

**WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the  
**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
on **MONDAY 09 OCTOBER 2017** at **6.00pm** at **WEST SWINDON LIBRARY**

**Present:**

Cllr Ellen Heavens (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Nigel Gibbons  
Cllr Vinay Kumar  
Cllr John Lenton  
Cllr Tim Makofu  
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith  
Cllr Tim Swinyard

Cllr Ellen Heavens chaired the meeting.

**Officers:**

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

**Public:** Two

**Public Participation:**

A resident asked for an update on problem parking on Langstone Way. The issue hadn't improved. The Parish Manager responded that Councillors had undertaken some visits and it was still ongoing as a trial.

A resident reported problems at Welton Road primarily with Oxford Brookes. The university is charging the 'university rate' in Oxford and as a result many staff and students are parking on the road. The resident asked if the price of parking on campus could be reviewed. Due to the volume of parking, it is often impossible to walk on the pavement. The Chair agreed that this is a problem across the Borough. Cllr Makofu indicated that there had been some discussion about residents offering driveway parking to help alleviate the problem. The Chair thanked the residents for their comments.

**Meeting opened 6.12 pm.**

**162. Apologies**

Cllr Nick Martin  
Cllr Keith Williams (Chair)

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

Cllr Swinyard declared an interest as a trustee at Freshbrook Community Centre which manages Roughmoor Hall and took no part in the discussions thereof.

**164. Leaf Clearance**

The Parish Manager reported that a number of Councillors had raised queries about leaf clearance from footpaths and gutters. This work is undertaken by the Street cleaning team. A schedule of roads that would be cleared had been requested for circulation.

**RESOLVED** that any roads of particular concern should be reported to the Parish Manager.

**165. Welton Road Parking**

Councillors agreed that this was an ongoing issue mostly outside of the Parish Council's remit.

**RESOLVED** that Parish Councillors to continue to review the situation.

**166. Strategic Housing Land Availability**

The Parish Manager circulated a report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. Councillors agreed that it would be useful to consider this alongside detailed maps for West Swindon. Councillors noted the report.

**167. Roughmoor Hall Trees**

The Parish Manager reported that Roughmoor Hall which is managed by the Freshbrook Community Centre Charity had requested that Swindon Borough Council cut back overhanging trees. The trees are situated on public open space adjacent to the Hall's car park and rear garden. The trees are causing problems with dropping leaves and creating a slippery surface in the car park and block out light from the Hall. Swindon Borough Council had indicated that this was a low level priority. The Community Centre have requested that the Parish give assistance to getting the work done.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Manager asks for confirmation on the timeframe for this work from Swindon Borough Council and reports back to the next meeting.

**168. Planning Report**

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

**168.1 S/17/1167**

**38 Russley Close, Peatmoor Swindon SN5 5AG**

*Change of use of converted garage from residential to dog grooming Business*

**RESOLVED: No objection**

**168.2 S/HOU/17/1565**

**40 Winwick Road, Freshbrook Swindon SN5 8NF**

*Erection of a single storey side extension*

**RESOLVED: No objection**

- 168.3 S/17/1301**  
**Lydiard Park Academy , Grange Park Way Grange Park Swindon SN5 6HN**  
*Erection of 2.4 metre high boundary fencing*  
**RESOLVED: No objection**
- 168.4 S/HOU/17/1558**  
**57 Conisborough, Toothill Swindon SN5 8ES**  
*Erection of a two storey side extension*  
**RESOLVED: No objection**
- 168.5 S/ADV/17/1464**  
**Unit J, Bridgemead Industrial Estate Ashworth Road Bridgemead Swindon**  
*Display of various illuminated signage*  
**RESOLVED: No objection**

Meeting closed 6.35 pm.

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

Date: .....