

**WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the  
**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
held on **Monday 04 October 2021** at **6.00 pm**

**Present:**

Cllr Mike Burtenshaw (v)  
Cllr Suresh Gattapur  
Cllr Geoff Gould  
Cllr Prakash Khaitan (Chair)  
Cllr Mary Martin (v)  
Cllr Nick Martin (v)  
Cllr Keith Williams (Vice Chair)

**Others:**

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)  
Caroline Hunt (Great Western Community Forest, Swindon Borough Council)

**Public:** Two

**Public Questions:**

None.

**Introduction: Caroline Hunt – Great Western Community Forest**

Caroline introduced the work of the Great Western Community Forest which links a number of tree planting initiatives together including Trees for Climate Change and the Queens Green Canopy. The overall goal is to achieve 350 hectares of tree planting over the next five years. Last year was a challenge. Moving forward there are four identified sites at the current time in West Swindon:

- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust at Rivermead
- Peatmoor Copse Group
- Shaw Forest Country Park
- Shaw Ridge Linear Park

Trees will be sourced through a joint buying framework. Native species will be selected. The project will provide trees and will pay for labour if planted in-house. No finite timescales however the progress is generally reliant on nursery provision and availability. Schools have been invited to participate. Wide scale community planting is welcome.

The team is working closely with West Swindon Parish Council to identify sites, support planting and community involvement and link with wider aspirations on community orchards and restoring backland areas.

Meeting start 6.20 pm

139. **Welcome and introduction**

The Chair thanked Caroline Hunt for her presentation and opened the meeting.

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

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

141. **Rivermead Wetlands**

The Parish Manager circulated an update from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust regarding their project at Rivermead, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted the information.

142. **Sustainability Plan Update**

The Parish Manager circulated an update to the Parish Council's Sustainability Plan, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Councillors reviewed the plan and considered:

- do we have an adequate amount of space already allocated to wilding across West, do we need more?
- Is it sufficient to maintain what we have already committed to wild
- No mow May/June may be an important contribution that doesn't get in the way of general grounds maintenance and mowing

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Manager liaises with the Operations Supervisor and the plan for next year is reviewed.

143. **Planning Report**

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

Cllr Gattapur joined the meeting 6.35 pm

143.1 **RESOLVED** as follows:

	S/HOU/21/1506	15 Brandon Close, Grange Park Swindon SN5 6A	Erection of first floor and single storey side extensions and detached garage
			<b>No objection</b>
143.2	S/HOU/21/1474	12 Morie Close, Sparcells Swindon SN5 5FH	Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of garage into living accommodation
			<b>No objection</b>
	S/HOU/21/1491	49 Belsay, Toothill Swindon SN5 8HD	Erection of a first floor rear/side extension and porch
143.3			<b>No objection</b>
	S/HOU/21/1163	37 Plattes Close, Shaw Swindon SN5 5SA	Erection of a first floor side extension
			<b>Noted that 3 revisions have been</b>

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**submitted to date.**

Meeting closed 6.40 pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Chair, Planning & Environment Committee

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