

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

**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on 09 April 2019 at 8.00pm  
in the Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

- Present** Cllr T Philpot (Chair)  
Cllr P Herring (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr M J Miah  
Cllr J Miah  
Cllr B Thompson  
Cllr C Watts  
Cllr N Watts
- Cllr J Firmin (not Committee Member)  
Cllr N Hopkins (not Committee Member)
- Officers** Rob Core Clerk  
Jake Mee Deputy clerk
- Public Session** Four  
A member of the public enquired as to whether the promise of a crackdown on fly-tipping by Swindon Borough Council would result in more prosecutions as it had been long overdue.

A member of the press asked the reason for redacting names and email addresses on agenda items. The Clerk advised that this was easier than asking permission from every member submitting information to the Parish Council and that all of the information was provided and transparent for the public.

- 580** **Apologies**  
Cllr N Burns-Howell

**Not Present**  
Cllr D Pajak  
Cllr Imtiyaz Shaikh

- 581** **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**  
None

- 582** **Fire Safety Improvement Work**  
Standing orders were suspended in order to receive a presentation from Gerry O'Connor the Head of Property Maintenance at Swindon.

Mr O'Connor detailed the fire safety improvement works taken by Swindon Borough Council on its residential properties, specifically multi-floor flats, assisted living units and the David Murray John Tower.

Works included new fire doors, screening and sprinkler systems and the quality of work and materials used had been good.

Councillors were invited to arrange to see any of the works completed.

**583 Planning Applications to be Examined**

**584 S/19/0415**

Old School  
Maxwell Street  
Swindon  
SN1 5DR

Erection of assisted living/extra care accommodation for older people and an A1 retail store

Councillors discussed the overall plans and were generally in favour of the design but had concerns regarding the units size, insufficient cycle storage and whether any allocation had been made for a proportion of the units to be affordable housing.

**DECISION:** Objection due to cycle storage being insufficient, unit sizes possibly not meeting planning framework and the lack of provision of affordable housing.

**585 Planning Applications delegated to the Chair and 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.

**586 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.

**587 George Gay Gardens (Min. 331 30.10.18)**

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

The press release detailed the future use of the former George Gay Gardens site.

Cllr P Herring advised that the planning application S/19/0495 was now on the planning portal and would be brought to a future meeting to be looked at.

**588 Crackdown on Fly Tipping**

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

The press release detailed Swindon Borough Council Plans to step up its enforcement activity by increasing the Enviro Cream Team so that more staff were available.

**589 Residents Letter – Waste Disposal**

The Clerk submitted a letter from Swindon Borough Council, a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

The letter had been distributed in multiple languages in the Broadgreen area in order to educate residents on what could be recycled and the availability of the Bulky Waste Collection Service in order to reduce the effect of fly-tipping and refuse in the area.

**590 Admission of Public and Press**

**RESOLVED** that in accordance with Standing Order 3 (d) 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.

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**Pre-Application Discussion**

The Committee discussed a pre-application received from Carl Tagoe of OC Architects concerning a potential development.

Councillors believed plans were unclear and would wait for the full planning application to be submitted.

**RESOLVED** to submit no comment to the pre-application and discuss the full application once received.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council