

**SOUTH SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
(CENTRAL SWINDON SOUTH PARISH COUNCIL)  
**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on 05 November 2019 at 7.15pm  
in the Lounge, Broadgreen Community Centre

- Present** Cllr T Philpot                      Chair  
Cllr P Herring                      Vice-Chair  
Cllr S Ahmed  
Cllr M Hamid  
Cllr N Hopkins  
Cllr J Firmin  
Cllr M Strinkovsky  
Cllr C Watt  
Cllr N Watts
- Cllr D Griffiths                      (Not Committee Member)  
Cllr S James                      (Not Committee Member)  
Cllr S Pajak                      (Not Committee Member)
- Officers** Rob Core                      Clerk  
Jake Mee                      Deputy Clerk
- Public** Six
- Public Session** A member of the public asked if the Parish Council could contact Swindon Borough Council about the drains in and around Gladstone Street as they need to be cleaned to stop overflow of water and refuse. The Clerk responded that the issue would be reported to Swindon Borough Council.
- A member of the public said that there are licensed establishments and a large amount of HMO applications. Cllr Philpot said that alcohol licensing is not a planning issue it lies with the Swindon Borough Council Licensing Team. The Parish Council are aware of the issues that HMO's create and have added appropriate text to parish planning responses and are looking to raise the issue with Swindon Borough Council.
- 913**      **Apologies**  
None
- 914**      **Declaration of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**  
None
- 915**      **Pre-Application Presentation Regarding Aspen House Site**  
Turley Developers gave a presentation to the Committee.
- The Committee received a presentation regarding the former Aspen House site in Temple Street Swindon. Peter Lawson from the development company said that the leasehold had been acquired to build a Premier Inn with bar and steak house, he confirmed it would be a 197-bedroom hotel. The build will also have good links to public transport, will create more jobs and bring more visitors to Swindon.
- The Committee discussed the pre-application and thanked the developer for the presentation and looked forward to the full application.

**916 Planning Applications to be Examined**

- 916.1** S/19/1548 Change of use from Dwelling (Class C3) to 9 person House in Multiple Occupation (Sui Generis).  
178 Victoria Road  
Old Town  
Swindon  
SN1 3DF

**DECISION:** Objection for the following reasons:

1) The Communal Kitchen is too small at 11.9<sup>2</sup>, it should be 13.5<sup>2</sup> and the plan implies that the under stairs cupboard is part of the kitchen space in terms of floor space, but it is an entirely different part of the building which is not acceptable. 2) The communal living room is not big enough at 13.5<sup>2</sup> it should be 18.5<sup>2</sup> dining space should be provided on the same level as either the bedrooms or the kitchen to avoid food being taken up and down stairs. 3) The communal living room is not big enough to be used as a dining and living room.

\*It remains Central South Swindon Parish Council's Policy to object to additional House of Multiple Occupation applications within the Central and Eastcott wards as the nominal threshold has been reached and it is deemed that they have a detrimental effect on services, space and quality in the area.

- 916.2** S/19/1551 Change of use from existing Dwelling to 10 person House in Multiple Occupation (Sui Generis) Including a two-storey rear extension and rear dormer window.  
7A Hythe Road  
Old Town  
Swindon  
SN1 3NZ

**DECISION** No objection but to note that the alleyway to the side of the property is likely to have common law public right of way (for access to Savernake Street). If minded to approve this application conditions should be added to ensure that tenants do not use this space for car parking.

\*However it remains Central South Swindon Parish Council's Policy to object to additional House of Multiple Occupation applications within the Central and Eastcott wards as the nominal threshold has been reached and it is deemed that they have a detrimental effect on services, space and quality in the area.

**917 Planning Applications delegated to the Chair and Vice Chair**

The Deputy 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 be approved.

**918 Planning Decisions**

The Deputy 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.

**NOTED**

The Committee discussed the issue of Swindon Borough Council seemingly ignoring comments and objections from the parish council.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council request that a Senior Planning Officer from Swindon Borough Council is asked to attend a planning meeting to explain the rationale behind their decision in lieu of a formal complaint.

**919 Wiltshire County Council Reward for Fly Tipping**

The Clerk submitted a copy of a report from the Swindon Evening Advertiser a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

The Clerk said that Wiltshire County Council are rewarding reports from the public for fly tipping. Wiltshire County Council have made prosecutions and Swindon Borough Council have served notices regarding fly tipping where evidence had been found amongst fly tipped debris.

**RESOLVED** That the Parish Council formally write to Swindon Borough Council and request they consider taking the same approach as Wiltshire County Council and put it into place in Swindon.

**920 Upgrade of the Base Station upon Torrington Road**

The Clerk submitted information relating to the upgrade of the Base Station on Torrington Road a copy of which appears as Appendix D in the Minute Book.

**DECISION** No objection.

**921 Obstacle Spraying**

The Clerk submitted a copy of a report regarding obstacle spraying a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

The Clerk said that the Parish have committed to be glyphosate free by 2022, Swindon Borough Council have traditionally sprayed around obstacles such as sign posts and grass verges cutting down on strimming which is labour intensive. The Clerk has put this to Swindon Borough Council who have provided an estimated cost for time limited use of a strimmer and other handheld tools. The Committee discussed the estimate and Cllr C Watts suggested that it be taken away to be look at the budget as it is a large amount of money.

**RESOLVED** that the estimated cost be reviewed within the next few weeks.

**922 Swindon Underpass Sewage**

Councillor C Watts to report on the Swindon Advertiser’s item regarding Swindon underpass sewage a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

Cllr C Watts said that he was unhappy with a response in the local press due to flooding in two of the parish subways, one under Drakes way and one under Marlborough Road which each have a pump and is owned by Swindon Borough Council. Both pumps were working but just above the subways on Marlborough Road side there is a pumping station owned by Thames Water which could not cope with water that had overflowed due to heavy rainfall resulting in debris including wet wipes being secreted and blocking the subway drains. Cllr C Watts attended the area on the day and said it was not just flooding it was also slurry up to an inch thick in places he had seen a mobility scooter, a bike and 2 runners go through the slurry which could have caused an accident. Swindon Borough Council had cleared the drains that day but left the slurry which was then cleared by a third party. Cllr C Watts requested that the parish write to Thames Water and ask what they will do to resolve the issue.

**RESOLVED** to write to Thames Water to ask what they intend to do regarding the overflow of the pumping station.

The meeting closed at 08:20pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Council