr Talis Kimberley-Fairbourn asked whether Borough Councillors could look into the following issues:

Heavy traffic using Brimble Hill

Pothole on the bridge at Mill Lane which has been patched today but the patching is not lasting.

Footpath from the Garden Centre to the bus stop at junction 16.

Mirror for cyclists and pedestrians on the footpath from the Ellendune Shops to Coronation Road.

Cllr Ford responded that he would chase regarding the mirror and that the footpath would fall within the boundary of Wiltshire County Council.

Cllr Hannah Dosanjh stated that she had read a Conservative leaflet stating that the Government had set up a panel to review the delay between granting planning permission and developers starting work. Cllr Crabbe responded that he thought Unitary Authorities should start to charge Council tax two to three years after planning permission was granted regardless of whether any building had taken place. Cllr Ford agreed and stated that the Government were working to tackle the problem.

Cllr Ann Richards stated that at the recent Borough/Parish meeting the Swindon Borough Council Officers stated that there were not enough people to answer the phones. Cllr Ford responded that a new telephone system was being bought in.

Cllr Steve Harcourt stated that the Parish Council had received an email from Cllr Mary Martin stating that nothing will happen with the Devizes Road crossing. Cllr Harcourt added that since the Zebra Crossing was installed the flooding is considerably worse and unusable for a significant number of days in the year. Cllr Martyn responded that people would still cross there if there was no Zebra Crossing and that she was unsure of what the solution was. Cllr Ford added that there may be some small funding available but he was waiting to find out how feasible it was and that there were not enough Officers at Swindon Borough Council due to the austerity measures. Cllr T Kimberley-Fairbourn contributed that she felt the issue would have been resolved if it were an issue for vehicles rather than pedestrians. Cllr Martyn responded that she did not feel the flooding is any worse than previously and that the crossing is now safer than it was. Cllr A Richards stated that she felt the flooding was definitely worse as it only flooded during very heavy rainfall prior to the Zebra Crossing installation.

Cllr Bruce Kingstree asked what the status of the Ashen Copse yellow lines were. Cllr Ford responded that they were awaiting a re-draw of the plans by the Engineer.

Cllr Harcourt asked who was replacing Leon Barrett at Swindon Borough Council. Cllr Martyn responded that she thought it was currently Steve Jordan.

The Ward Councillors left the meeting.

FC/186

Youth Advisors

There were no Youth Advisors present.

FC/187

Parish Council Representatives' Report

Members **NOTED** a report from Cllr A Richards regarding a recent Church Yard meeting, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

Members **NOTED** a verbal report from Cllr H Woodward who had attended a Wiltshire Wildlife Fund meeting regarding Clouts Wood. Cllr Woodward informed members that they were considering allowing the use of part of the site for interment of ashes and monuments. Cllr Woodward stated that there were new policies in place for dogs and drones and that the recent 'no dogs' sign was incorrect. Dogs are permitted in Clouts Wood on the lead and in Kings Farm Wood of the lead.

Members **NOTED** a verbal report from Cllr A Richards about the recent Borough/Parish meeting. Cllr Richards informed members that a lot of Borough Councillors and Officers had not attended and that she would submit a written report to the next Full Council meeting.

Members **NOTED** the verbal report of Cllr T Kimberley-Fairbourn as Chair of the Wroughton Community Asset Trust. Cllr Kimberley-Fairbourn informed members that the Library hours had been agreed with Swindon Borough Council and would be extended to include Wednesday mornings, Friday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Cllr Kimberley-Fairbourn commended her fellow Trustees for their hard work and positivity. Cllr A Richards responded by thanking Cllr Kimberley-Fairbourn for Chairing the Trust.

Cllr G Jones asked that The Ellendune Hall Trust be added to the list of representatives and stated that the recent AGM minutes of the Trust had been circulated. A copy of which appear as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

Members **NOTED** the report of Cllr H Dosanjh regarding recent meetings with the Ridgeway School, a copy of which appear as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

FC/188

Chair's Report

The Chair gave a verbal report and stated that it had been a very busy six weeks since Christmas. The Chair gave thanks to all members for their continued hard work. The Chair reminded members that the annual meeting was only three months away and stated that he would not be standing as Chair for the next municipal year. Cllr H Woodward added that she would not stand as Vice Chair for the next municipal year.

FC/189

Dementia Friends

Members considered a request from Dementia Friends for Wroughton Parish Council to become 'Dementia Friends', a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book. Members **RESOLVED** to invite Dementia Friends to deliver an information session to Members and to invite Trustees and Staff of The Ellendune Hall Trust and Wroughton Community Asset Trust.

FC/190

Maunsell Way - BT

Members considered a request from BT for the installation of 2 telephone poles within land leased to Wroughton Parish Council at Maunsell Way recreation field, a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to request more information from BT on what the new equipment would be facilitating.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of the Council