

# WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the

### PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 6.00pm at WEST SWINDON LIBRARY

#### **Present:**

Cllr Michael Burtenshaw  
Cllr Simon Firth  
Cllr Nigel Gibbons  
Cllr Geoff Gould  
Cllr Tim Makofu  
Cllr Nick Martin  
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith (Chair)  
Cllr Prakash Khaitan

Also attending: Cllr Trish Philpot

#### **Officers:**

Paula Harrison  
Leanne Curtis

6 residents present.

#### **Public Participation:**

A resident asked if the Greendown Copse group could have support to take green waste flytipping in the area and whether the Parish Council would consider replacing the wooden entry signs to copse.

The Parish Manager advised that where there are flytipping issues, the Parish Council has sent out a letter to residents in a street or area advising against it and this could be done in and around the Greendown copse area. There is also the potential to use volunteer hours to contribute towards the cost of a new sign – actual quote/costs pending.

A resident asked for wood chippings for Shaw Ridge copse walkways.

The Parish Manager advised that the wood chip is provided by the Swindon Borough Council tree team and as a result, it is difficult to control the supply. It is however the cheapest source of material to form pathways so it is worth waiting. The Parish Manager advised that she would repeat the request.

A resident asked for any further news to starting on Mead Way road changes.

The Chair advised that work was planned for Spring 2020.

#### **Meeting start 6.06 pm**

236.

#### **Apologies**

Cllr Mary Martin & Cllr Keith Williams – conflicting committee commitments

**RESOLVED** that the Apologies of Absence received are approved.

**237. Declarations Of Interest & Applications For Dispensation**

Cllr Nick Martin indicated that he was a member of Swindon Borough Council's planning committee and would not be participating in debate on planning applications (item 6).

**238. Hay Lane Safety Measures** as requested by Cllr Sydney Smith

The Parish Manager circulated costs and a design proposed by Swindon Borough Council Highways for Hay Lane. A copy of the design and email with costings appears in the Minute Book as **Appendix A**. Costs proposed were

- Relocate and replace the current school warning signs (on each approach to the crossing) with replacements that have yellow backing boards – and new locations that increase their visibility to motorists – cost estimate £700.
- New road markings on each approach to the crossing – with the word "SLOW" painted on the carriageway – cost estimate £400.

Councillors queried whether the Tregoze Way sign was correctly positioned and whether 'crossing ahead' would be better wording. The Parish Manager was asked to check these details.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council commissions Swindon Borough Council to complete the revisions to Hay Lane as proposed.

**239. Commemorative Options Report**

The Parish Manager circulated a report setting out options for a range of ways to commemorate including trees, walls, and gardens, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Manager progresses costs and details to focus on options for memorial trees and planters.

**Swindon Borough Council Codes - Planning**

Councillors were invited to review Codes for Planning decisions distributed by Swindon Borough Council, copies of which are attached as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Grounds Manager circulates all the Codes to all Parish Councillors for individual comment.

**240. Planning Report**

**RESOLVED** that the following be submitted in response to the applications as follows:

240.1	S/HOU/19/1662	2 Lucerne Close, Ramleaze, SN5 5GQ	Erection of a single storey rear extension. <b>No objection</b>
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240.2	S/ADV/19/1704	Unit 1, Toothill Village Centre SN5 8DH	Display of various illuminated and non-illuminated signage. <b>No objection</b>
240.3	S/19/1694	Asda Superstore, West Swindon Centre Centre SN5 7DL	Erection of a single storey side extension.  <b>No objection</b> providing that existing units have no objections regarding ongoing access.
240.4	S/HOU/19/1730	1 Gartons Road, Middleleaze SN5 5TR	Erection of 3no. rear dormer windows. <b>No objection</b>

Meeting closed at 6.40 pm

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 15 January 2020 6.00 pm.**

Signed: .....  
Chair of Planning & Environment Committee

Date:.....