

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the
PLANNING, LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on **Monday 10th June 2024 at 6.00 pm**
Unit 25, Westmead Industrial Estate, Swindon, SN5 7YT

Present:

Cllr Peter Bates
Cllr Leon Grother (Chair)
Cllr Rose Llewellyn
Cllr Tim Makofu (virtual)
Cllr Graham Philpot
Cllr Trish Philpot
Cllr Nandini Singh
Cllr Caryl Sydney Smith
Cllr Andrew Swinyard
Cllr Sean Wilson (Vice Chair)

Officers: Steven Anns (Operations Supervisor), Hayley Bell (Deputy Clerk) Paula Harrison (Clerk)

Public: Two

Public Questions:

Resident thanked the Parish Council for supplying wood chippings to Shaw FAB and reported that it had made a huge difference.

Meeting start 6.03 pm

25. Apologies & Applications for Dispensation

Apologies: Cllr Dayan, Cllr Gattapur
Applications for dispensation as required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 20 May 2024: None.

26. Flytipping & Bins as requested by Cllr Wilson

Councillors received a summary report setting out challenges associated with flytipping and a report of bin requests. A copy of the report appears as **APPENDIX A** in the Minute Book. It was noted that there was an outstanding request for a bin by the kebab shop at Freshbrook Village Centre and a bin for Peatmoor. The Operations Supervisor advised that additional bins would need to be ordered. Councillors discussed issues associated with flytipping.

RESOLVED that

- a) The Parish Office report to a future meeting on actions which are undertaken to reduce flytipping in other Parishes/Councils
- b) Approval is granted to purchase additional bins at a cost in the region of £2,100
- c) The Parish Team liaise with SBC Housing

27. Planting and Grasscutting

The Operations Supervisor gave a verbal update indicating that the grass cutting had progressed and the team were on the fourth cut which would be about average for this time of year. Some areas are still very wet.

For planting, the Operations Supervisor advised that all the planter tubs had been refilled, three new planters had been installed in Toothill and a sculpture had been created for Freshbrook. Work to complete new planting at the Shaw and Freshbrook brick planters should be completed this week. It was requested that the brick planters at Ely Close be reviewed.

28. Social Media Policy

The Parish Manager circulated a draft policy, a copy of which appears as **APPENDIX B** in the Minute Book. Councillors discussed the document. Minor amendments were proposed.

RECOMMENDED that subject to the minor amendments being included, the draft Social Media Policy be submitted to Full Council for approval and adoption.

29. Subway Murals

The Parish Manager circulated a summary report, a copy of which appears as **APPENDIX C** in the Minute Book. Councillors discussed the document and options for murals including corporate sponsorship and the involvement of local artists. Councillors considered options to trial a mural in either a high footfall subway or one that is prone to attracting graffiti tags.

RESOLVED that the Parish Team circulates an opportunity to submit interest along with outline prices and share design ideas to the Parish Council for

- a) West Swindon District Centre subway to Shaw Ridge (Whitehill Way)
- b) Either of the Chesters subways to Shaw/Rivermead

30. Sustainability Plan

The Parish Manager circulated a Sustainability Plan, a copy of which appears as **APPENDIX D** in the Minute Book. Councillors discussed objectives relating to climate change/net zero.

RESOLVED that information about options for weed control be investigated and reported at a future meeting.

RECOMMENDED that a new Working Group is created to focus on environmental issues, with membership to be confirmed.

31. Planning Report

Councillors received a planning report, a copy of which appears as **APPENDIX E** in the Minute Book. The following were noted without objection:

APPLICATION	PLANNING APPLIED FOR	LOCATION
S/TC/24/0585	Prior approval application for upgrading & installation of a 20 met high Phase 7 monopole with wraparound cabinet supporting 3no. antennas & ancillary development	Peatmoor Way Nine Elms SN5 5DW
S/OUT/24/0549	Hybrid application comprising of an (i) outline application for flexible use within classes B2/B8/E(g)(ii)(iii) with all matters reserved and (ii) a full application for the erection of a Builder's Merchant (sui generis), relocation of the vehicular access, pedestrian path, soft landscaping, reshaping of the Scorpio House yard area with new boundary fence and hard surfacing, two new vehicular accesses within the site; associated works including photovoltaic panels, enclosure for substation/new power supply, new security gates and boundary fencing; covered cycle shelter; plant equipment; installation of retaining wall; external racking and storage to the Builder's Merchant yard; new soft landscaping to the site entrance and around the boundary of the Builder's Merchant yard.	Former Pegasus House & Scorpio House Frankland Road SN5 8RS
S/HOU/24/0611	Installation of an Air Source Heat Pump	22 Sudeley Way Grange Park SN5 6EN
S/23/1184	Change of use of ground floor of Delta 1200 from Class E (offices) to Class F1 (education).	Delta 1200 Welton Road Westlea

Meeting closed 7.08 pm.

Signed:

Chair, Planning, Leisure & Environment Committee

Date: