

FULL COUNCIL

Pilgrim Close

1. 1. Background

- 1.1 Following a review of the Swindon Housing Development Company planning application to develop on public open space at Pilgrim Close, adjacent to Shaw Village Centre, the Parish Council raised concerns regarding the potential impact on the loss of available parking on this site.

At the meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee on 5 December 2018, a proposal was discussed where the Parish Council would work with the developer to secure an additional three car parking spaces from adjacent public open space. Minute 224 records the following decision

224. Pilgrim Close Parking

The Chair advised that the Swindon Borough Council Planning Committee had recently considered the application for development at Pilgrim Close following objections from this Parish in relation to insufficient parking provision. As a result, there is a joint understanding that the Parish Council will provide an associated three car parking spaces on this site. The Parish Council will be the applicant for planning permission to do so.

- 1.2 The Parish Council agreed to be the applicant for the parking spaces and applied to the Planning Authority. In consultation with Swindon Housing Company, it proposed a stone and dust finish.
- 1.3 Swindon Borough Council Highways have since commented on this application and consider it to be an unsuitable finish, proposing either tarmac or block paving. The other acceptable finish is to install grass and planting to reduce the likelihood of indiscriminate parking.

2. Detail

- 2.1 The parking area is currently unfinished.



Swindon Housing Company have provided costings if they are to undertake the work. These are

1. Grass and planting £1.2K
 2. Tarmac £4.5K
 3. Block paving £5.5K
- 2.2 The alternative for the Parish Council is to consider that now that a stone finish is not agreeable, that this is no longer the project that was outlined with the Swindon Housing Company and therefore the Parish Council cannot commit to additional costs and the resolution will need to be found by Swindon Housing Company.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There is no allocated funding for this project. There is £5000 remaining in the General Maintenance budget which could be used for this purpose.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Parish Council considers and confirms its position in relation to the completion of car parking spaces at Shaw Village Centre.

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