

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on **Wednesday 8 December 2021** at **6.00 pm**

Present:

Cllr Mike Burtenshaw (v)
Cllr Suresh Gattapur (v)
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Geoff Gould
Cllr Prakash Khaitan (Chair)
Cllr Tim Makofu (v)
Cllr Mary Martin
Cllr Nick Martin
Cllr Tim Swinyard
Cllr Keith Williams

Others:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: Four (v)

Public Questions:

Cllr Makofu advised a number of streetlights were still out in Toothill/Shellfinch – Cllr Swinyard offered to chase this up.

Resident thanked the street cleaning team members for their hard work.

Meeting start 6.05 pm

206. **Welcome and introduction**

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.

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

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

208. **Presentation: Glynis Hales COP26 What next?**

Resident Glynis Hales updated the Committee on her recent participation in COP26. Delegates shared many examples of work to tackle climate change including educational Minecraft style games, regenerative farming and soil related research. Ms Hales asked the Committee to consider making a long term commitment to long grass/wildflower verges and steps to soil management to sequester carbon. The Chair thanked Ms Hales for her presentation.

209. **Shaw Ridge Primary School School Safety Zone**

The Parish Manager circulated an email and papers from Swindon Borough Councilers relating to the proposal for Shaw Ridge Primary School Safety Zone, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. Councillors reviewed a report from the Parish Manager, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Councillors discussed the proposal for a temporary traffic regulation order.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager reports to Swindon Borough Council the importance of ensuring there is effective communication of alternative parking options and that previous comments and concerns still apply.

210. **Hazelwood Academy School Crossing**

Cllr Gibbons reported that he had attended a meeting on 30 November 21 with Hazelwood Academy to discuss options for school safety on Stokesay Drive. Open and frank discussion regarding school crossing issues
The school noted and welcomed the Parish Council's interest and support and highlighted a number of issues arising.

Issues noted included teaching staff were not able to assist with road safety measures outside of the school grounds, and reducing pupil numbers will impact on the resources available to the school. In discussion it was noted that obligations and expectations on continuing a school crossing patrol person were potentially long term commitments that the school and Parish may not be able to sustain. It was agreed that the responsibility for school crossing measures rests with Swindon Borough Council and physical measures will be more sustainable as long term solutions.

RESOLVED that West Swindon Parish Council requests a meeting with representatives from Swindon Borough Council Highways team to
a) understand the prioritisation process for school safety zones
b) understand what additional information, surveys or reports the Parish Council could assist with providing in order to meet the requirements of the prioritisation process.

211. **Planning Report**

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

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| a. S/21/1676 | Chiseldon House,
Bentham Close | Recladding of proposed residential building

No objection |
| b. S/HOU/21/1769 | 35 Castle Dore,
Freshbrook SN5 8PQ | Erection of a two storey rear extension

No objection |
| c. S/HOU/21/1761 | 7 Sheen Cl, Grange
Park SN5 6JF | Erection of a first floor side extension

No objection |
| d. S/LBD/21/1793 | Lydiard House,
Lydiard Park | Certificate of Lawful Development
(Proposed) for the removal of internal
walls and glazed partition in bar area

No objection |

Meeting closed 6.46 pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair, Planning & Environment Committee

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