

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3rd OCTOBER 2011[/heading]

1 APOLOGIES

None

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

David Lomax declared an interest in agenda item 10.4 as he is the Parish Council's representative on the Parish Plan committee.

Stephanie Penfold declared an interest in agenda item 10.2 as she is the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall committee.

1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September were approved and signed as a true record.

4. CLERK'S REPORT/MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Actions completed

Request minutes/agendas be sent to GW &
LC Action: clerk

Send letter to Barnes

Coaches

Action: clerk

Superimpose sign on grass verge and circulate to residents for
feedback Action: GW

Request grit bin for

Lidenbrook

Action: clerk

Inform other members not present of date and
time Action: GW

Send letter resident regarding slow progress on build & copy
planning Action clerk

Request correct signage from Annie

Ellis Action: clerk

Circulate information on empowerment proposal to

Councillors Action: clerk

Write to Appeal Inspector with objections

Action GW

Invite Pegasus to October meeting

Action clerk

Send the name of the new chief
executive

Action AB

Actions carried forward

Speak to housing about getting a parking bay
Action: AB

The Parish Council noted the clerk's report and the status of ongoing matters.

Jonathan Miller joined the meeting.

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 Parish Councillor Role & Responsibilities – The Parish Council agreed to setup a Planning Committee whose brief would be to review large development ,or large impact, planning applications and to make recommendations to the full Council. It was agreed that a representative from the Parish Council would attend Swindon Area Committee meetings on an ad-hoc basis depending on what topics were on the agenda. It was agreed that Jonathan Miller would attend the Police Communication meetings. It was confirmed that David Lomax will continue his responsibility for the cultivation project and Maurice Spillane will continue his responsibility for the website.

Andrew Bennett joined the meeting.

5.2 Village Sign, Landscaping, Traffic Calming – David Lomax advised the meeting that the brambles and shrubs etc will need to be cleared before landscaping can commence. As the rubbish can't be burnt on the field it may have to be separated and chopped into smaller pieces for collection by Swindon Borough Council. A proposal for the village sign is being put together. It was agreed that a semi-circle and planter would be located outside the toll house. Bell lane will have coloured tarmac to identify a pedestrian section and the trees and bushes on the right-hand side of the road will be cut back. A flower bed will be constructed near to the village sign. It was agreed that a letter be sent to John Kent to thank him for taking the initiative and making the village look more attractive.

Write letter of thanks and pass to David Lomax
Action clerk

5.3 Church Road – It was noted that matters to do with the re-surfacing of Church road, the posts and the new sign for the church & village hall are still ongoing.

5.4 Grass Cutting Contract – The Parish Council agreed to engage Swindon Commercial Services for another year to cut the grass. It was noted that invoicing should fall in line with the Parish Council's fiscal year.

5.5 Planning Empowerment Proposal – The Parish Council agreed to support the proposal to empower Parish Councils with regard to planning applications.

5.6 Parish Charter and Planning Protocol – The Parish Council agreed to endorse the Parish Charter and the Planning Protocol.

5.7 Swindon Strategic Partnership Conference – It was agreed that Gordon Wilson would attend the conference.

The meeting was not suspended as no members of the public were present.

6. PLANNING

6.1 There were no planning applications to consider.

6.2 It was noted that application S/11/0510/RM for The Sun Inn was granted full planning permission.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Account Summary – The account summary was reviewed and it was agreed that a forecast column be added.

7.2 The Parish Council approved payment of invoice 2240 for £7.73 from **Stratton St. Margaret Parish Council for the dog bin service**

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence for discussion/action

– Notification of consultation on the Draft Local Development Order for Rear House Extensions. The Parish Council had no comments to make.

– Consultation on the Boundary Commission's proposals for new Parliamentary Constituencies. The proposals were noted by the Parish Council.

8.2 Correspondence for information – The Parish Council noted the following correspondence:

- SBC Members Bulletin, Issues 577 – 579
- CPRE booklet, How to respond to planning applications
- Notification of CPRE membership renewal
- CPRE Review of Solar Photovoltaic Installations
- Wiltshire Association of Local Councils AGM
- Swindon Strategic Partnership Newsletter, September 2011

9. WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

9.1 Andrew Bennett advised the meeting that Swindon Borough Council has been putting together a response to the draft planning framework and gave a copy of the draft summary National Planning policy Framework to Gordon Wilson. It was also noted that there is an ongoing consultation on the sale of council houses.

Andrew Bennett left the meeting

101. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

10.1 Playing Field – Sid Bishop advised the meeting that he had carried out safety inspections on the play equipment on two days in September and that there were no issues to report.

10.2 Village Hall – It was noted that there is a new booking secretary. Two events have been planned for December.

10.3 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – There was nothing to report.

10.4 Parish Plan – There was nothing to report.

10.5 Jeffries Land Trust – There was nothing to report.

11. PARISH MAGAZINE

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

Planning meeting with SBC and Halcrow.

Further proposals for traffic calming being investigated.

12. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

There were no matters under this agenda item.

The meeting concluded at 9.35pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th November 2011.