

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2018 at 6.30 pm
in Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

Present Cllr T Philpot (Chair)
Cllr P Herring (Vice-Chair)
Cllr N Burns-Howell
Cllr I Shaikh
Cllr J Short

Cllr J Firmin (Substitute – Cllr C Watts)
Cllr J Milner-Barry (Substitute – Cllr N Watts)
Cllr S Pajak (Substitute – Cllr D Pajak)

Officers Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)

Public Four

Public Session A member of the public thanks the Parish Council for organising the Street Food Festival and also for their support of the Old Town Festival. Both events had been well organised and appreciated by parishioners.

Mr Seaward from Swindon Advertiser asked if the confidential item on the agenda could be held in public and he voiced concerns about predetermination if the item was held in private. Cllr S Pajak replied that it was not uncommon for developers to ask to meet with Swindon Borough Council or Parish Councils before drawing up and submitting formal plans. Ms Kellegher from Turley stated that they had requested a private session with Parish Councillors and they expected to make full details available to the public within the next 5 weeks.

A member of the public referred to Planning Application No S/18/0810/TB and expressed his concern about a new bar being above a restaurant.

119 **Apologies**
Cllr J Miah
Cllr M J Miah
Cllr D Pajak
Cllr B Thompson
Cllr C Watts
Cllr N Watts

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

121 **Planning Applications**

The Clerk stated that there was an error on the report and PA S/RES/18/0746/TB should be deleted from the report.

RESOLVED that with the removal of the Planning Application mentioned above the responses of the Chair and Vice-Chair that appear as Appendix A be approved.

123 **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.

124 **PA S/18/0647/HC 57 Eastcott Road**

The Chair reported that she had attended the Planning Committee Meeting at Swindon Borough Council on 12 June 2018 where the Planning Application for 57 Eastcott Road was considered.

The majority of Councillors on the Planning Committee had agreed with the views of the Parish Council. However, the Officer cautioned that if the application were not granted there could be financial repercussions of a possible appeal. In view of this, the Planning Committee granted Planning Permission.

The Chair stated that this case had shown that the Parish Council must ensure that they include all their objections when they first look at a Planning Application.

125 **PA S/PRIOR/18/0544 – 99-100 Victoria Road SN1 3BE (Min.77 – 05.06.18)**

The Clerk informed Councillors that the agent and the developer had accepted an invitation to attend a future meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee to discuss the Planning Application for 99-100 Victoria Road. They would be attending the meeting on 31 July 2018 and would also like to talk to the Parish Council about other plans for Old Town.

Cllr Burns-Howell stated that he was happy that the developers had accepted the invitation to attend a Parish Council Meeting and he considered that this was due to the stance taken by the Parish Council. Cllr Firmin asked about the Parish Council drawing up a standard for looking at Planning Applications in the future.

The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council should draw up their own Policy Document which would include policies on Planning which could be quoted in response to future Planning Applications. This would be an item for a future Full Council Meeting.

126 **PA S/17/1777/CB Bus Depot Eastcott Road**

The Clerk submitted for information an email from the Planning Officer regarding Section 106 funding a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the amended plan which involved a small change to Block 6 to reduce harm to 13 Eastcott Road and some minor changes to the fenestration of Blocks 1,2 and 6.

Cllr Short stated that the response to the previous Planning Application had not been addressed in the amended plans and still stood.

DECISION: No objection subject to

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 06 funding from the development is used in the local area and in particular highway safety for the adjacent school which should include the reinstatement of the school crossing patrol.

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

127 S/DEM/18/0536 Demolition of George Gay Gardens

The Clerk submitted an email dated 12 June 2018 from the Principal Planning Officer at Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

The email provided details of an application for the demolition of the George Gay Building. The Clerk confirmed that the application was for the whole site and not the just the garages, which was stated on the agenda.

The Clerk informed Councillors of more information that had been received from Swindon Borough Council. The site had been earmarked for affordable housing. The building was no longer fit for purpose as accommodation for the elderly and they had all been moved to alternative accommodation. The demolition of the building was to prevent vandalism and to make it secure.

Cllr Burn-Howell said that he had concerns that the site may be left for years like other sites in Swindon with fencing around it.

RESOLVED that there is no objection to the demolition of the buildings, but the Parish Council would like to be informed of the timescale for the future development of the site.

128 Swindon Borough Council Potholes Campaign

The Clerk submitted an email dated 20 June 2018 from the Communications Executive at Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

The email asked the Parish Council and the general public to report potholes and any other works required to roads and pavements in the parish. The Chair asked Councillors to report potholes and highway issues within the ward directly using the website link.

129 Litter and Fly Tipping

The Clerk submitted an email dated 18 June 2018 from Cllr S Pajak a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

The email contained details of some fly-tipping at the County Ground and the response of Swindon Borough Council. Cllr S Pajak stated that fly-tipping, particularly in town centre locations was a real problem, especially when the fly-tipping had occurred on private land which Swindon Borough Council would not clear. Cllr Shaikh said that he had seen children trying to set fire to fly-tipping.

Cllr Firmin said that it was important that all fly-tipping was reported so that Swindon Borough Council had a record. The incident that sparked the email from Cllr S Pajak had not been reported because the member of the public had thought it to be a waste of time.

The Clerk informed Councillors that she had obtained details of the prosecutions made by Swindon Borough Council this year and there had been none. Swindon Borough Council had confirmed that fly-tipping was generally dealt with by means of a warning or a fine.

Cllr Firmin questioned whether there should be a change of policy by Swindon Borough Council and that prosecutions may deter people from fly-tipping.

130 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 Pre-application Discussion.

131 Pre-application Discussion – Potential Development Site in Parish

Representatives from Turley and the developer attended the meeting and made a presentation on a proposed development in the parish.

The agents would inform the Parish Council once the details were in the public domain. They also agreed to attend a future Planning & Environment Committee Meeting of the Parish Council with the Architect once the formal plans had been drawn up.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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