

February

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4th FEBRUARY 2013

PRESENT: Guy Allen, Sid Bishop, Vincent Jones, David Lomax, Gordon Wilson (Chairman), Liz Carmichael (Clerk), Andrew Bennett (Ward Councillor)

1. APOLOGIES

None - all Parish Councillors were present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

David Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 10.3 as he is the Parish Council's representative on the Parish Plan committee.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January were approved and signed as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Actions completed

<i>Respond to draft revised SCI in planning</i>	<i>Action: clerk</i>
<i>Contact Marion Warren re Doomsday book</i>	<i>Action: clerk</i>
<i>Report blocked drains</i>	<i>Action: clerk</i>

Actions ongoing

<i>Consider locations for trees</i>	<i>Action: All</i>
<i>Speak to Geoff Hale about designs</i>	<i>Action: GW</i>
<i>Send Gordon Wilson the information on the Cumbria broadband</i>	<i>Action: AB</i>
<i>Send Vince Jones contact details for Jonathan Miller</i>	<i>Action: GW</i>
<i>Arrange Neighbourhood Watch handover from Jonathan Miller</i>	<i>Action: VJ</i>

The meeting noted that Marion Warren has the Doomsday book and that she had asked if there was a record of when previous Councillors had joined/left the Council.

The clerk advised the meeting that roadside gullies are cleaned every two and a half years and that individual problems with drains reported by the Parish Council will be prioritised based on the severity of the problem.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 *Consultation on draft proposals for Community Governance Review - The Parish Council's previous comments and had been included in the revised document. Liddington Parish Council agreed to consult with Wanborough Parish Council and residents living on Ham road.*

<i>Write to Wanborough Parish Council</i>	<i>Action: clerk</i>
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5.2 *Consultation on Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026 - It was noted that the document did not contain any mention of protecting the remaining land at Coate from future development. Additionally there was no mention of the impact of the Eastern Development Area on traffic at Commonhead. The Parish*

Council agreed that it would expect it to include the preservation of rural buffers. It was agreed that the clerk should respond to the document under delegated powers after consulting with at least 2 Councillors.

Respond to Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026

Action: clerk

5.3 Consultation on Co-Ordinated Admissions Scheme for September 2014-2015

Guy Allen agreed to review the documents and submit a personal response. The Clerk will under delegated authority submit a response from the Parish Council if applicable.

Respond to schools admissions scheme

Action: GA

5.4 Code of Conduct - The two templates from Swindon Borough Council and the National Association of Local Councils respectively were discussed. The proposal that the SBC version of the Code of Conduct be approved was put forward by Guy Allen and seconded by Vincent Jones. The Parish Council resolved to adopt the SBC version of the Code of Conduct.

5.5 Village Maintenance - It was noted that Richard Fisher is the new StreetSmart manager. Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that Jackie Moyles should be able to clarify if rubbish removed from the stream by a resident needs to be bagged up before it will be removed by the Borough Council. It was agreed that the village clean-up will take place at 9.30am on Saturday 2nd March. It was agreed that Gordon Wilson should approach the Community Payback Scheme regarding work required to thin out bushes along the B4192 from the Jubilee Gardens down towards Purley.

Speak to Community Payback Scheme organisers

Action: GW

It was noted that following the resurfacing of the B4192 and Church road some of the drains have been blocked off.

Contact Jackie Moyles re. getting drains cleared

Action: clerk

5.6 Speakers - The Parish Council agreed that the following should be invited to attend a future meeting: Nerissa Vaughan, a representative from the Canal Trust, PC Rory Draper along with Roger Bull's replacement.

Arrange for speakers to attend a future meeting

Action: clerk

5.7 One Swindon Partnership Conference - It was agreed that Gordon Wilson should attend the conference if he is able to go.

5.8 Website - The clerk advised the meeting that certain documents, e.g. the Councillors' registers of interest, need to be put on the website. Guy Allen volunteered to take over responsibility for updating the Parish Council pages. It was noted that there were some villagers who were willing to help with maintaining other pages on the website. It agreed that Maurice Spillane should be approached and asked if he can provide some training for everyone.

Arrange meeting/training for all interested parties with Maurice Spillane

Action: GA

5.9 Councillors' Roles - This matter was deferred to a future meeting.

6. PLANNING

6.1 It was noted that no planning applications have been received since the last meeting.

6.2 It was noted that no planning decisions had been received since the last meeting.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Account Summary - The account summary was reviewed.

The Parish Council approved the following payments between meetings:

- ♦ Stratton St Margaret Parish Council, dog bins, £3.00
- ♦ Gordon Wilson expenses £31.79

It was noted that the cheque in payment for membership of Jeffries Land Trust had not been signed at the previous meeting and would be signed at the end of this meeting

8. *CORRESPONDENCE*

8.1 *The Parish Council noted the following correspondence for information:*

– *Swindon South NPT Newsletter*

9. *WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT*

9.1 *Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that the mobile library service may be cut as part of the Borough Council's budget review. If it is cut, SBC will be looking to provide a rural library service through other means e.g. at the village hall with volunteer staff. He advised the meeting that the Commonhead Design Codes will be going out for comment soon.*

Andrew Bennett left the meeting.

10. *COUNCILLORS' REPORTS*

10.1 *Playing Field – Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out safety inspections on the play equipment on 16th & 30th January and that there were no issues to report.*

10.2 *Village Hall – There was nothing to report.*

10.3 *Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – There was no report.*

10.4 *Community Speedwatch – Guy Allen has contacted Rory Draper and is awaiting a response from him.*

11. *PARISH MAGAZINE*

It was agreed that the following items be put in the Parish Council's report:

- ♦ Village clean up 2nd March*
- ♦ PC responding to Local Plan*
- ♦ Commonhead Design Codes will be on display at the shop at the Village Inn*
- ♦ PC pleased with good support for opening of the shop at the Village Inn*
- ♦ Anyone wanting higher broadband rate in village to PC*

12. *ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA*

Discuss providing village wide broadband

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm