

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish of South Swindon came into being following elections that took place on 4 May 2017.

From November 2016 a Shadow Parish Council was set up and made up of Ward Councillors from Swindon Borough Council. A number of those Councillors have remained on the Parish Council. The Shadow Parish Council were responsible for setting the first budget for the Parish Council.

The parish covers the whole area of Swindon, south of the railway line and north of the M4. This includes the town centre and many other local districts, the largest being Old Town. The parish is mainly urban, but there is a small area of farmland. There are approximately 40,000 people living in the parish and the Precept is just over £2 million.

The Full Council meetings of the Parish Council are held on a Tuesday every month and there are 3 committees that hold monthly meetings. In addition to this, there are a number of working parties that are delivering various projects. All Council meetings are held in the evening.

The Parish Council is responsible for all the maintenance of green spaces in the parish, which includes sports facilities and 4 parks. This is currently being provided through an outside contractor. The Parish Council is in the process of taking over the 2 main parks in the town and this will include responsibility for the staff through a TUPE transfer from Swindon Borough Council.

The Parish Council is very keen to deliver a number of initiatives and projects to improve the parish. The first task will be to oversee the transfer of play areas, park, sports facilities, open spaces and community facilities from Swindon Borough Council to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has already taken over the allotments from Swindon Borough Council, which total over 400 at 14 different sites. The Parish Council is running Broadgreen Community Centre for the next year and in that time will evaluate the future of the building. From 1 September 2017 the Parish Council has taken over the running of Old Town Library.

The Parish Council currently has 9 members of staff including the Clerk. The Clerk is also the Clerk to Central Swindon North Parish Council and provides mentoring to the Parish Manager at this Council.

You can find out more about the parish from the South Swindon Parish Council website www.southswindon-pc.gov.uk