

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at:
The Reading Rooms 32 The Circle and virtually (via Teams) on Wednesday 01st March at 6.00pm

Present Cllr. P Exell (Chair)
Cllr. J Yeowell (Vice Chair)
Cllr. M Beale
Cllr. A Fernandes
Cllr. D Patey

Virtual Attendees Cllr. M Lucas
A Briggs (Estates Manager)

Officers A Reeves (Parish Clerk)
J A Williams (Administration)

Public None

EP621 **Apologies**
Cllr. J Rodrigues

EP622 Cllr A Fernandes was co-opted onto The Environment & Planning Committee.

EP623 **Declarations of Interest & Application for Dispensation**
None Received

EP624 **Public Questions or Comments**
None Received

Planning Applications to be Examined

EP625	S/COND/22/1674 Swindon College, North Star Avenue Swindon SN2 1DY	Discharge of conditions 4 (Contamination) and 5 (Remediation Scheme) from previous permission S/22/0358.
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RESOLVED The Committee object as they support The Contaminated Land Officer in that the conditions have not met requirements.

EP626	S/23/0028 Unit H, Newcome Drive Hawksworth Industrial Estate Swindon SN2 1DZ	Installation of cladding and re-modelling. of front elevation – non-compliance with condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning permission S/21/1396
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RESOLVED No Objection

EP627	S/HOU/23/0090 100 Bruce Street Rodbourn Swindon SN2 2EN	Erection of a detached garage.
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RESOLVED No Objection

EP628	S/HOU/23/0149 31 Collett Avenue, Rodbourn Cheney Swindon SN2 1NQ	Erection of a single storey front extension and conversion of garage into habitable space.
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RESOLVED No Objection

EP629	S/LDP/23/0159 18 Manor Crescent Moredon Swindon SN2 2LF	Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) for the erection of a rear dormer window.
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RESOLVED

The Committee objected on the basis of : -

- An overdevelopment of site
- Insufficient parking for the increase in bedrooms which would not comply with SBC Parking Standard.

EP630

S/23/0183

92 Gypsy Lane
Swindon
SN2 8DH

Erection of 1no. dwelling

RESOLVED

The committee objected on the basis of : -

- An over development of site.
- There are no dropped kerbs which must be applied for separately if they were to apply for them.
- Concerns over the proposed parking spaces at the bottom of the gardens opening out on to what is an already heavily parked on road. This would lead to the displacement of cars that already park behind the houses, thus forcing them elsewhere, which will exacerbate the original parking problems there.

EP631

Planning Appeals

S/TC/22/0963 Prior notification application for the erection of a 20m. 5G telecoms street pole installation and 3no. additional ancillary equipment cabinets and associated works.

Land At Kemble Drive, Rodbourne, Swindon.

Wiltshire planning appeal – Purton Road

RESOLVED

The committee noted the two appeals and in both cases stick with their original objections. These will be re-iterated to the Planning Inspectorate.

EP632

Update on Westmead Parking.

The Parish Council had concerns as the revised plans for Westmead Drive did not address the area where concerns had been raised and had been missed of the evaluation. Philip Martlew contacted the chair during the previous meeting to confirm that the revised plan was completely wrong and that it will be re-evaluated again with a new drawing sometime soon.

Concern has been raised that if the item is not pushed to a conclusion by April that it may drift and completely disappear.

RESOLVED

The Chair requested that the Clerk chase Philip Martlew for timescales to keep the item moving so as not to drag on.

EP633

Request for dummy CCTV

A request had been made to install dummy CCTV for the walkway down the back of St Mary's church, where there have been a lot of drug related issues. Hopefully the cameras will deter such behaviour. The cost will be in the region of £30 - £35.

RESOLVED

The committee voted in favour of the dummy CCTV. The cost will come out of the

Signage budget.

EP634

Oasis Skate Park

Negotiation with Seven Capital on the former Oasis skatepark regarding relocation within the parish and adoption by the Parish Council.

The clerk shared his screen and outlined the pros and cons of a skatepark and the offer from Seven Capital to dismantle and re-assemble elsewhere within the parish.

The Clerk posed two questions to the committee :-

- Do the committee support the relocation of the skatepark with in the parish?
And if so...
- Where would be the best site location?

Criteria for site covered :-

- Access
- Visibility
- Amenity
- Feasibility

Potential sites meeting the above criteria were identified as: -

- Hilary Close Penhill
- Ferndale Recreation Ground
- Moredon Sporting Hub
- Rear of Tree Courts
- Mannington Recreation Ground Car Park

Recommendation for Full Council

- Accept a skate park relocation offer from the former Oasis site leaseholder Seven Capital.
- To agree for Seven Capital to cover removal, build, transportation & groundwork cost with an appropriate public acknowledgement for any donation/costs incurred.
- To agree a preferred location or locations for further consultation.
- To commence agreed location site consultation with residents.
- To make final recommendation to Full Council in April 2023 with a request to apply for planning permission.
- If no suitable locations are found, to accept the donation of the skatepark for storage at the Pinetrees Community Centre and relocation at a future date at a cost to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED

Committee members discussed the possible site locations in line with the criteria noted earlier. They voted in favour of excepting The Clerks recommendations and moving forward, initially noting Moredon Sport Hub as the most suited site but open to other councillor's suggestions at Full Council.

EP635 Bin Requests

The Parish Council received two new requests from residents.

- Farndale Close Penhill.
- Acacia Grove (green space) Pinehurst.

The estates manager has carried out assessments in both areas and in line with our bin policy feels the siting of bins in or in the vicinity of both areas is warranted. Currently there are 34 CSNPC bins within Penhill ward which equates to approximately 1 bin to 147- 205 people and 30 CSNPC bins within the Pinehurst Ward equating to approximately 1 bin per 307 - 461 people.

RESOLVED

The committee voted unanimously to approve both requests subject to the estates manager confirming exact location.

EP636 Grass Verges

No issues reported.

EP637 S106 & CIL Funds

No updates, The Clerk asked to keep chasing SBC.

Meeting Closed: 18.58
Chair of Committee: Cllr Paul Exell
Date: 01/03/2023

Signed.....

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Chair of Environment & Planning