

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 February at
6.00pm

Present Cllr. P Exell (Chair)
 Cllr. J Yeowell (Vice Chair)
 Cllr. D Patey
 Cllr. C Shelley

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

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

Public None

EP610 **Apologies**
 No Apologies Received

EP611 **Declarations of Interest & Application for Dispensation**
 None Received

EP612 **Public Questions or Comments**
 None Received

EP613 **Grass Verges**
 Tydemans Street Gorse Hill

- The chair proposed moving item 7 of the agenda to the top of the agenda, The committee voted in favour of this. The Chair Proposed suspending standing orders to enable Cllr Shelley to speak on the item, the committee approved the suspending of standing orders.
- Cllr Shelley addressed the committee having received several resident complaints regarding the churned-up grass verges in Tydemans Street Gorse Hill. She noted that the verges that had trees planted on were not as badly damaged and thought that a cheap solution to help alleviate the damage could be the planting of more trees.
Cllr Shelley on behalf of the residents requested that the Parish Council possibly fund the cost of 5 to 10 trees to cover a 20 to 30 metre stretch.

- The Chair and committee raised concerns over the lack of budget, the responsibility of maintenance and costs involved.
- The Estates manager reiterated the concerns of the committee.
- Confirmed that the trees already established in Tydeman Street were planted pre Idverde, SBC days and are maintained by the resident who purchased them and that there is a president set for trees on the verges.
- Stated that a community consultation would be needed, and approval obtained from SBC for planting.

The chair stated that the committee were not against trees on verges if the committee were minded to approve it, but at the current time do not have the budget available to do so.

Cllr Shelley asked if she could possibly source funding.

Standing orders were reinstated.

RESOLVED

The Estates Manager to arrange a meeting with Idverde to ascertain the types of trees suited to being planted for the location, costings, and future maintenance.

Cllr Shelley to source funding.

Permission to be obtained from SBC for planting.

Planning Applications to be Examined

EP614

S/HOU/22/1784

17 Moredon Road
Moredon
Swindon
SN2 2JH

Erection of a single Storey front extension.

RESOLVED No Objection

EP615

S/HOU/22/1792

34 Moredon Road,
Moredon
Swindon
SN25 3DG

Erection of a two-storey rear extension.

RESOLVED No Objection

EP616

S/22/1841

16 Moredon Road
Moredon
Swindon
SN25 3DQ

Demolition of the garages and erection of one no. dwelling and associated car parking together with some internal reconfiguration of the existing dental clinic, including instating the front entrance.

RESOLVED Objection The committee object based on it.
being:

- An overdevelopment of the site.
- And having inadequate parking.

The committee also request to be called into planning if the Borough is so minded to approve as delegated authority.

Update on applications previously examined.

EP617

The Committee noted applications previously examined.

EP618

Parking related Issues.

No new issues have been reported this month.

The Clerk has received requests for updates from business users at Westmead.

RESOLVED

The Clerk has contacted SBC and will continue to do so, to find out when the formal consultation will take place.

EP619

Floral/Tree Planting

The Chair presented the draft Free Standing Planter policy to the committee. The chair requested that an assessment to location considering accessibility and safety regarding installation and maintenance be added.

Cllr Beale asked if the parish could adopt the planting of the two low planters on the corner of Rodbourne Cheney and Whitworth Road outside Farm Foods. It was confirmed that the parish had in the past planted bulbs in them, and the estates manager confirmed that Idverde were in the process of putting mulch down to make them more presentable. It was also suggested that Farm Foods And Tesco's may contribute to the funding of flowering plants for the beds.

RESOLVED

The Clerk will add to the policy to include accessibility and safety. This will then be brought back to a subsequent meeting and then onto full council.

The estates manager will converse with Farm Food and Tesco's regarding the possibility of donating to the cost of plants for the beds.

EP620

S106 & CIL Funds

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There are no further updates, but the Clerk will continue to chase.

Meeting Closed: 18.43
Chair of Committee: Cllr Paul Exell
Date: 18/01/2023

Signed.....



Date.....



Chair of Environment & Planning