



WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2018 at 7.30pm
in The Ellendune Community Centre

- Present**
- Cllr L Campisano
 - Cllr C Clark
 - Cllr H Dosanjh
 - Cllr S Harcourt
 - Cllr J Hewer (Chair)
 - Cllr G Jones
 - Cllr T Kimberley-Fairbourn
 - Cllr B Kingstree
 - Cllr A Richards (Vice Chair)
- Clerk** Emma Freemantle (Deputy Clerk)
- ERS/50** Apologies
No apologies were received.
- ERS/51** Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation
There were no declarations of interest nor applications for dispensation.
- ERS/52** Public Questions
There were two members of the public present, Mr Rob Mcalvey from St Johns Road. They expressed their concerns over the increase in anti-social behaviour and the consistent disruption from a particular group of youths surrounding the St Johns Road area and shops. Mr Mcalvey has contacted the police on several occasions to report this and whilst they appreciate that youths need somewhere to gather they do not appreciate the loud noise, disruptive behaviour and smoking of suspicious material.
Verbal abuse is often the case when the youths are spoken to, CCTV footage has now been passed over to the police which in particular highlights the gathering of Youths outside a local funeral directors, Mead Family Funerals.
Once reported to the Police there is an increase in police presence which is noticeable however once the groups are dispersed they soon re group and continue with such behaviour.
The Chair advised that the last correspondence that was exchanged with Inspector Dave Hobman, Wiltshire Police, stated that regardless of the overstretching of Police resource it should be business as usual in Swindon.
- The Chair advised that he will make further contact with Inspector Dave Hobman and pass on the feedback from the residents.
Correspondence between the Chair Cllr J Hewer and Inspector Dave Hoban appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

- ERS/53** **Magnificent Meadows**
Mr Neil Pullen couldn't attend the meeting however this will be rearranged for a future meeting.
- ERS/54** **Police Report**
There were no Police representatives at the meeting or reports available.
- ERS/55** **Community Safety Form**
Members **NOTED** the minutes from the last Community Safety forum a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.
- ERS/56** **Chair's Report**
The Chair announced that this is likely to be his last meeting as Chair of the Environment and Road Safety Committee. He thanked the Vice Chair Cllr Ann Richards, the Committee, the Clerk, Office Staff and Grounds Team for their hard work this year.
- ERS/57** **Bin Replacement Programme**
The Deputy Clerk produced a map of the local area to show the locations of new replacement bins, a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.
Members **RESOLVED** to agree the expenditure of £3,578.07 for the installation of two new bins and replacement of eleven older bins.
It was **NOTED** that the bin allocation on Swindon Road by the bus shelter will be delayed until the road works have been completed for the new housing development.
- ERS/58** **Ridgeway School**
Cllr Hannah Dosanjh gave a verbal update on the recent discussions which have taken place with the Deputy Clerk, Head of Ridgeway School, Parish Grounds Manager and Swindon Borough Council, a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the minute book.

The Deputy Clerk advised that she has been in contact with Swindon Borough Council to try and establish the ownership of the areas surrounding Ridgeway School for the purposes of street cleansing, hedge cutting and overall appearance.
Members **NOTED** that a working party will need to be formed consisting of members from the Parish Council, Swindon Borough Council, White Horse Federation (Ridgeway School), Wroughton Junior School and Asquith Nursery.

Members also **NOTED** that this project will not be forgotten and brought forward into the new municipal year of 2018/2019 and to fall under the new committee structure.
- ERS/59** **Parking Permits**
Cllr H Dosanjh raised the question of implementing parking permits to the residents surrounding the Woodland View area, a copy of the photographs provided appear as Appendix E in the Minute Book.
Members requested that the Deputy Clerk investigate the possibility of Parking permits and also as an alternative option to look into the use of H bar markings on the highway.
Members **NOTED** that research would be required for discussion at the next suitable meeting.

Cllr H Dosanjh left the meeting at 8.35pm.

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Road Works – Swindon Road

Members **NOTED** the roadworks on Swindon Road a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Discussions took place over the removed hedgerow along Swindon Road where the new housing development is taking place. It has been requested that the Administration Officer make contact with the developer or Swindon Borough Council to seek either the reinstatement of the hedgerow or compensation in relation to the landscaping scheme.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm

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Date.....

Chairman of the Council