

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE on MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2018 at 6.00pm at WEST SWINDON LIBRARY

Present:

Cllr Ellen Heavens (Vice Chair)
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Vinay Kumar
Cllr John Lenton
Cllr Nick Martin
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith
Cllr Keith Williams (Chair)

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: Four

Public Participation:

Kevin Fisher (Shaw Residents Association) referred to Agenda Item 8 and asked the Parish Council to respond to the letter from SRA and consider supporting the efforts of Shaw Residents Association to secure regular maintenance at Shaw Village Centre. Could the Parish Council take on responsibility and secure one maintenance agreement? The Chair advised that the Parish Council would provide a written response.

Kevin Fisher (Shaw Residents Association) referred to Agenda Item 6 and indicated that it would be a positive move forward to develop a neighbourhood plan that could jointly support and protect the essential setting of Lydiard Park. Mr Fisher suggested that West Swindon Parish Council could speak to its neighbouring parishes for advice on neighbourhood plans.

Kevin Fisher (Shaw Residents Association) referred to Agenda Item 7 and asked that the Parish Council appoints a representative .

Resident enquired as to whether the Parish Council could take action against flytipping alongside litter issues. The Chair advised this would be discussed as part of Agenda Item 8.

Meeting opened 6.13 pm.
Cllr Ellen Heavens chaired the meeting.

293. Apologies

Cllr Keith Williams
Cllr Tim Swinyard

294. Declarations Of Interest & Applications For Dispensation

None.

295. Mead Way Infrastructure Update

Standing Agenda item -No information to report.

296. Purton Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Manager reported that the Purton Neighbourhood Plan was in circulation for comment and consultation.

RESOLVED that any comments to be given to the Parish Manager by 28.02.18.

297. West Swindon Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors considered a report from the Parish Manager, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that a representative from Swindon Borough Council Planning Department is invited to attend a meeting of Full Council to introduce neighbourhood planning.

298. Salt Bins

Councillors considered a report from the Parish Manager, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Noted that Bess Road to Hook Street can be a problem in icy conditions. Additional gritting from the Parish Grounds maintenance team may be a more adaptable solution.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager liaises with Streetsmart to highlight requests for additional gritting as required.

299. Lydiard House and Gardens Representative

Councillors considered the request to have a Parish Council representative to support discussions as part of the Joint Statement for the Protection of the Essential Setting of Lydiard Park

RESOLVED that Cllr Nick Martin acts as the Parish Council's representative.

300. Shaw Village Centre

Councillors received a letter from Shaw Residents Association regarding maintenance at Shaw Village Centre, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted that the issue of maintenance was the responsibility of Swindon Borough Council and its lease agreements. Councillors noted that similar maintenance issues also applied to other Swindon Borough Council village centres.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council's Assets Working Party meets to discuss maintenance arrangements at village centres in West Swindon and scopes out the potential involvement of the Parish Council.

301. Litter

Cllr Ellen Heavens introduced a discussion on litter and flytipping. Councillors agreed that litter and flytipping was visible on many main roads and subways, and, flytipping over rear fences was visible across West Swindon. Councillors agreed that a number of approaches needed to be undertaken to find a sustainable solution for the future including education and enforcement.

RECOMMENDED that the Parish Council sets up a Litter Working Party to investigate best practice and options to tackle litter and flytipping.

RESOLVED that representatives from Streetsmart for street cleaning be invited to attend a future meeting of this Committee

302. Peatmoor Copse

Councillors received a verbal update from the Parish Manager regarding recent visits to Peatmoor Copse with Streetsmart and a Peatmoor Copse Group representative. A number of projects were noted including improving the walkways, reinforcing the banks, and, additional tree work. Councillors noted that Peatmoor Copse remains the responsibility of Swindon Borough Council. Councillors agreed that the Peatmoor Copse Group volunteers made a positive difference to this local amenity.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council considers any future grant applications from Peatmoor Copse Group and liaises with Streetsmart Grounds Maintenance regarding additional assistance to the Peatmoor Copse group's projects

303. Roundabout Sponsorship.

Councillors received information relating to discussions for future income from roundabout sponsorship between Swindon Borough Council and parish councils, a copy of which appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted that the Parish Council a 50:50 division of income did not compensate the Parish Council for periods of inactivity when there is no advertiser but the roundabout is still maintained by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager makes enquiries to determine the income specific to West Swindon and reports back to a future meeting.

304. Grounds Maintenance Report

Councillors received an update report from Streetsmart, a copy of which is available as **Appendix E** in the Minute Book.

305. Planning Report

The Parish Manager submitted a Planning Report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix F** in the Minute Book. Planning Applications were agreed as follows:

306. Planning Report

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

306.1	S/HOU/18/0142/FELY	23 Cabot Drive Grange Park SN5 6HG	Erection of two storey front and side extension conversion of garage into habitable space. No objection.
306.2	S/HOU/18/0162/PEKO	2 Parham Walk Grange Park SN5 6EQ	Erection of single storey rear and side extension No objection
306.3	S/LDP/18/0161/LZWI	25 Rochford Close Grange Park SN5 6AB	Certificate of lawfulness (Proposed) for the erection of a single storey rear extension. No objection
306.4	S/HOU/18/0170/PEKO	3 Selby Crescent Freshbrook SN5 8PE	Erection of single storey side and rear extensions. No objection
306.5	S/HOU/18/0197/FELY	23 Lisle Close Grange Park SN5 6BX	Erection of a two storey side/ front extension. No objection
306.6	S/HOU/18/0195/LZWI	16 Winlaw Close Shaw SN5 5WX	Erection of a single storey front extension. No objection
306.7	S/HOU/17/2095	59 Belsay, Toothill SN5 8HD	Erection of a single storey side extension (revised wording) No objection
306.8	S/17/1879	Mannington Depot, Mannington Depot Service Road Mannington	Installation of a battery-based electricity storage facility, transformer, parking area, CCTV, landscaping, fencing with associated infrastructure and equipment (revised documents).

No objection

Meeting closed 7.11 pm.

Signed:
Chair, Planning & Environment Committee

Date: