

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

on WEDNESDAY 6 JUNE 2018 at 6.00pm at WEST SWINDON LIBRARY

Present:

Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Vinay Kumar
Cllr Tim Makofu
Cllr Nick Martin
Cllr Keith Williams (Chair)

Cllr Mary Martin also attending.

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: None.

Meeting opened 6.02 pm.

32. Apologies

Cllr Ellen Heavens (Vice Chair)
Cllr Vinay Kumar
Cllr John Lenton

33. Declarations Of Interest & Applications For Dispensation

None

34. Mead Way Infrastructure Update

The Chair updated that the Ridgeway Farm development 106 monies allocated £50,000 to Swinley Drive and £350,000 to Mead Way improvements, triggered by the 450th house completion. The developer is requesting that Wiltshire Council change this to the 650th house to avoid the redirection of construction traffic. £350,000 was integral to the Department of Transport Bid.

35. Planning Application Minerva House s/17/2077

Councillors noted the information regarding parking places on the development site were 9 spaces below that set out in the Swindon Borough Council Guidance for Developers.

Parish Councillors noted that it was unlikely that any more spaces could be released on the site. The developer had indicated that there could be support for assisting the Parish Council with a community project local to the estate. Councillors agreed that local facilities were generally well provided however parking was already a significant issue on the estate. Yellow lines were expected to be installed in the next two weeks but would be unlikely to change the pressure on parking. Councillors agreed that road widening would be a logical enhancement that would allow roadside parking whilst still retaining traffic flow. The Parish Council would support development that also mitigated against the existing parking issues.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager writes to Swindon Borough Council requesting consideration of additional estate parking to be provided as part of this development such as infill/verge parking measures.

36. Planning Report

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

36.1 S/18/0771	Link Centre , Whitehill Way SN5 7DL	Installation of an external combined heat and power plant unit and gas flue.
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NO OBJECTION

36.2 S/HOU/18/0896	45 Rycote Close, Grange Park SN5 6AP	Erection of a single storey side/ rear extension and conversion of garage into habitable space.
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NO OBJECTION

36.3 S/HOU/18/0798	15 Squires Copse, SN5 5HB	Partial conversion of garage into living accommodation.
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NO OBJECTION

36.4 S/HOU/18/0817	15 Sandacre Road, Nine Elms SN5 5UU	Erection of a two storey side/rear extension.
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Cllr Williams abstained.

NO OBJECTION

36.5 S/HOU/18/0853	1 Simnel Close, Grange Park SN5 6JB	Erection of a two storey side and single storey front extension.
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NO OBJECTION

36.6 S/HOU/18/0806	27 Castleton Road, Middleleaze SN5 5GE	Erection of 1.8 metre high boundary fence.
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Cllr N Martin abstained.

NO OBJECTION provided that the Planners are satisfied that land ownership is in place and the proposal is not detrimental to the Streetscene.

36.7 S/HOU/18/0764

41 Rycote Close,
Grange Park
SN5 6AP

Erection of a two storey side extension.

NO OBJECTION

37. Local Enforcement Options and Training

The Chair reported that discussions had progressed with Swindon Borough Council. It was agreed that Parish Council staff could be trained to issue fixed penalty notices for environmental issues. A minimum of eight staff to be trained at a cost of £300.00 per person. The training would cover all aspects of relevant legislation and the issue process. Swindon Borough Council would still collect the fines. It was proposed that revenue generated would be divided 50:50 between Swindon Borough Council and West Swindon Parish Council in the first year, and then, 75 % to West Swindon Parish Council thereafter. Swindon Borough Council would still retain 25% of revenue to cover administration and collection costs. West Swindon Parish Council to undertake the training would be the Parish Manager, Assistant Clerk and grounds team members. If vacancies are available, they could be offered to another Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager invites Highworth Parish Council to nominate staff for the training and a date to be agreed in July 18.

Meeting closed 6.49 pm.

Signed:
Chair, Planning & Environment Committee

Date: