

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the online
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held online on **WEDNESDAY 06 MAY 2020** at **6.00 pm**

Present:

Cllr Mike Burtenshaw
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Geoff Gould
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith (Chair)
Cllr Keith Williams

Officers: Paula Harrison (Parish Manager)

Public: Three

Public Questions: None

Meeting start: 6.02 pm.

372. Apologies

Cllr Prakash Khaitan and Cllr Tim Makofu – other commitments
Cllr Mary Martin and Cllr Nick Martin – volunteering commitment

RESOLVED that all apologies are noted and approved

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373. Request for Wilding

Councillors considered a report setting out a request to re-wild an area of grass between Edgehill and Adwalton Close in Freshbrook. A copy of the report appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted that wilding areas of grass can receive mixed opinions from residents and whilst there were no objections in principle, it would need to be consulted on locally. Councillors asked that those households neighbouring the proposed site be sent a letter outlining the proposal.

RESOLVED that the Parish Manager drafts a letter and circulates to those households in 100 metre radius of the site and that feedback from that consultation is fed back to this committee.

374. Grass Cutting and Hedgerows as requested by Cllr Geoff Gould

The Parish Manager advised that Cllr Gould had requested consideration of encouraging wild growth around hedgerows areas where there is scope to allow it. Councillors noted that this might be difficult to implement consistently if it is at the discretion of the mowing drivers who may not apply it consistently. With the advancing changes to the staffing and machinery in coming months, it would be difficult to know exactly how it would be applied.

RESOLVED that the matter is reviewed at a future meeting once the Parish's staffing and mowing fleet is established.

375. Service Transfer

The Parish Manager circulated a note from Swindon Borough Council's Streetsmart indicating that there was an opportunity to submit an expression of interest and bid for surplus mowing machinery, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book.

6.17 pm Councillor Gould joined the meeting due to delays accessing online details.

RESOLVED that the Services Working Party submit a speculative bid for relevant machinery.

376. Planning Report

Councillors received the Planning Report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. Cllr Williams abstained from 376.1.

376.1 S/ADV/20/0421	Mcdonalds Bridgemead, Great Western Way Swindon SN5 7FQ	Installation of 4no. digital freestanding signs and 1no. digital booth screen Resolved: No objection.
376.2 S/HOU/20/0500	7 Rochester Close, Toothill Swindon SN5 8JS	Erection of a first floor side extension Resolved: Highlight to Planning Officers that there are possible negative impacts on neighbouring property

Meeting closed at 6.23 pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 8 June 2020 6.00 pm

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Chair of the Planning & Environment Committee