

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

on Wednesday 7th August 2018 at 6.00pm at WEST SWINDON LIBRARY

Present:

Michael Burtenshaw
Nigel Gibbons
Geoff Gould
Timothy Makofu
Nick Martin
Mary Martin
Caryl Sydney Smith (Chair)

Also present:

Steph Exell
Suresh Gattapur
Tim Swinyard

Officers:

Paula Harrison
Leanne Curtis

8 residents present.

Public Participation:

Resident asked for an update on the Parish Council's Biodiversity Plan. The Parish Manager indicated that a number of organisations had been approached but were not able to assist. At the current time it is hoped that this can be progressed further with the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

Resident reported that the drawings for application at 3 Cabot Drive were wrong. Cllr Gould confirmed that this was the case. Planning officers would be aware and would ensure correct drawings were submitted (revised drawings received 13 August 19).

Resident highlighted that problems for residents in relation to car parking continues and is likely to be impacted on by conversion properties. Cllr Gould replied that the parking quota was met and sufficient parking had been provided for in terms of the Chiseldon House application.

Meeting start 6.05 pm

102. Apologies

Simon Firth – work commitments
Prakash Khaitan (Vice Chair) – work commitments
Keith Williams – work commitments

Apologies of Absence received and approved.

103. Declarations Of Interest & Applications For Dispensation

None.

104. Presentation – Neil Pullen – Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Mr Neil Pullen gave a verbal presentation regarding nature reserve plans at Rivermead. Work is planned following receipt of a grant with Swindon Borough Council. A copy of the plan was circulated which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. Mr Pullen suggested treatment and replantment plans for the woodland edges to combat ash die back. This would bring a mixture of trees to reduce the current volume of single ash trees. Potential plans for enhancing the skate park area have been accommodated within the plan.

105. Stokesay Drive Street Light (requested by Cllr Exell)

Councillors received and considered a quote from Swindon Borough Council regarding an additional light column for Stokesay Drive/Old Wootton Bassett Road. A copy of this appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Cllr Exell indicated that this had been raised by a local resident. Cllr Makofu indicated that this has been a concern for a long time, particularly for those using the bus stop early in the morning. Cllr M Martin asked that clarification be sought that any related ongoing maintenance is absorbed by Swindon Borough Council.

RECOMMENDED that subject to confirmation from Swindon Borough Council that additional street lamps will be subject to their full adoption in all aspects of repair and maintenance, that the funding of £5603.08 is approved.

106. Communication from SBC Highways

Councillors noted receipt of a letter from S Coles, Swindon Borough Council Highways, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in Minute Book. The process of submitting requests to Swindon Borough Council was debated.

107. Dropped kerbs (requested by Cllr Exell)

Cllr Exell indicated that her direct requests to Swindon Borough Council regarding dropped kerbs had received the following response from S Coles in the Traffic Management Team:

Highways Maintenance at one time had a small budget for works of this nature; the Transport Planning team used to consider dropped kerb crossing points along a route as part of pedestrian improvements schemes and more recently the Traffic Management team have delivered a small number from our Revenue budget.

However unfortunately changes in budget allocations and ultimately a reduction in budgets, alongside an increase in the cost of providing dropped kerbs means that we can no longer progress requests for dropped kerb crossing facilities at this time as a request for minor highways works.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council drafts a policy to detail the Parish Council's response to requests for dropped kerbs and minor highways work, and, for a highways budget to be considered in budget planning for future years based on that policy.

108. Graffiti Report

Councillors received a report setting out options to consider in terms of cleansing and removal of graffiti. A copy of the report appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book. Councillors discussed matters relating to graffiti.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council looks to engage with graffiti painters to purposely paint areas prone to tags or graffiti. All other non approved marks/ graffiti will be removed.

109. Planning Report

Councillors received the planning report, a copy of which appears of **Appendix E** in the Minute Book. Decisions resolved as follows:

109.1 S/LDE/19/1042	3 Camton Road, Middleleaze, SN5 5TQ	Certificate of lawfulness (Existing) for the erection of a single storey rear extension. No objection.
109.2 S/HOU/19/1067	3 Cabot Drive, Grange Park, SN5 6HG	Erection of a single storey rear extension, single storey side extension and porch. No objection.
109.3 S/HOU/19/1078	4 Whitgift Close, Grange Park, Swindon, SN5 6HQ	Erection of single storey rear, side and front extensions. No objection.
109.4	Chiseldon House, Bentham Close Swindon SN5 7BQ	Prior Approval Notification for the change of use from office (class B1) to 16 no. residential flats (class C3). No objection.

Meeting closed at 7.06 pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 05 September 2019 6.00 pm.

Signed:
Chair of Planning & Environment Committee

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