

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the online
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held online on **MONDAY 05 OCTOBER 2020** at **6.00 pm**

Present:

Cllr Mike Burtenshaw
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Geoff Gould
Cllr Prakash Khaitan (Vice Chair)
Cllr Timothy Makofu
Cllr Tim Swinyard
Cllr Mary Martin
Cllr Keith Williams

Officers: Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: Two

Public Questions:

A resident asked if the proposed works at Rivermead would impact on the BMX track and how the two projects would overlap/link. The Parish Manager advised that the timescales for the two are not yet clear but they are two distinct projects and one should not impact on the other.

Cllr Khaitan put forward a query from residents in the Willows about maintenance in their area. The Parish Manager confirmed that following the meeting of the P&E Committee in June 2020, it was agreed that work on these areas outside of the Parish boundary would continue until such time as the Parish Council negotiated this work out of the deed. This work covers grass cutting and shrub/hedge maintenance. It does not cover (for any part of West Swindon) drainage or major tree works. This would possibly not resolve the issue for the residents in the Willows. The Parish Manager confirmed that the Parish Supervisor would liaise with the Swindon BC tree team to advise on the issue. Matters relating to drainage may be passed to Swindon BC Highways team, depending on the nature of the problem.

Cllr Khaitan chaired the meeting.

Meeting start: 6.07 pm.

515. Apologies

Cllr Simon Firth absent due to work commitments. Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith and Cllr Nick Martin engaged in another meeting.

RESOLVED that all apologies received are approved.

516. Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None.

517. Rivermead Flood Storage Area

The Parish Manager circulated correspondence from Mr Neil Pullen at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust regarding works to improve Rivermead field, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. The Parish Manager confirmed that Wiltshire Wildlife Trust were aware of the existing plans for the BMX track on the site and that neither of the schemes should impact unnecessarily on each other. Councillors noted the report. The Chair asked that the project be promoted so that the public is aware that this is a project independent of the Parish Council.

518. Bulky Waste Collection/Flytipping as requested by Cllr Mike Burtenshaw

The Parish Manager circulated a report setting out issue identified by Cllr Burtenshaw regarding persistent flytipping. A copy of the report appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Cllr Burtenshaw indicated that waiting times for bulky waste collection were around seven weeks and possibly contributing to higher levels of dumping. Councillors discussed alternative options for residents seeking assistance with waste removal.

RESOLVED that the Parish office promotes access to information and waste collection and signpost residents to options available.

519. Climate Change Champion

The Committee received a report setting out a proposal for the Parish Council to appoint a climate change champion. A copy of the report appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. Councillors discussed the report.

RECOMMENDED that Cllr Keith Williams be nominated as the Climate Change Champion with Cllr Prakash Khaitan as a reserve.

520. Tree and Hedgerow Planting as requested by Cllr Mary Martin & Cllr Mike Burtenshaw

Cllr Mary Martin advised the Committee that a resident had recently volunteered to give advice on planting that would be beneficial to the local hedgerows. Cllr Burtenshaw reminded the Committee that previous discussions had agreed tree plantings for sites in West Swindon but this had not progressed. The Parish Manager spoke to a report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book indicated that the Parish Council could apply for a tree planting pack from the Woodland Trust, but really needed to secure permission from

Swindon Borough Council (as the landowner) for tree planting. The Parish Manager recommended that this permission is finalised to enable future planting.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager applies for a hedgerow pack from Woodland Trust and liaises with Swindon Borough Council to secure permission for planting.

6.40 pm Cllr Tim Swinyard joined the meeting.

521. Long Stay Lorry Parking as requested by Cllr Nigel Gibbons

Cllr Gibbons set out a number of issues arising from long stay vehicle parking at a number of locations including Rivermead Drive and Blagrove, Frankland Road. The issues include toileting, littering and damage to local woodland/nature reserves. The Committee considered alternative options for long stay parking but acknowledged that West Swindon will attract parking due to its proximity to the motorway.

6.45 pm Cllr Keith Williams joined the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council initiates a dialogue with Swindon Borough Council to review options.

522. Planning Applications

Councillors received a planning report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix E** in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that Planning applications to be noted as follows

522.1 S/HOU/20/1113	1 Warbeck Gate, Grange Park Swindon SN5 6JL	Erection of a single storey side and rear extension, partial conversion of garage into living accommodation and raised platform in garden. No objection.
522.2 S/HOU/20/1116	73 Marney Road, Grange Park Swindon SN5 6AN	Erection of two/ single storey rear and two/ single storey side extensions. Note roofline is not in keeping with local area.
522.3 S/HOU/20/1138	9 Winwick Road, Freshbrook Swindon SN5 8NF	Erection of a single storey side extension.

No objection

522.4 S/HOU/20/1166 12 Bonner Close, Grange Park Swindon SN5 6HA Erection of a single storey rear and single storey front extensions.

No objection

522.5 S/HOU/20/1169 15 Darcey Close, Grange Park Swindon SN5 6DZ Erection of a first floor side extension.

No objection.

522.6 S/HOU/20/1222 25 Gainsborough Way, Freshbrook Swindon SN5 8PL Erection of a single storey extension to and conversion of detached garage to annexe and associated works.

No objection

Meeting closed at 6.59 pm.

Date of next meeting: Monday 9 November 2020 6.00 pm

Signed:

Chair, Planning & Environment Committee

Date: