

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2018 at 6.30 pm
in Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

Present Cllr P Herring (Vice-Chair)
Cllr N Burns-Howell
Cllr M J Miah
Cllr D Pajak
Cllr J Short
Cllr B Thompson
Cllr N Watts

Cllr P Dixon (Not Committee Member)
Cllr S Pajak (Not Committee Member)

Officers Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)

Public Four

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

45 **Apologies**
Cllr T Philpot (Chair)
Cllr J Miah
Cllr I Shaikh
Cllr C Watts

46 **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None.

47 **Planning Applications**

47.1 **S/17/1777/CB**
Bus Depot
Eastcott Road
SN1 3LS

Demolition of existing buildings, erection of new buildings and conversion of existing buildings to form 45no residential units with pedestrian access and associated parking

The Vice-Chair stated that this was amended plans and the developer had taken on board a number of the comments made to the previous plans by reducing the size of the flats and the inner space and moving the buildings away from the perimeter.

DECISION: No Objection subject to the following:

1. That the siting of block 2 be the same building line as the adjacent block 1.
2. That all contamination issues with the land have been addressed.
3. That Section 106 funding from the development is used in the local area and in particular highway safety for the adjacent school which should include the reinstatement

S/RES/18/0746/TB
Land Adjacent to
160 Croft Road

Erection of 62 no dwellings (Reserved Matters
from previous outline permission)

DECISION: Objection for the following reasons:

1. The plans are unclear about drainage and sewers and whether the existing sewerage system in Linley Close would be able to cope with the addition sewerage from 62 dwellings.
2. The old existing hedgerow should not be destroyed and should be retained within the scheme.
3. There are a large number of trees on the eastern boundary which look like they will be close to the gardens in Linley Close. There are concerns about the future maintenance of these trees. In contrast, there is very little trees planted on the western boundary which would go some way to hide the development from the area of open space.
4. Lighting is indicated in the parking areas, but there is little detail. There are concerns that the lighting would have a detrimental effect on the amenity of the houses in Linley Road.
5. The Parish Council has serious concerns about the flooding on this site and the impact of building on this site could have at other locations and fully supports the observations of the Emma Chilton, Flood Risk Engineer for the Lead Local Flood Authority.
6. The Travel Plans is generic and shows little knowledge of the area. Under leisure play areas have been left off, but Dominos Pizza is shown as a leisure activity.

48 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.

49 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.

50 PA No.S/LDP/18/0114/PEKO – 117 Manchester Road SN1 2AF

The Clerk submitted a Certificate of Lawful Development for 117 Manchester Road a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

Councillors noted that the Certificate of Lawful Development had been refused.

51 PA No.S/17/1948 & S/17/1956 & S/17/1961/NISM – Commonhead Site

Cllr Thompson reported on the Swindon Borough Council Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2018 when the above Planning Applications were considered. There had been several issues at the meeting including a deaf person who had someone to give them sign language but was not able to sign technical planning terms and Liddington Parish Council were refused permission to speak in the meeting as they had not given prior notice.

52 S/PRIOR/18/0544 – 99-100 Victoria Road SN1 3BE

The Clerk submitted an email dated 26 April 2018 from Mr P Lawson, Office Director at Turley a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

The email contained objections to the Prior Approval submitted for the Change of Use from commercial to residential being 31 flats. The Planning Officer had explained that this could be done by Permitted Development and he invited the Parish Council to make comment.

Cllr Burns-Howell stated that he thought that the public should be able to have a say on this development which was a prominent site in the centre of Old Town. Cllr N Watts said that the planning system should be transparent and by granting this as permitted development was contrary to being transparent.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council objects to the change of use from commercial to 31 flats being decided by Permitted Development and requests that a full Planning Application is submitted in order to show transparency for such an important local site and also to enable the public to make comment.

53 Powers for Dealing with Unauthorised Development and Encampments (Min.541 – 17.04.18)

The Clerk submitted the Government Consultation Paper a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

It was agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee should complete the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

54 Kimmerfield Regeneration

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

The Clerk had been in contact with Forward Swindon regarding the site and a copy of an email was circulated at the meeting and appears as Appendix G to these minutes.

The email stated that plans for the Kimmerfield site were moving ahead and that Forward Swindon would attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to give them more information.

It was agreed that Forward Swindon should be invited to a meeting at the earliest possibility.

55 School Crossing Patrol – King William Street CE Primary School

The Clerk submitted an email from Cllr P Dixon a copy of which appears as Appendix H in the Minute Book.

The email informed Councillors that the school crossing patrol at King William School had not been replaced and asked if there was anything that the Parish Council could do to assist. Cllr S Pajak stated that he had a reply to his enquiry which simply said that Swindon Borough Council had no funds in their budget to replace the school crossing patrol.

There was some discussion about the actions of Swindon Borough Council and that the Parish Council were not the Highway Authority. Cllr Short stated that the Parish Council should protest in the strongest terms that this vital service had been withdrawn.

56 RESOLVED

- a) that the Parish Council writes to Swindon Borough Council and insists that the school crossing patrol is reinstated;
- b) that more publicity is given to the Swindon Borough Council policy of not replacing school crossing patrols that leave their post;
- c) that the full costs be requested from Swindon Borough Council.

(Cllr Short left the meeting at the end of this item)

57 Parking on Grass Verges

The Clerk submitted an email from Cllr P Dixon a copy of which appears as Appendix I in the Minute Book.

The email asked for consideration to be given on how to deal with parking on grass verges and the damage that they cause to the grass particularly in the roads named in the email. Cllr Dixon added that he had spoken to several members of the public that lived in the roads and everyone had a different solution.

The Clerk stated that the cost of grasscrete was very expensive and there was no budget for installing it on side roads in the parish. In order to improve the appearance of the roads the Clerk suggested obtaining a price from StreetSmart to fill in the ruts and re-seed and it was agreed to go ahead on this basis and a quotation would be considered at a future meeting.

58 Signage at Day House Lane

The Clerk submitted an email from Cllr A Hawkins a copy of which appears as Appendix J in the Minute Book.

The email asked the Parish Council to consider supporting the installation of road signs in Day House Lane to warn drivers to slow down because of the crossing point of a footpath.

RESOLVED that a request be made to Swindon Borough Council for new road signs on Day House Lane to slow down traffic on the approach of the footpath crossing point.

59 Pre-Planning Application for 300 homes at Badbury Park

The Vice-Chair stated that as Cllr Milner-Barry was not present the Clerk would provide more details.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Milner-Barry had attended the Pre-Planning Consultation on 6 April 2018. The developer had stated that they had been unable to find anyone companies interested in the commercial area of the site and because of this they now planned to build a further 300 new dwellings. It was expected that a Planning Application for these new dwellings would be submitted very soon. Cllr Thompson said that he had concerns about this new development and had asked the Clerk to invite the Planning Officer to the meeting, but she had declined the invitation.

60 Parish Litter Picks

The Clerk submitted an email from Cllr S Allsopp a copy of which appears as Appendix K in the Minute Book.

The email asked about the organising of litter picks in the parish.

Cllr Burns-Howell asked whether the reason for more litter picks was because the StreetSmart were not fulfilling their Contract or whether the Council needed to add

additional litter picks to the Contract. He also spoke about education and whether schools should teach children about respect and not dropping litter. Cllr N Watts said that more litter bins would also help and the Parish Council were in the process of conducting a survey of bins in the parish.

The Clerk stated that the Chair of the Parish Council intended to have a sponsored litter pick and other Councillors would be welcome to join him. This would give publicity to litter issues in the parish.

The meeting closed at 7.42 pm

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

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