

SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2018 at 7.25 pm
in the Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

Present

Cllr T Philpot (Chair)
Cllr P Herring (Vice-Chair)
Cllr N Burns-Howell
Cllr J Miah
Cllr M J Miah
Cllr J Short
Cllr C Watts
Cllr N Watts

Cllr J Firmin (Substitute – Cllr I Shaikh)
Cllr N Hopkins (Substitute – Cllr B Thompson)
Cllr S Pajak (Substitute – Cllr D Pajak)

Cllr J Milner-Barry (Not Committee Member)

Officers

Joyce Holman (Parish Clerk)
Jake Mee (Deputy Clerk)

Public

Four

Public Session

There were no comments or questions from the public.

279

Apologies

Cllr D Pajak
Cllr I Shaikh
Cllr B Thompson

280

Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None.

281

Planning Applications

281.1

S/18/1515/RA

Former Garage & Land
Phillips Lane
Old Town
SN1 4BH

Erection of 37 no. apartments and 2no. commercial units for Class B1 or Class A2 or Class D1 use and associated works – Non-compliance with condition 20 (approved drawings) of previous permission S/13/0602

DECISION: No Objection subject to:

1.The cycle storage be increased to 4 spaces for the commercial premises and one per bedroom, rather than one per apartment.

2. That the conditions detailed by the Contaminated Land Officer be observed.

3. That there is a positive response from the Police in respect of the safety of residents in respect of the footpath from the Nightclub on Hoopers Place to Devizes Road.
4. That conditions are in place to mitigate the known drainage issues at this site.
5. That the stone wall abutting Hoopers Place can be retained.

281.2 **S/18/1523/HC** Demolition of existing building and erection of
The Former Cycle Club 8no. flats and associated works
33 Dixon Street
SN1 3PL

Cllr Milner-Barry informed Councillors that she had called in this Planning Application to be considered by the Planning Committee of Swindon Borough Council in her capacity as a Borough Councillor.

DECISION: Objection for the following reasons:

1. Cycle Storage. The cycle storage is poor in design and difficult for people to use and is not sufficient for the number of flats in the development.
2. Not in keeping with the street scene. The development is attached to a Victorian terrace and the proposed roof ridge height will be significantly higher than the adjoining property and the adjacent property. This will dominate the street scene.

282 **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.

283 **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.

284 **New Car Parking Standards**
The Clerk submitted the Car Parking Standards Consultation from Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

It was agreed that Councillor would collate their comments and submit them through the website. It was agreed that Cllrs Burns-Howell, Firmin and Hopkins would complete this on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Clerk was asked to find out whether the Parish Council was going to be formally consulted by Swindon Borough Council as part of the consultation process.

285 **Action on Nuisance Parking (Min.188 – 31.07.18)**
The Clerk submitted for information a Press Release from Swindon Borough Council dated 26 September 2018 a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

The Press Release provided details of the new fines being introduced by Swindon Borough Council for inconsiderate parking. Cllr C Watts said that the main problem would be that Swindon Borough Council had a lack of Enforcement Officers and he was concerned that would make this initiative very difficult to implement.

286 Proposed Traffic Order – The Mall (Min.212 – 04.09.18)

The Clerk submitted for information an email dated 14 September 2018 from the Traffic & TRO Technician at Swindon Borough Council and the Public Notice copies of which appear as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

The information was noted.

287 Waiting Restrictions – County Road

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

Cllr Firmin stated that Ward Cllr Bob Wright had some serious concerns about these plans for County Road in terms of road safety.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would support the concerns of Ward Cllr Wright and Cllr Firmin would provide the details to the Clerk.

288 Waiting Restrictions – Regents Circus and Princes Street

The Clerk submitted a Public Notice from Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

The Notice was noted.

289 Bus Lane – Pipers Way

The Clerk submitted a Public Notice from Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix H in the Minute Book.

The Notice was noted.

290 Proposed Footpath – Marlborough Road A4259/ Biddlestone Avenue Junction (Min.251 – 25.09.18)

The Clerk submitted an email dated 2 October 2018 from the Service Manager – Transport Planning & Traffic Management at Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix I in the Minute Book.

The email provided more information about the reasons the request to Swindon Borough Council for a crossing on Marlborough Road had been turned down. Councillors noted that the main reason for not going ahead was the lack of resources.

The Chair said that the problem faced by residents was due to the number of houses that have been built before any amenities like shops and buses were put in place. She felt that Swindon Borough Council should have put conditions on the build that these were provided earlier. It left the residents with no option but to cross a busy main A road to access a shop.

RESOLVED

- a) that the Parish Council support in principle the request of Coate at Badbury Park Residents Group for a crossing on Marlborough Road A4259 to access shops and buses;
- b) that a request be made to Swindon Borough Council that they ensure that on-site amenities are provided by developers at the same time as the houses are built to prevent this occurring again in the future.

291 **Draft Housing & Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA)**
The Clerk submitted an email dated 2 October 2018 from the Service Manager – Transport Planning & Traffic Management at Swindon Borough Council a copy of which appears as Appendix J in the Minute Book.

The Chair stated that the details of the sites were contained in an interactive map which had to be viewed on-line. The Chair and Vice-Chair would go through the sites and Councillors were asked to give their views to the Clerk before 23 October 2018. The comments would then be considered further at the next meeting of the Committee.

292 **Victoria Road Toilets**
Cllr C Watts reported that he had received a complaint from a member of the public about the poor condition of the public toilet in Victoria Road. He had visited the toilets himself and had been very disappointed at the standard of cleanliness. The Clerk had received confirmation from StreetSmart that the toilets were cleaned 5 hours a week, which was clearly not the case. He and the Clerk would be meeting with the Street Cleaning Manager at Swindon Borough Council to resolve the issue.

Cllr Milner-Barry asked if the toilets could be opened by StreetSmart on Sunday 9 December 2018 to provide for the public attending The Journey event being held in Old Town. Councillors were happy to support this request.

293 **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.

294 **Pre-Application Discussion**
The Clerk circulated information from Swindon Borough Council in respect of a pre-application discussion for a potential development.
RESOLVED that a response be made that the flats are extremely small and it is questioned if they comply with the standards set by Swindon Borough Council in terms of living space, concerns about fire safety, particularly as the flats would be above a food outlet, no cycle storage, no bin storage and no parking.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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