

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held online on **WEDNESDAY 10TH MARCH 2021** at **6.00 pm**

Present:

Cllr Mike Burtenshaw
Cllr Steph Exell
Cllr Suresh Gattapur
Cllr Geoff Gould
Cllr Nigel Gibbons
Cllr Prakash Khaitan (Vice Chair)
Cllr Tim Makofu
Cllr Nick Martin
Cllr Mary Martin
Cllr Tim Swinyard
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith (Chair)
Cllr Keith Williams

Officers:

Paula Harrison (Parish Manager) Leanne Curtis (Assistant Clerk)

Public: Three

Public Question time

Cllr Burtenshaw raised a question on behalf of a resident regarding compliance with planning permission and building regulations for 99 Beaulieu Close. The Assistant Clerk advised that the matter had been raised with both Planning and Building Enforcement teams for investigation.

A resident advised that litter picking had been progressing safely and carefully during the lockdown periods. New litter picking volunteers had requested extra litter bins.

Meeting start 6.08 pm

678. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Simon Firth.

RESOLVED that all apologies received were approved.

679. Declarations Of Interest & Applications For Dispensation

Cllr Sydney Smith (as a deputy) and Cllr Nick Martin are members of the Swindon Borough Council Planning Committee.

Cllr Exell was attending but not as a voting member of this Committee.

Cllr Mary Martin noted as Cabinet Member for Childrens Services in respect of item no. 4 Certificate of Lawfulness.

680. Hay Lane Update

The Parish Manager referred to a report circulated updating on a response to the request

for shielding of the beacons on Hay Lane pedestrian crossing, a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** in the Minute Book. The report indicated that Swindon Borough Council Highways had determined that beacon shields would be counter productive and consent would not be given to create a barrier behind the crossing. Councillors noted the position.

681. Certificate of lawfulness (Proposed) to use existing dwelling as a children's home as requested by Cllr Steph Exell.

The Parish Manager had circulated a report and information about the application, a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** in the Minute Book.

6.17 pm The Chair suspended Standing Orders to listen to a resident represent views from Moresby Close.

Mr Lowson highlighted that the proposal had the potential to impact adversely on residents. The process for the certificate of lawfulness had not kept residents involved or informed and application had now be granted. Residency for two children would be likely to be reasonable and local residents understood the need. Cllr Mary Martin answered a number of questions about the setting and confirmed that these services were subject to heavy regulation and oversight by Swindon Borough Council. Cllr Williams advised that a similar situation had occurred in another part of West Swindon.

6.20 pm Cllr Tim Swinyard joined the meeting.

The Chair thanked Mr Lowson for his comments and participation.

6.22 pm Cllr Tim Makofu joined the meeting.

The Committee noted the report and the update from Mr Lowson.

682. Obstacle Weed Spraying

The Parish Manager referred to a report setting out the options to buy in to the Borough Wide obstacle spraying commissioned by Swindon Borough Council, a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** in the Minute Book. The Committee considered the report.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council excludes Swindon Borough Council obstacle spraying programme for West Swindon for 2021-22.

683. Public Open Space – Common Platt

The Parish Manager circulated feedback from residents in Common Platt open space regarding maintenance and problems with trees. A copy of the report appears as **Appendix D** in the Minute Book. Councillors noted the information.

684. Planning Report

Councillors considered the Planning Report, a copy of which appears as **Appendix E** in the Minute Book.

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684.1	S/HOU/21/0207	7 Chudleigh, Freshbrook Swindon SN5 8NQ	Erection of a two storey side extension No objection.
684.2	S/HOU/21/0260	6 Kishorn Close, Sparcells Swindon SN5 5FW	Erection of a two-storey side extension. No objection.

Date of next meeting: Monday 12 April 2021 6.00 pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair, Planning & Environment Committee