

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

12TH JANUARY 2010

SWINDON VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHURCH ROAD

Present:

Councillors:

Peter Allen (Vice-Chairman –
in the Chair)

Colin Green
David Iliffe

Adam Slaughter

Also Present:

Stephen Holley (Clerk of the Council)
Richard Gibson (Cheltenham Borough Council)

Apologies:

Hugh Evans (Chairman)
Rob Ellis

Glenn Simpson
Joanna McVeagh

PRESENTATION

Mr. Richard Gibson, Cheltenham Borough Council's Policy and Partnerships Manager, was present to speak on the Borough Council's corporate strategy and invited Members to complete a questionnaire thereon.

As the Council was unable to respond immediately, an electronic version of the questionnaire would be circulated and Members' comments collated into a single response.

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the Public present.

10/001

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest at this stage of the Meeting.

Note:

Councillors Allen and Iliffe subsequently declared a personal interest in the payment of their travel claims (Finance – Accounts Approved for Payment, Minute 10/011.1 referred).

10/002 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, held on 8th December 2009 be approved as a correct record.

Arising thereon:

Minutes - Arising thereon: Cheltenham - Gloucester - Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy (Minute 09/147) (i)

Members were reminded to review the initial consultation response drafted by Councillor Iliffe. The date for the submission of responses had been extended to 18th February 2010.

10/003 **BOY RACERS/CRUISERS**

Councillor Iliffe reported that he understood that a Dispersal Order to cover Kingsditch Lane was being prepared for approval by the Borough Council.

10/004 **CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL**

The Clerk reminded the Council that one vacancy remained to be filled. Members were requested to promote this vacancy to eligible persons.

10/005 **ADMINISTRATION****1. Correspondence**

The Council noted a list of correspondence received.

With regard to the advice from Digital UK that the West TV region would start switching to digital TV in two stages (on Wednesday 24 March 2010 and Wednesday 7 April 2010) it was noted that help to convert to digital was available to the over-75s and other individuals. Webpage: www.helpscheme.co.uk email: info@helpscheme.co.uk or telephone 0800 40 85 900.

2. Meeting Dates for 2010

It was noted that, subsequent to the setting of dates for Meetings in 2010, some would be subject to change, in order to avoid 'double-booking' with the Clerk's full-time duties.

3. Other Administrative Matters

There were no other administrative matters to be considered.

10/006 **REPORTS**

1. It was suggested that the County Council be requested to place a large bag of salt on Wymans Lane, on the verge opposite Drayton Close. It was also proposed that a formal proposal to purchase a salt bin (estimated at £160) be put before the next Meeting of the Council.

2. The Council noted the large amount of potholes which were appearing in road surfaces, many had been the result of the icy weather but a good number had been in existence for some time, and often reappeared around previous repairs. The Clerk was requested to ask Gloucestershire Highways for its repair programme.

10/007

PLANNING AND LICENSING**1. Planning Applications referred to the Council for observations**

(i) The Council noted the following comments on an application delegated to the Clerk for observations (subsequent to consultation with Members of the Council):

09/01810/ADV - Listers Lexus, Tewkesbury Road - Advertising. NO OBJECTION, subject to the illumination being controlled by a timer and not lit overnight.

09/0057/CHREG3 – Kingsmead School, Howell Road, Cheltenham (N.B. land outside but adjacent to Swindon parish). Redevelopment of Kingsmead School site to create new All Saints Academy. Revised plan to include grass sports pitch in south-west corner, in place of open space in original plan. (Refer to Minute 09/137.2, November 2009). NO OBSERVATIONS.

(ii) Responses to other applications referred to the Council

09/01822/FUL – Unit 1c, Gallagher Reatil Park, Tewkesbury Road – Installation of 2 no. display windows to existing front elevation. NO OBJECTION.

09/01888/ADV – Unit 1a, Centrum Park (Dunelm Soft Furnishings), Tewkesbury Road – Illuminated advertising. PART OBJECTION – The 2500 x 2500 internally illuminated flexface signs would be excessive and could be replaced by non-illuminated signs inside the glazing. PART NO OBJECTION - The fascia signs are acceptable.

09/01904/ADV – Bristol Street Motors, Tewkesbury Road – Illuminated advertising. NO OBJECTION, but the relevant Office should be informed that an existing illuminated pole sign is arranged so as to dazzle traffic heading into Cheltenham on the Tewkesbury Road.

3. Licence Applications

No Licensing applications had been referred to the Council for observations.

10/008

TRAFFIC AND HIGHWAYS

The Council considered a suggestion to seek '30mph' warning stickers for residents to place on their bins. An email on the subject from County Councillor Suzanne Williams was noted. After some discussion it was AGREED not to pursue the idea and the Clerk was requested to propose to Gloucestershire Highways that an electronic / reactive 30 mph speed sign be installed on Wymans Lane, adjacent to the Playing Field.

10/009 ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk reported on his progress collecting Allotment rents due for 2009/10. Councillor Iliffe passed on a two rent cheques which he had received from tenants.

10/010 VILLAGE SIGN

There was nothing to report.

10/011 FINANCE**1. Accounts Approved for Payment**

	£	£
Clerk's Salary, (December)	330.00	
Expenses	<u>32.00</u>	
		362.00
Reimbursement of claims for authorised travel outside the parish:		
Councillor Peter Allen (Chairmanship training)		9.60
Councillor Hugh Evans (Collection of Village News from printer and Chairmanship training)		21.60
Councillor David Iliffe (Collection of Village News from printer)		9.60

Note:

Councillors Allen and Iliffe declared a personal interest in the payment of their travel claims. The Clerk advised that the interests were not prejudicial as the Council had already committed to the expenditure and signing the cheques was merely an administrative action. Also, they were the only authorised cheque signatories present at the Meeting.

2. Budget and Precept for 2010/11

The Council was invited to consider draft budget proposals, updated with suggestions made at the previous Meeting.

10/012 MATTERS IDENTIFIED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Members considered a list of items for future discussion. The list now comprised:-

- Publication of the final South West Regional Spatial Strategy
- Eligibility for Quality Council status
- Extension of the footpath from the Amenity Area to Swindon Playing Fields
- Donation/Grant to the Village Hall Committee
- Agenda items for the Annual Parish Assembly in 2010 (to include an update on Boy Racers and a presentation by the Borough Council's Tree Officer on tree applications and good tree management)

10/013 OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY THE CHAIRMAN AS URGENT

There was no urgent business.

The Meeting closed at 9.25.p.m.

Chairman

Unconfirmed