

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2018 at 6.30 pm
in Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

- Present** Cllr B Thompson (Chair)
Cllr N Watts (Vice-Chair)
Cllr S Allsopp
Cllr N Burns-Howell
Cllr P Dixon
Cllr J Firmin
Cllr J Milner-Barry
Cllr D Pajak
Cllr S Pajak
Cllr T Philpot
Cllr J Short
Cllr C Watts
- Cllr B Wright (Ward Councillor, Swindon Borough Council)
- Officers** Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)
- Public** Ten
- Public Session** Mr Finch asked whether the toilets in Victoria Road could display the opening times. The Chair asked the Clerk to make these arrangements.
- Cllr Wright spoke about Planning Application No S/18/0074 for the Former Paragon Laundry and highlighted a potential problem with parking in the lay-by on Station Road.
- 436** **Apologies**
Cllr J Ali
Cllr M Dickinson
Cllr M Gladman
Cllr N Hopkins
Cllr J Howarth
Cllr M J Miah
Cllr T Robson
Cllr I Shaikh
Cllr D Wood
- Not Present**
Cllr A Hawkins
Cllr J Miah
- 437** **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
Cllr Allsopp declared a personal interest in the new Apostolic Church in Walsingham Road (Minute No. 444).
- 438** **PA No S/18/0126/RA – Playing Field County Ground SN1 2ED**
Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mr Jon Holloway, Mr Shane Hewlett and Mr Clive Maguire from Swindon Town Football Club to make a presentation.

Mr Holloway stated that they represent the Community Trust, which was an independent charity separate from the football club. They were working with Swindon Harriers Athletic Club, Drove Primary School and Swindon Borough Council on this development to bring good quality facilities to the local area.

The original Planning Application had been refused and as a result of these changes had been made to the plans to rotate the pitch by 90 degrees, which then took away the need for the acoustic barrier, following noise assessments.

They had been working towards this project for the last 2 years and the cost of approximately £2 million would be met from grants, Section 106 funds and fund raising.

The public asked questions about the poor consultation by the Trust with not all the plans being available to view, the loss of open green space for local people to enjoy, the siting of the outdoor exercise equipment, drainage issues not addressed, especially in the grass areas remaining, storage unit could be located in building and not separate, use of pitches for other sports and more parking.

Cllr Wright informed the meeting that there had been four areas of open space in the town centre and 3 of those had now been built on, leaving the County Ground as the only remaining green space. He also had concerns about the parking, lack of casual green space and noise and visual effect on the local residents.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

Councillors asked about the use of Section 106 funds to improve drainage at the site, the time for the build and sustainability. Mr Holloway confirmed that the Parish Council would not be required to support the project and it would be run and funded by the Trust.

439 Planning Applications

439.1	S/18/0126/RA Playing Field County Ground County Road SN1 2ED	Erection of a two-storey pavilion, construction of a 3G playing pitch and 8no. 15 metre high floodlights, 4.5 metre high ball stop fencing, erection of a storage container, construction of a new car park and associated landscaping works
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DECISION: No Objection subject to the following:

1. More car parking is provided on site to prevent parking on local roads. It was identified that further parking could be located adjacent to the old Bowls Club.
2. Work to improve the drainage for the whole site including remaining grass area which is known to be very wet and unusable in the winter months.
3. The outdoor exercise equipment should be removed completely or move to a different location nearer to the pavilion.
4. The pitches should make provision for more sports to be played and not just football.
5. The storage container should be removed and the storage should be incorporated within the pavilion.

- 439.2** **S/HOU/17/1878/JC** Erection of a single storey said/r
17 Thurlestone Road
Old Walcot
SN3 1EQ
- DECISION:** No Objection
- 439.3** **S/18/0074/IH & S/LBC/18/0075/IH** Partial demolition and conversion of former
Former Paragon Laundry Paragon Laundry and erection of a 6 storey
Aylesbury Street hotel of 112no. bedrooms with ancillary
Swindon facilities with access off Haydon Street for
parking and associated works
- DECISION:** No Objection
- 439.4** **S/18/0091/TB** Division of existing shop to create additional
119 Victoria Road self contained shop and associated works
Old Town
SN1 3BL
- DECISION:** No Objection
- 440** **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.
- 441** **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.
- 442** **PA No. S/17/1393/RM – 135-137 Faringdon Road, SN1 5DL**
The Clerk submitted for information a letter dated 15 December 2017 from the Principal
Planner at Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the
Minute Book.
- The letter stated that this Planning Application had been appealed to the Planning
Inspectorate. Councillor noted the letter and that they had no objection to the Planning
Application.
- 443** **Street Cleaning Provision for Eastcott and Old Town**
The Clerk submitted for information an email dated 26 January 2018 from the Service
Manager – Environmental Cleansing & EnviroCrime at Swindon Borough Council a copy
of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.
- The email gave details of additional cleansing routes in Old Town and Eastcott which
were being provided as part of the StreetSmart Contract.
- 444** **Former New Apostolic Church, Walsingham Road**
The Clerk submitted an email dated 12 January 2018 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 had been circulated for a response by Councillors ahead of the meeting due to

time constraints and that response now needed to be approved retrospectively. It concerned the future use of the New Apostolic Church.

RESOLVED that the response to mail contained in Appendix E be approved.

(Cllr Allsopp declared a personal interest in this item)

445 TetraPak Recycling – Prospect Place

The Clerk submitted an email dated 25 January 2018 from Cllr N Watts a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Cllr N Watts informed Councillors that the Shadow Parish Council had asked for the recycling (BRING) site at Prospect Place to remain, but it had been taken away with the other sites in March 2017. Since then, the Parish Council has been trying to re-establish the site and in particular the tetrapak recycling. The email from Swindon Borough Council indicated that tetrapaks would be included in the forthcoming SBC Waste Strategy.

The Chair stated that it would be unlikely the collection could be re-instated because of the cost.

Councillors agreed to note the situation and await more information in the Waste Strategy.

446 New Litter/Dog Bins

The Clerk submitted an email dated 2 February 2018 from the Clerk a copy of which appears as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

The email detailed a list of locations for new litter/dog bins in the parish that had been put forward by residents and information about a possible new bin with the name of the Parish Council on the side.

A list of the bins emptied by Swindon Borough Council had been provided, but there was no map indicating the locations. Councillors asked for the Environment Officer to survey the bins and find out the condition of the area and make recommendations.

Cllr Burns-Howell asked if the new bins could have separate compartments for recycling.

The Clerk was asked to bring this back to a future meeting, once the survey had been completed.

447 Planning Protocol

The Clerk submitted a draft Planning Protocol a copy of which appears as Appendix H in the Minute Book.

The Planning Protocol had been updated and included the addition of a procedure for presentation of the Parish Council at Swindon Borough Council Planning Committee meetings.

RESOLVED that the Planning Protocol that appears as Appendix H be adopted.

448 Admission of Public and Press

RESOLVED that in accordance with Standing Order 3d) that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw; the reason being Staffing Matters.

449 Roundabout Advertising (Min.375 – 09.01.18)

The Clerk submitted an email from the Rights of Way and Highway Information Manager at Swindon Borough Council. The email contained details of the current advertisers, the amount of income generated and the amount that would be passed to the Parish Council. There was some discussion about generating income from other sites and the Clerk was asked for this work to be carried out in the future.

RESOLVED that the arrangements for division of the income contained within the email from the Rights of Way and Highway Information Manager be accepted for the coming financial year.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

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