

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

on Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 6.00pm at WEST SWINDON LIBRARY

Present:

Cllr Michael Burtenshaw
Cllr Simon Firth
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Geoff Gould
Cllr Tim Makofu
Cllr Mary Martin
Cllr Nick Martin
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith (Chair)
Cllr Keith Williams

Officers:

Paula Harrison
Leanne Curtis

6 residents present.

Public Participation:

A resident asked if the wooden bridges in Westlea were being monitored. They are showing signs of age. The Chair advised that the matter would be highlighted to Swindon Borough Council, Highways team.

A resident advised that tree trunk logs had been stacked at Darcey Close and were likely to inhibit the growth of snowdrops and bulbs. The Chair advised that the Parish team would look into it.

Resident asked that if consultation on allotments at Kiln Park went ahead, that the Parish Council considered the benefit of wider community consultation due to broader interests in the park area than those living in the immediate vicinity.

A resident advised that a fence had blown over in Darcey Close and was blocking the footpath. The Chair advised the team would investigate.

A resident asked the Parish Council to consider giving feedback to the Local Plan consultation that climate change had currently been removed and should be replaced. The Chair advised this would be considered later on the Agenda.

A resident asked when the noticeboard on Shaw Ridge was likely to be fixed. The Clerk advised that they were working through a number of options including removing the noticeboard in the short term. Perspex needed to be cut to fit but in

the meantime, the team had been asked to remove all contents and window to the noticeboard to avoid further breakages.

A resident advised that the use of glyphosate requires all those using it to following health and safety advice and usage instructions. This is paramount in order to avoid possible claims in the future. The Chair noted the comments.

A resident asked if there could be consideration of a speed reduction across the West Parish as this would reduce excessive acceleration or deacceleration on approaches to roundabouts and would result in fewer accidents. Councillors agreed to ask a Highways Officer to attend a future meeting to explain the relevant policies and processes.

A resident thanked the Parish for wood chippings for Shaw Ridge copse walkways and asked for more in the Spring.

Meeting start 6.06 pm

265. Apologies

Cllr Prakash Khaitan– conflicting work commitments

RESOLVED that the Apologies of Absence received are approved.

266. Declarations Of Interest & Applications For Dispensation

Cllr Nick Martin indicated that he was a member of Swindon Borough Council's planning committee and would not be participating in debate on planning applications (item 6). Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith indicated that as a Director of The Hub, she would not be commenting on any related planning matters.

267. Village Centre Maintenance

Councillors received a report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. The report set out an update on potential to progress adoption of work on village centre maintenance currently managed by Swindon Borough Council. The Parish Manager confirmed that this would be reviewed on annual basis and could include an administration fee.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager submits a proposal to Swindon Borough Council Property Services setting out a schedule of works to be undertaken by West Swindon Parish Council with a proposal on costs (to be reimbursed).

268. Roundabout Sponsorship Update – requested by Cllr Gould.

Councillors received a report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. The report advised Councillors that in 2018, an agreement was reached to share income from the sale of advertising space on roundabouts maintained by the Parish Council. Costs are estimated to be in the region of £517.00 per roundabout and income varies based on individual arrangements. There was no later communication.

Following the request by Cllr Gould, Swindon Borough Council have provided information about income generated from the Parish's roundabouts. It is now possible to submit an invoice to Swindon Borough Council for the Parish Council's share of sales in 2018/19. Payment due is £2,322.50.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council submits an invoice for the income owed on roundabout sponsorship in 2018-19.

269. Swindon Borough Council, Local Plan

The Parish Manager circulated a letter from Swindon Borough Council's Planning team indicating that the Local Plan is open to consultation until 31 January 2020, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. Comments can be submitted individually or on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Gould indicated the he had made an individual response to date. Councillors agreed that comments could be submitted to the Parish Manager ahead of the deadline for collation and submission.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager collates comments and feedback and makes a submission before the deadline. The Chair confirmed this would include a request for the re-integration of Climate Change in the Local Plan.

270. Streetsmart Use of Glyphosate

Councillors were given a response from Streetsmart, a copy of which appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book. Councillors discussed the ongoing use of the chemical and agreed that contractors needed to work to approved safety standards and should be monitored.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council confirms with Streetsmart that any chemical use must be in accordance with minimum safety guidelines and the matter is kept under review.

271. Planning Report

RESOLVED that the following be submitted in response to the applications as follows:

271.1	S/HOU/19/1883	18 Kerry Close, Ramleaze Swindon SN5 5SQ	Erection of a single storey rear extension, garage to side and conversion of existing garage into habitable space.
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No objection.

271.2 S/19/1840 | The Village Tavern Toothill Swindon SN5 8AH

Erection of single storey rear extension, change of use of public house (use class A3) to a Community centre (use class D2) and associated works. |

Cllr Williams joined the meeting 6.30 pm

RESOLVED that due to volume of information associated with this application, that Councillors submit comments to the Parish Office for collation.

Meeting closed at 6.37 pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 05 February 2020 6.00 pm.

Signed:
Chair of Planning & Environment Committee

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