SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2017 at 6.30 pm in Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

- Present Cllr B Thompson (Chair) Cllr N Watts (Vice-Chair) Cllr N Burns-Howell Cllr J Firmin Cllr M Gladman Cllr M Hopkins Cllr J Howarth Cllr M J Miah Cllr J Miah Cllr T Philpot Cllr J Short Cllr C Watts
- Officers Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)
- Public One

Public There was no questions or comments from the member of the public present.

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- Apologies Cllr P Dixon Cllr A Hawkins Cllr D Pajak
- Cllr S Pajak

Not Present

Cllr J Ali Cllr S Allsopp Cllr M Dickinson Cllr J Milner-Barry Cllr T Robson Cllr I Shaikh Cllr D Wood

273 <u>Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation</u> None.

274 Planning Applications

274.1 S/17/0938/PM

252 Croft Road SN1 4RW Construction of new section of canal and towpath, erection of 16no. office units, associated road, external paving and landscape work (Amended plans)

The Clerk stated that these plans were considered by the Committee on 11 July 2017 and informed Councillors of the objections. The only change from the original plans

was more landscaping which had led to the loss of further car park parking spaces

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

274.2 S/17/1083/HC

148-149 Manchester Road SN1 2BB

Change of use from first floor flat to motorbike showroom and erection of a single storey and first floor extensions (amended plans)

The Clerk stated that these plans were considered by the Committee on 25 July 2017 and informed Councillors of the objections. Although the extensions had been changed to a pitched rooves and some parking for motorbikes had been added, Councillors stated that the original objections still applied.

DECISION: Objection for the following reasons:

1. Loss of a residential dwelling. This would be the loss of residential space in the town centre where it is desperately needed and there are plenty of empty business premises where this particular business could relocate should they be in need of more space.

2. Lack of parking. There is only a small area designated for motorcycle parking for visitors to the shop and there is a lack of parking in this area for residents. Visitors to an extended shop would add to the parking problems.

274.3 S/17/1711/HC

Ground Floor, Haydon Street WM Club 36-39 Haydon Street SN1 1DT

Change of use from Class A3 to motorcycle showroom (Sui Generis)

DECISION: No Objection to the Planning Application. However, the Parish Council would like to record their concerns in the way this application was carried out by the applicant, in getting permission for Class A3 use, when it was probable that the intention was always to use the space as a motorbike showroom.

274.4 S/PRIOR/17/1728/TOC

Warehouse, Albert Street SN1 3HJ

Prior notification application for the change of use from warehouse (Class B8) to 6no. dwellings (Class C3)

DECISION: No objection subject to there being provision for parking and refuse bins.

274.5	S/PRIOR/17/1768/SASM	Prior notification application for the change of
	Coachbuilders House	use from offices (Class B1a) to dwellings
	Stratton Road	(Class C3) 24 apartments

DECISION: No objection subject to the development conforming to Environmental Health noise levels and that provision is made for refuse bins.

274.6 S/17/1790/TOC

Lainsmead Primary School South View School SN3 1EA Nursey expansion and development of playground, parking and associated works

DECISION: No objection

274.7 S/LDE/17/1794/SASM 67 County Road SN1 2EE

Certificate of Lawfulness for continued use of the premises as a house in multiple occupancy (with 5-7 occupants)

The Clerk explained that this was a renewal of a Certificate of Lawfulness for a HMO and the Planning Officer needed to establish that the property had been used in this way for the last 10 years.

DECISION: No comment as Councillors had no knowledge of the property and its use.

274.8 S/17/1825/HC

27 Morley Street SN1 1SG Change of use from retail (Class A1) to coffee shop/ takeaway (Class A3/5)

DECISION: No objection

275 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.

276 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.

277 Planning Applications to be considered by Swindon Borough Council

The Chair reported that Swindon Borough Council Planning Committee Meeting would be considering PA No. S/17/1227/RA County Ground at their meeting that evening. Although the Parish Council had no objection to the plans, Ward Cllr Bob Wright had established that the plans being considered at the meeting had changed from those already consulted upon.

The Clerk explained that had the Ward Councillor made the Parish Council aware of these issues, the Parish Council could have responded differently. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Ward Councillors and asked them to keep the Parish Council informed of any issues with Planning Applications that they would like the Parish Council to support.

(Cllrs C Watts & N Watts left the meeting during the discussion)

278 <u>StreetSmart – New Reporting</u>

The Clerk submitted an email dated 16 October 2017 from Cllr Robson a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

The email stated that the public were having problems reporting StreetSmart issues using the new reporting system introduced by Swindon Borough Council. The Clerk added that the office was having to use the same system as the public and the details being provided as confirmation were not sufficient for them as they only contained a date when the issue would be dealt with. The whole process was not user-friendly and the confirmation contained no details of the date of the report, which was not sufficient for the office needs.

Councillors discussed the level of service being offered and expressed concern that if the new reporting system was not working well, then the public would start reporting direct to the Parish Office or Councillors. The Clerk was asked to contact Swindon Borough

Council and request an improve service to meet the needs of the office.

279 <u>New Seating in Old Town</u>

The Clerk submitted an email dated 23 October 2017 from Cllr Milner-Barry a copy of of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

The email requested new benches at different locations in Old Town. Councillor agreed that more benches may be needed at other locations in the parish and that Councillors should contact the Clerk with locations before 7 December 2017 in order that this can be considered at meeting of this committee on 12 December 2017. At the same time, the Clerk would obtain quotations for new benches to be considered at the meeting

280 <u>Mannington Roundabout Scheme</u>

The Clerk submitted an email dated 7 November 2017 from the Transport Project Manager at Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

The email provided more details of a new scheme to improve traffic movement at Mannington Roundabout and Wootton Bassett Road.

RESOLVED that the new traffic scheme for Mannington Roundabout and Wootton Bassett Road be supported.

281 <u>Transport Requirements for Development Presentation – 26 October 2017</u> The Clerk submitted for information an email dated 30 October 2017 from the Senior TDM Engineer at Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Cllr Burns-Howell and Firmin reported on a meeting they had attended on 26 October 2017 regarding the transport requirements for new developments.

Cllr Burns-Howell reported that the document was available to view on-line and that Swindon Borough Council would no longer be producing a paper copy of the document. It was a substantial document and the on-line version would make it easier to update sections, without the need for re-printing the whole document. Cllr Firmin reported that there was nothing controversial in the document and requests had been made to provide for electric cars. Cllr Burns-Howell added that he was pleased to see provision for cycling.

Swindon Borough Council would also be securing higher contributions from developers in the future to cover the long-term maintenance of facilities.

The meeting closed at 7.24 pm

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