

# WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the

### PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

on Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 6.00pm at WEST SWINDON LIBRARY

#### **Present:**

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

#### **Officers:**

Paula Harrison

5 residents present.

#### **Public Participation:**

A resident asked if a tree with a preservation order had been legally removed at Darcey Close. The Chair advised that the matter would be highlighted to Swindon Borough Council, Tree team.

On behalf of the Greendown Copse volunteers, it was requested that some form of barrier such as orange netting be considered to steer cyclists to stay on the pathway on the entry to Lydiard Park. The Parish Manager confirmed that options were being considered and should be installed shortly.

Resident asked if the Committee was going to consider the objections made by the Planners in relation to the residential fencing at Percheron Close. The Chair confirmed this would be reviewed.

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 if woodchip could be made available to the Shaw Ridge Copse volunteers. The Parish Manager confirmed that the request had been submitted.

A resident queried where land sale receipts go to. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council did not benefit from land sales.

#### **Meeting start 6.02 pm**

#### **298. Apologies**

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

**RESOLVED** that the Apologies of Absence received are approved.

**299. 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 Toothill - The Hub, she would not be commenting on any related planning matters.

**300. School Crossing Patrol Update**

Councillors received a report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. The report set out an update on the application for a contribution to a school crossing patrol officer at Hazelwood Academy. The current proposal has not yet been finalised despite being approved in December 2018. Toothill Big Local have indicated that costs have increased and as a result, the length of employment may not be for the two year period previously proposed. The increase of costs is approximately £3,000 over the two year period equating to an increase of £830 on the original £1500 grant awarded.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Manager commits a budget to continue to fund 25% of the overall costs subject to the remaining 75% being equally approved by Toothill Big Local or another grant provider.

**Grounds Maintenance Future Considerations**

**301.**

Councillors received a report setting out a number of considerations for the future delivery of grounds maintenance functions, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book. The Committee discussed the considerations and noted the following:

- a visit to Waterside be arranged to review flexibility of use
- a list of tools be compiled
- a list of preferred suppliers be created
- that enquiries on the use of mechanics be established for mowing, vehicle fleet

**BT Public PayPhone Boxes Consultation**

**302.**

The Parish Manager circulated a letter from Swindon Borough Council's Planning team indicating that the consultation on British Telecom's proposal to remove a number of phone callboxes had ended and recommendations reached. A copy of the letter appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book.

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Manager reiterates and resubmits the previous comments submitted to the Planning officer regarding British Telecom's proposal for intended payphone removal.

**Planning Report**

**303.**

Councillor Nick Martin abstained from this item.

**RESOLVED** that **No objection** is submitted in response to the following applications:

303.1 S/19/1370	2 Percheron Close, Ramleaze, Swindon, SN5 5RF	<b>APPEAL</b> Change of use of public open space to residential garden and an erection of a 1.8m high boundary fence.
303.2 S/HOU/20/0066	16 Edgehill, Freshbrook Swindon SN5 8NN	Erection of a single storey rear/side extension.
303.3 S/20/0080	Town Square, 2 West Swindon Centre Whitehill Way SN5 7DL	Change of use of part of ground floor from bank (Class A2) to tanning salon (Sui Generis)
303.4 S/HOU/20/0044	4 Selby Crescent, Freshbrook SN5 8PE	Erection of a single storey side/rear extension.
303.5 S/HOU/20/0001	23 Carey Close, Grange Park Swindon SN5 6BJ	Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions.

Meeting closed at 6.40 pm

**Date of next meeting: Monday 02 March 2020 6.00 pm.**

Signed: .....  
Chair of Planning & Environment Committee

Date:.....