

**SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019 at 6.30 pm  
in the Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

**Present** Cllr T Philpot (Chair)  
Cllr P Herring (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr N Burns-Howell  
Cllr M J Miah  
Cllr I Shaikh  
Cllr J Short  
Cllr B Thompson  
Cllr C Watts  
Cllr N Watts

Cllr S Pajak (Sub. Cllr D Pajak)

Cllr A Hopkins (not Committee Member)  
Cllr J Milner-Barry (not Committee Member)

**Officers** Jake Mee (Deputy Clerk)

**Public** Three

**Public Session** Mr Finch asked in relation to Min ) whether surveys were required on areas with active parking including Fleming Way, Wellington Street and Station Road.

Mr Seaward asked whether the Parish Council were to take any action regarding recent climbing of the Water Tower in Old Town. He also enquired about whether the proposed plans for Glow in the dark paint on the cycle path at Spring Gardens had been dropped.

Mr Seaward also asked whether the council has plans to employ a youth worker in the future as other Parishes were doing. Cllr C Watts advised that there was a budget for this in the adopted 2019/20 budget but a specific role had not been discussed yet.

**455** **Apologies**

Cllr D Pajak (Sub. Cllr S. Pajak)  
Cllr J Miah

**456** **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**

None.

**457** **Planning Applications**

**457.1** **S/18/1943**

Inlands Farm,  
The Marsh  
Wanborough,  
Swindon

A Hybrid Planning Application for a Science Park and associated works to include full details of 33,507 sqm (GIA) of Use Class B1c (light industrial), with associated access, parking, landscaping and drainage and an outline proposal for up to 32,281 sqm (GIA) of Use Class B1b research and development) and up to 16,400 sqm (GIA) B1c (light industrial), with associated access, parking, landscaping and drainage (all matter reserved).

Cllr C Watts stated that other sites were more suitable, and Swindon Borough Council needed to work with companies to identify more appropriate sites.

Cllr Thompson stated that distribution centres provide low grade employment with zero-hour contracts and should not be supported by the Parish Council.

Cllr Short stated that there was too much objection from other parishes and eradication of green belt land.

Cllr Hopkins said that opportunities for employment should be encouraged but not at the expense of an area of natural beauty.

**DECISION:** Objection 1. violates local development plan and the agreement of the area of non-coalescence and will severely impact the rural character of the Ridgeway AONB. 2. Traffic through eastern village would see HGVs driving through to get to the A420. 3. SBC to work with Wasteful to identify other sites. 4. Commonhead Roundabout and infrastructure not sufficient for increase in volume and massing of traffic.

**457.2**      **S/18/1997**      Demolition of old school building and  
Old School      erection of 10no. Flats  
Radnor Street  
Kingshill  
Swindon  
SN1 3PR

Cllr Short stated that the developer should be forced to reinstate the building.

Cllr Herring said that the application had the same negative impact as previous applications.

Cllr C Watts stated that there were examples of quality conversions of heritage assets in Swindon so no reason why this could not also be done.

Cllr Burns-Howell said that Swindon Borough Council should use the opportunity to demonstrate to developers the importance of heritage and encourage other developers to do the same.

**DECISION:** Objection for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development will impact on a heritage asset and is contrary to the Local Plan Policy EN10 2. The demolition of the building should never have been started without the necessary Planning Permission and the owner should be asked to reinstate the building to the original form. Any future Planning Application should only be a conversion of the original building and not involve any demolition.

**457.3**      **S/RES/18/2060**      Erection of an office building (Use Class  
Land at Kimmerfields      B1) and associated works. Reserved  
Carfax Street      Matters following outline permission  
Swindon      S/11/0614

**DECISION:** No objection

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

The Deputy 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.

**459**      **Planning Decisions**

The Deputy 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.

**460 Wellington Street Public Realm Information Event**

There were no Councillors that had attended the event.

**461 Kingshill Air Quality Action Plan**

The Deputy Clerk submitted a press release and report from Swindon Borough Council, a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

Cllr Herring said that he was interested in the Committee's views and that Swindon Borough Council were legally obliged to produce an action plan.

The Councillor responses were summarised as follows –

Signage to be improved

Pleased to see Swindon Borough Council committed to improving their own fleet of vehicles

Using other routes to be encouraged

The planned building of a tunnel under the M4 motorway would offset some of the traffic impact

The affected roads needed to be re-classified as 'B' roads rather than 'A' roads so that Sat-Nav systems would not direct traffic there.

Look into the use of the 'Residential Charge Point' Scheme.

Better traffic modelling was required

**RESOLVED** that the Deputy Clerk would prepare a response using the Councillors comments to be submitted to Swindon Borough Council.

**462 Fly Tipping in Old Town**

The Deputy Clerk submitted an email from the Service Manager for Waste & Recycling at Swindon Borough Council, a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

The email stated that the problem with fly tipping of clinical waste had been addressed but the Deputy Clerk advised that since the email had been received a further report of fly tipping had been received.

The Deputy Clerk advised he would ask why this was still happening and report back to committee.

**463 The County Ground – Asset of Community Value**

The Deputy Clerk submitted an email from Head of Operational Assets at Swindon Borough Council, a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

The email advised that the County Ground was to be listed as an Asset of Community Value for another five years and Councillors discussed the possibility of adding further assets in the future to protect them.

**464 SHELAA Sites**

The Deputy Clerk submitted a press release from Swindon Borough Council, a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Cllr C Watts said that the Parish Council had also requested land at the end of Marlborough Road which had not been included in the press release and that the Parish Council would maintain its stance on that site.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm

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