

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 6.00pm at WEST SWINDON LIBRARY

Present:

Cllr Michael Burtenshaw
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Geoff Gould
Cllr Prakash Khaitan (Vice Chair)
Cllr Timothy Makofu
Cllr Nick Martin
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith (Chair)

Also in attendance:

Cllr Steph Exell
Cllr Trish Philpot
Cllr Tim Swinyard

Officers:

Paula Harrison

8 residents present.

Public Participation:

A resident asked that whilst the Parish Council decision to provide signage for the Hay Lane zebra crossing was welcome following the campaign led by Mrs Grother, and Cllrs Ali and Philpot, will the Parish Council please support the residents' call for a 20 mph speed limit on Hay Lane/Tregoze Way, particularly if the scheme to put double yellow lines in goes ahead?

The Chair advised that 20mph was supported and signs would be discussed later on the Agenda.

A resident asked the Committee to consider preserving the wooded area between Idovers Drive and Hazelwood Academy. The resident advised that Idovers Drive is already heavily congested and further housing would worsen the problem. The resident asked for consideration and support to keep it as a woodland area. The Chair noted these comments and advised the matter would be considered later on the Agenda.

A resident queried the Parish Council's plans to pay a company to create subway artwork. The resident suggested that the Parish Council could offer the canvas for free and engage local artists at a lower cost. The resident also asked what guarantees would be in place to ensure that artwork was not damaged, if there wasn't local ownership, it seemed that there would a high likelihood that this

would be graffitied on. The Chair noted these comments and advised the matter would be considered later on the Agenda.

Meeting start 6.07 pm

167. Apologies

Cllr Simon Firth, Cllr Mary Martin, Cllr Tim Makofu and Cllr Keith Williams – work commitments

RESOLVED that the Apologies of Absence received are approved.

168. Declarations Of Interest & Applications For Dispensation

None.

169. Bentham Close – Highways Query

The Parish Manager circulated a communication from Swindon Borough Council Highways, requesting feedback on issues in the Bentham Close area, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. It was agreed that the Parish Council supports parking restrictions in Bentham Close providing it ensures that one side of the road is vehicle free. This has been supported by requests from residents who are affected by overspill parking.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager writes to Swindon Borough Council to confirm full support for the proposal

170. Blagrove Cycle Access – Highways Query

Councillors received a proposal from Swindon Borough Council, Highways, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. Councillors considered the proposal which comprised

- Moving give way lines forward to the junction itself
- Orientating the give way lines to face the roundabout directly
- Raising one of the sections of dropped kerb
- Additional signs on the roundabout itself

The Committee noted that exiting the Blagrove Industrial Estate on to Great Western Way was challenging at peak times.

RESOLVED that the following feedback be submitted on behalf of West Swindon Parish Council;

- a) Consideration be given to 'Traffic Ahead' sign on the cycle path before exiting into industrial estate
- b) Consider any potential impact on disabled access to the cycle path if changes are made to existing dropped kerbs

171. Tall Team Schedule

The Committee reviewed a report setting out the work of the Tall Team, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. Councillors considered the list and advised that it would be helpful to see before and after photographs. The Parish Manager was asked to seek clarification on the detail of the item listed as Cartwright Drive Corner and the degree to which shrubs will be cut back. Councillors noted the information.

172. Subway Design Proposal

Following on from previous discussions, the Parish Manager circulated a report detailing options for artwork in subways, a copy of which appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book. Councillors considered the report and agreed that there might be more cost effective solutions to deter graffiti, including community-led murals and anti-graffiti products.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager investigates costs for anti-graffiti lacquer and reports back to a future meeting.

173. Highways Safety Measures - Hay Lane as requested by Cllr Sydney Smith

The Parish Manager circulated a report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix E** in the Minute Book. The Chair advised that whilst work was ongoing to establish a 20 miles per hour limit on Hay Lane, additional warning signs would be beneficial in this area. It was agreed that signs in both directions would be helpful. Swindon Borough Council, Highways should be able to advise on type and location of signs to highlight awareness of the crossing.

RESOLVED that a budget up to £1,000 be allocated for road safety signage and that the Parish Manager liaises with Swindon Borough Council Highways to form agreement on size, type, location and installation.

174. Local Plan Review – Idovers Drive as requested by Cllr Exell

Cllr Exell introduced this item indicating that a mature woodland area in Toothill had been identified during the SHELAA process as land for potential development. Cllr Exell asked the Committee to note the comments from the resident in public question time, and, consider the local environmental importance of retaining established copses as an essential contribution to the tree canopy in Swindon. Cllr Exell asked for support of the generic principle to support development on brownfield sites.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the principle to develop brownfield sites in the first instance.

175. Woodland Trust Report

The Parish Manager circulated a report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix F** in the Minute Book. The report detailed a campaign being led by the Woodland Trust to plant trees – The Big Climate Fightback. Councillors considered the report and agreed that the Parish Council could support the addition of native fruit trees and a focus on replanting hedgerows for a diverse habitat.

Standing Orders Suspended 6.46 pm

Mr Roger Ogle (Peatmoor Woodland Group) was invited to speak. Mr Ogle reported the sad passing of a valued member of the Peatmoor Community Woodland Group, Liz Emerson. Mr Ogle advised that it was clear that West Swindon would benefit from a diversity of trees. Many meadow areas could also be embellished, and the Parish Council could lead the way forward for others.

Standing Orders Reinstated 6.50 pm

RESOLVED that a small working group be formed to identify potential planting sites.

176. Planning Report

RESOLVED that the following be submitted in respect of the planning applications:

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| 176.1 S/ADV/19/0949 | Fish Brothers ,
Great Western Way
Swindon SN5 7YQ | Installation of 2no.
illuminated fascia signs,
1no. illuminated flag sign
and replacement pylon.
(Retrospective)
No objection |
| 176.2 S/ADV/19/1061 | Unit B,
Langley Road Swindon | Display of various
illuminated and non-
illuminated signage
No objection |
| 176.3 S/HOU/19/1343 | 8 Chancellor Close,
Grange Park
Swindon SN5 6HH | Erection of a two storey/
single storey rear extension
and porch to front
No objection |
| 176.4 S/HOU/19/1347 | 14 Bainbridge Close,
Grange Park
Swindon SN5 6BD | Erection of a single storey
rear extension and front
porch.
No objection |
| 176.5 S/HOU/19/1340 | 4 Mardale Close, Shaw
Swindon SN5 5UT | Erection of a two storey side
and single storey side and
rear extensions.
No objection |

Meeting closed at 7.00 pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 06 November 2019 6.00 pm.

Signed:
Chair of Planning & Environment Committee

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