

SOUTH SWINDON
PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2017 at 7.12 pm
in Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

Present Cllr N Watts (Vice-Chair)
Cllr S Allsopp
Cllr N Burns-Howell
Cllr P Dixon
Cllr N Hopkins
Cllr J Miah
Cllr M J Miah
Cllr J Milner-Barry
Cllr J Short
Cllr C Watts

Officers Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)

Public Two

Public Session There were no questions or comments from the public.

Cllr N Watts (Vice-Chair) is in the Chair.

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Apologies

Cllr B Thompson (Chair)
Cllr J Ali
Cllr M Dickinson
Cllr J Firmin
Cllr M Gladman
Cllr A Hawkins
Cllr J Lowry
Cllr D Pajak
Cllr S Pajak
Cllr T Philpot
Cllr T Robson
Cllr I Shaikh
Cllr D Wood

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Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None

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Community Policing

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Inspector Dave Hobman and Community Beat Manager David Tippetts to address the meeting.

Inspector Hobman stated that he had recently taken over at South Swindon and he was keen to engage with the community. He was attending the Parish Council Meeting to speak to Councillors about the best way to develop a community relationship in the future.

A question and answer session followed which also included questions from the public

present. The Inspector made responses about; social media and the need for the Police to make more use of this resource; the response to 101 calls; responding to specific issues like drug dealing; better ways to engage with the community; working together with other agencies; direct contact by Councillors; improve information to the public.

At the end of the session it was agreed that the best way forward would be to set up a Community Safety Forum for the South Swindon area which would include representatives from the Police, Fire Service, NHS and Councillors from the Parish Councils. This could then be opened up to local residents groups and other relevant organisations.

Cllr C Watts asked for this to be placed on the agenda of the Full Council Meeting on 18 July 2017 in order to get the initiative started.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

98 **Planning Applications**

98.1	S/17/0526/TB	Erection of 6no. flats
	Land at Rear of 29 Eastcott Hill Swindon	

Cllr Dixon explained Planning Permission was granted 2 years ago for 4 flats at this site which had not been built. A further Planning Application was submitted in December 2016 for 6 flats, but the drawings were inaccurate and the application was withdrawn. The Planning Application being considered was the third for the site. Cllr Dixon added that he would be calling in this Planning Application to be considered at the Planning Committee of Swindon Borough Council.

DECISION: Objection for the following reasons:

1. Overdevelopment of the plot in terms of the height of the building as a result of adding a second floor. It was appreciated that permission has been given for 4 flats on this small plot, but the addition of a second floor would mean that the amenity of the property would be insufficient for the number of flats.
2. Loss of amenity to neighbouring properties. The second floor will mean the rear gardens of neighbouring properties in Eastcott Hill will be overlooked and they will have a loss of amenity in their rear gardens.
3. Out of keeping with the surrounding area. This is a small plot that will be dominated by the size of the building and it will dominate the small houses on Eastcott Hill.
4. The Parish Council cannot understand why the original Planning Permission cannot be upheld or the reason to add another floor to the building.
5. The Parish Council request that this Planning Application is considered by the Planning Committee if the Officer is minded to grant Planning Permission.

98.2	S/PRIOR/17/0931/IH	Prior notification for the change of use from offices (Class B1a) to dwellings (Class C3) 6no. flats
	First Floor, 17-21 High Street Old Town SN1 3EG	

DECISION: Objection for the following reasons:

1. This site forms part of a large scale development which is in the process of being designed. The Parish Council believe that this building has been left empty for a number of years and was becoming derelict. If this Planning Application was approved it could have a significant impact on the future development and may bring part of the works planned in jeopardy.
2. The whole block of 4 shops looks like it was built in the 1970s and is of no architectural interest. The building has not been well maintained and looks like an eyesore in Old Town, particularly in its prominent position in the High Street.
3. The Parish Council feels that the owner is trying to capitalise on the future development by bringing the first floor of the building back into use.
4. The property is above 2 take-aways and butchers shop, so will not be a pleasant place to live, in terms of noise, smells and fumes.
5. The plans do not make it clear where bins will be stored.
6. The property is located directly across the road from a nightclub and there was concern about the amenity of the occupants in terms of noise late at night, especially as the windows are only single glazed.
7. There is no cycle parking indicated on the plan.

98.3 **S/17/0938/SACH**
252 Croft Road

Construction of new section of canal and towpath, erection of 16no. office units, associated access road. External paving and landscape works.

DECISION: No objection subject to there being sufficient parking for the units as parking in this area is at a premium.

99 **Planning Applications delegated to the Chair & Vice-Chair**

The Clerk submitted a report containing the delegated responses of the Chair and Vice-Chair a copy of which appears as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED that the responses of the Chair and Vice-Chair that appear as Appendix A be approved.

100 **Planning Decisions**

The Clerk submitted for information a report containing the decisions made by Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

The Clerk pointed out that the Planning Application for a HMO in Eastcott Road had been refused by Swindon Borough Council.

101 **Waiting Restriction – Radclyffe Close**

The Clerk submitted a No Waiting Restriction Order from Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

Councillors indicated that they had no objection to the Order.

102 **New Machinery for Street Cleaning**

The Clerk submitted an email dated 30 June 2017 from the Service Manager – Environmental Cleaning and EnviroCrime at Swindon Borough Council a copy of which

appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

The email asked the Parish Council to consider the purchase of Vacuum Barrows to assist with the cleaning of the parish. Cllr Short stated that it should be for Swindon Borough Council to purchase their own machinery to fulfil the Contract with the Parish Council. Cllr C Watts agreed and said that there were blurred lines because some Parish Councillors were also Borough Councillors and that the Parish Council should be kept totally separate from the work of Swindon Borough Council.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council do not purchase Vacuum Barrows to be used by Swindon Borough Council.

103 Future of Bakers Arms Public House

The Clerk submitted an email dated 30 June 2017 from the Head of Non-Operational Property at Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

The email gave details of the future use of the former Bakers Arms Public House in the Railway Village.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council fully supports the letting of the former Bakers Arms Public House to the Mechanics Institute Preservation Trust.

104 Signs on Pavements (Min. 85 – 27.06.17)

The Clerk submitted for information an email dated 3 July 2017 from the Planning Enforcement Officer at Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

The contents of the email was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.26pm

Signed.....
Date.....
Chair of the Council