

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on **Wednesday 01 September 2021 at 6.00 pm**

Present:

Cllr Mike Burtenshaw (V)
Cllr Geoff Gould
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Prakash Khaitan (Chair)
Cllr Tim Makofu
Cllr Nick Martin
Cllr Keith Williams (Vice Chair) (V)

Others:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: Two

Public Questions:

None.

Meeting start 6.00 pm

107. **Welcome and introduction**

The Chair opened the meeting.

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

Cllr Nick Martin would not be participating in Planning Application related matters.

109. **Shaw Primary School – School Safety Zone (SSZ)**

The Committee reviewed a proposal for school safety measures at Shaw Primary School as proposed by Swindon Borough Council Highways, a copy appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. Councillor Mary Martin had provided a written summary of feedback from residents. Committee noted the strength of feeling and concerns about displacement.

RESOLVED that feedback is submitted to Swindon Borough Council in response to the consultation as follows:

- a) The Parish Council notes the strength of feeling across local residents the majority of whom have expressed concerns regarding these proposals
- b) The benefits of the traffic-calming measures proposed in the draft such as a speed restriction and part-time lights at the Ridge Green and Shaw Road are unclear
- c) Introduction of yellow lines is likely to worsen the current traffic problem and lead to a further migration of parking and drop-offs etc to other bordering streets , including Frampton Close, Eastleaze and the Bramptons.

- d) A risk assessment on potential and likely migration would be necessary as part of any proposal going forward – risks would be particularly acute in the Bramptons where road width is constrained by inclined grass verges and parking would therefore be entirely on the road.
- e) Reference is made in the draft proposal to behavioural change initiatives but there is a no evidence base shared at the current time for how the measures set out in the proposal would achieve this

110. **Grasscutting as requested by Cllr Tim Makofu**

Cllr Makofu reported concerns about volume of grass cutting tracked across pavements and general lack of tidying up behind the mowing cuts. The Parish Manager advised that the lack of baskets on the mowing machines meant that there was little carrying capacity. Potentially this could be hand-made ready for next year’s grass cutting season. Would also need to review again to consider whether or not stopping to blow pavements had the level of impact required.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager liaises with the Operations Supervisor to secure baskets or carry capacity for next year.

111. **Planning Report**

The Committee considered the Planning Report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED as follows:

111.1	S/21/1023	41 Rycote Close, Grange Park Swindon SN5 6AP	Erection of a two storey side extension to form 1no. dwelling.
111.2	S/ADV/21/1213	Fish Brothers , Great Western Way Swindon SN5 7YQ	No objection Erection of a two storey side extension. No objection
111.3	S/HOU/21/1321	31A Benwell Close, Westlea Swindon SN5 7BY	Erection of a first floor side extension and garage conversion to ancillary accommodation. No objection
111.4	S/21/1357	4 Old Shaw Lane, Swindon SN5 5PA	Erection of a two storey dwelling Noted planning department comments.

112. **Swindon Borough Council Consultations:**

- Electric Vehicle Charging (report appears in the Minute Book as **Appendix C**)
- Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (report appears in the Minute Book as

Appendix D)

Councillors noted and discussed both Consultations.

RESOLVED that feedback be given to the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan on existing routes in West Swindon should be incorporated into the Plan as many have rutted and ridged over time.

113. **Queens Green Canopy**

Councillors reviewed information about a Platinum Jubilee tree planting programme, a copy of which appears as **Appendix E** in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that this be incorporated into the overall strategy for tree planting sites in West Swindon as part of the trees for climate change project. Caroline Hunt to be invited to a future meeting.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4 October 6.00 pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair, Planning & Environment Committee