

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 15th February 2023 at
6.00pm

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

Virtual Attendees None

Officers A Briggs (Estates Manager)
A Reeves (Parish Clerk)
J A Williams (Administration)

Public None

EP621 **Apologies**
Expecting Cllr Patey but running slightly late.

EP622 **Declarations of Interest & Application for Dispensation**
All councillors noted they knew Bob & Julie Wright neighbours of planning item EP629.
Cllr Beale expressed a personal interest in planning item EP630 as she lives in the area.

EP623 **Public Questions or Comments**
None Received

Planning Applications to be Examined

EP624	<u>S/HOU/22/1125</u> Kenwick 143 Morris Street Rodbourne Swindon SN2 2HS	Erection of single storey front/rear and side extensions and detached workshop/home office/store.
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Resolved
The Committee re-iterated their previous response: No objection in principle, however the committee agree with expressed concerns as to whether the access is capable of supporting construction vehicles, should access be surveyed and or conditions placed on results of such survey? Furthermore the committee hope there are conditions in place to ensure that no commercial business is conducted from the workshop.

EP625

S/LDP/22/1777

34 Wickdown Avenue
Moreton
Swindon
SN25 3DY

Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) for the
erection of a single storey rear extension.

Resolved

No Objection.

EP626

S/LDE/23/0011

269 Cricklade Road
Swindon
SN2 1AG

Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing) for the use
of property as 2no separate dwellings.

Resolved

Objection The committee wish to object based on there being insufficient parking for the
number of proposed dwellings.

EP627

S/23/0016

30 Wheeler Avenue
Stratton St Margaret
Swindon
SN2 7HH

Change of use of part of house from Residential (Class
C3) to dog grooming Salon (Sui Generis)

Resolved

Objection The committee wish to object on the basis of it being a commercial
business within a residential area, and concerns over potential parking issues.

EP628

S/LDP/23/0018

24 Pound Lane
Pinehurst
Swindon
SN2 1PS

Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) for the
erection of a static caravan within curtilage of main
dwellinghouse.

Resolved

Objection The Committee object based on being:-

- An overdevelopment of the site.
- A back land development.
- Not being a subsidiary to the main dwelling.
- The footprint being larger than the main dwelling and could potentially be leased
as a self-contained property.

EP629

S/23/0031

Southbrook House
Southbrook Street
Rodbourn Cheney
Swindon
SN2 1HF

Erection of 1 No. bungalow and associated works.

Resolved

Objection

The Committee object based on being:-

- An overdevelopment of the site.
- A back land development.
- Loss of amenity for the residents of the flats to the side of the plot.

EP630**S/HOU/23/0049**

19 Avebury Road
Penhill
Swindon
SN2 5JR

Construction of a vehicle crossing and parking.
parking area to front of the property.

Resolved

Objection

The Committee object based on being:-

- An area of open space
- Amenity of the area.
- A setting of precedence, which would encourage more grass verges across properties being taken away for access to parking.

CLlr Beale made the point and highlighted the lack of parking in the area.

EP631**S/COND/23/0072**

1 - 4 Newcome Drive
Hawksworth Industrial Estate
Swindon
SN2 1DZ

Discharge of condition 5 (Construction Management plan) from previous permission S/22/1359 (Erection of a two storey extension to provide a service reception and offices, including new staff facilities).

Resolved

No Objection

EP632**S/23/0097**

163 Rodbourne Road
Swindon
SN2 2AY

Erection of roof extension and alterations to doors, windows and cladding of outbuilding and erection of covered walkway.

Resolved

No Objection

EP633**Street Furniture**

- **Notice Boards**

N Brock responded to the Clerk, there are no objections for the Parish to relocate the wall mounted notice board on the John Moulton Hall to Moredon library. The Street Wardens have the key and have requested that the items inside be displayed in the building.

Resolved

The parish will up-cycle the notice board and re-locate to Moredon Library

- **Litter Bins**

There has been a request for more bins in Rodbourne. The chair sought clarification from the councillor to ascertain locations but has not received a response. A Facebook post has been created to consult with residents to identify areas with issues of dog fouling.

Resolved

This item will be pushed back to a subsequent meeting.

- **Benches**

No new requests.

The Clerk requested to add to the item the chair agreed.

A meeting has taken place with the parents of Harry Parker as they would like a memorial bench to be sited in the area. Due to obvious traffic concerns the parish have advised that this is not possible.

With the chairs permission a report will go to Marchwood to outline a proposal for a bench to be placed set back on the hill, on land not managed by the Parish Council but by the housing management company.

Formal consultation has taken place and Claudia the officer in charge along with the management company have no objections. As the Parish Council have set specifications a request will be put to the committee in March.

The Chair pointed out the concerns of Councillor Edwards, the parents understand these and are aware that the bench will be sited on the hill set back from the road.

EP609

Floral

Councillor D Patey has requested a floral planter to be sited on Cricklade Road, which will need to be approved once the Planter Policy has been approved.

The Estates Manager is awaiting quotes for the cost of planter and will notify all once received.

A proposal was set in place to remind all councillors to put in requests for Floral Planters if wanted, once the Planter Policy has been approved by Full Council.

Resolved

The draft Planter Policy has been amended. The Committee approved it, and it will be put to Full Council later this evening.

EP610

Tree Planting

Update on the Green Canopy Tree Planting On Akers Way.

The Estates Manager confirmed that all stock had been ordered and most of it has arrived. The grant/funded stock is due for delivery in the next week or so and then a community tree planting event will be organised hopefully towards the end of February. The Estates Manager has also been contacted by Excalibur Communications based in Fire Fly Avenue who have offered working days when their employees will help out on

community projects. The item is in progress.

Tydemans Street - is ongoing the Estates Manager has contacted Mike to discuss appropriate tree species and will chase that up and Councillor Shelley is still working on sourcing funds and so is ongoing.

The Estates Manager is also working on a programme in terms of seeking additional funding for tree planting and is seeking assistance from SBC and is looking at areas of leased land for potential tree planting. He will email councillors with further updates.

Councillor Beale mentioned that free trees are available from the Woodlands Trust to community groups. The Estates Manager confirmed that this item relates to tree planting in 2024 and will seek as funding as possible.

Raybrook Meadow - Towards the end of 2023 the committee discussed a plan for Raybrook Meadow, there were concerns to aspects of the plan which included the Orchard.

The only aspect approved was the planting of the bund along Great Western Way for noise reduction. However, it came to the Chair's attention that planting of fruit trees had taken place and that further community days for planting were being planned. None of which had been agreed by the Parish Council. The Clerk has an upcoming meeting planned with SBC to re-iterate the agreed plan. The Clerk mentioned that this could jeopardise the transfer of land and so the group have agreed to stop any future activity. The Estates Manager had also been contacted by Eden and had made it abundantly clear in November 2023 that only the sound bund had been agreed.

EP611

Parking Related Issues

Update on Westmead Drive - The Chair recapped the issues experienced by businesses at the end of Westmead Drive due to parking of cars on the pavements and road. The Borough have had an informal consultation and have now issued their next phased drawings for their formal consultation.

The Clerk shared his screen to show the TRO Westmead Drive Plan - The Borough have applied double yellow lines all along Westmead Drive apart from the end where they want to try and control the traffic. The Parish feels that this will only displace the parked vehicles to where the area of concern was first raised, being at the end of Westmead Drive. The original concern will only be exasperated. Both Councillor S. Exell and the Clerk have emailed the Borough.

The Chair posed four questions on behalf of the Committee for the Clerk to enquire about.

1. Do Westmead businesses need to know that formal consultation is now live?
2. Are the businesses aware that the proposed plan shows no double yellow lines at the end of Westmead Drive where they have raised all of their safety concerns?
3. Do the businesses know that during the formal process they can actually formally request that those double yellow lines be put back in place?
4. Do they consider passing on to the Businesses Philip Martlew's borough email address as it is on the public domain, so they can email him personally to ask him why the areas they asked to be protected have actually been specifically excluded from protection

The Committee were happy to action the Clerk on those four points..

16/02/2023

Meeting Closed: 18.39
Chair of Committee: Cllr Paul Exell
Date: 18/01/2023

Signed.....

Date.....2-3-23
Chair of Environment & Planning