

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the

**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
on Thursday 6th June 2019 at 6.00pm at WEST SWINDON LIBRARY**

Present:

Cllr Caryl Sydney-Smith (Chair)
Cllr Mary Martin
Cllr Geoff Gould
Cllr Tim Makofu
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Nick Martin
Cllr Michael Burtenshaw
Cllr Prakash Khaitan
Cllr Keith Williams

Cllr Suresh Gattapur also attending.

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)
Leanne Curtis (Assistant Clerk)

Public: Nine.

Public Session:

A resident asked a question around the Wildflower Meadows in Toothill and asked what public consultation had taken place. The Parish Manager indicated that no consultation had taken place however the matter had been discussed at a number of meetings of the Leisure and Amenities Committee prior to starting. These meetings were open to the public and the minutes are publicly available.

A resident asked if there were plans for protecting the cycle path when works on Mead Way impact on the cycle path subway – particularly from The Chesters to Barnfield – this is a main route to the town centre. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council would ask Swindon Borough Council for clarification.

Meeting opened 18.10 pm.

31. Apologies

Cllr Simon Firth due to work commitments.

Apologies accepted and approved.

32. Declarations Of Interest & Applications For Dispensation

None

33. Peatmoor Community Woodland

The Parish Manager presented the Peatmoor Community Woodland report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book.

Standing Orders Suspended at 18.13 pm.

Roger Ogle from Peatmoor Community Woodland explained that although it was originally requested that West Swindon Parish Council consider taking on the tree management of the area, there are now reports of Ash die back locally, although none in Peatmoor Woodland as yet. As a representative of the group, Roger Ogle indicated that it would be prudent to leave the copse in the ownership of Swindon Borough Council. Mr Ogle asked if the Parish Council could assist with independent insurance for the group of volunteers.

Standing Orders reinstated at 18.21pm

RESOLVED that Councillors agreed that the Community Woodland group join the Clean and Green Volunteer Fund to build funds for the future and that the previous grant funding could be used to cover the costs of community group insurance.

34. Clean and Green Volunteer Fund Update

The Assistant Clerk gave an update on the Clean and Green Volunteer Fund, a copy of which is attached as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that Councillors note the report.

35. Highways Projects

The Parish Manager presented a report on Highways Projects, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book, highlighting pavement condition, requests for dropped kerbs, requests for double yellow lines, footway signage and street lighting.

RESOLVED that currently West Swindon Parish Council has no budget for Highways projects, this will be reviewed at the next budget setting meeting in the Autumn

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager contacts Swindon Borough Council Highways team to request support to progress

- extension of double yellow lines on Ravenglass Road
- an additional street light on the old Wootton Bassett Road/Stokesay Drive
- a list of outstanding requests for highways works

36. Planning Report

The Parish Manager submitted a planning report outlining planning applications in West Swindon, a copy of which appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book.

Councillors agreed the following:

36.1 S/HOU/19/0709	25 Selby Crescent Freshbrook Swindon SN5 8PE	Erection of a detached outbuilding.
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NO OBJECTION

36.2 S/HOU/19/0645	50 Lineacre Close, Grange Park, Swindon, SN5 6DB	Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions.
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NO OBJECTION

36.3 S/19/072	George Tweed Gardens, Pilgrim Close, Ramleaze, Swindon	Creation of 3no. additional parking spaces on existing grassed open space.
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NO OBJECTION

36.4 S/HOU/19/0769	7 Stancombe Park, Westlea SN5 7AP	Erection of a single storey side and front extension.
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NO OBJECTION

Meeting closed 18.47 pm.

Signed:
Chair, Planning & Environment Committee

Date: