



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetrees Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 17th January 2024 18.00hrs

Present:	
Councillors:	Cllr J Yeowell (Acting Chair) Cllr D Patey
Clerk:	Mr A Reeves (Parish Clerk)
Officers:	Mrs J A Williams
Members of the Public Present: None	

Min Ref	Minutes	Action
EP859	AG1 – Apologies & Declarations of Interests. Cllr P Exell - Apologies Cllr A Fernandes – Apologies	
EP860	AG2 – Public Question Time & Correspondence. None	
	Cllr Yeowell acknowledged That the committee were not quorate and a late agenda item request from the Clerk A Reeves. The reason for it not appearing on the agenda was that it was a late third party Parish notification. The chair requested an update on the application.	

	The Clerk responded Blunsdon St Andrew Parish had informed the Clerk of an application going in for removal of a covenant at the Great Western Academy (GWA) on their 3G pitch. The 3G pitch currently has a restriction which prevents community use and can only be used for education purposes. They have made a request for the covenant to be lifted. The Clerk requested permission to go through the details of the application and whether an objection wished to be raised. It was agreed that the item would be added after the Planning Applications AG3	
	AG3 - Planning Applications to be Examined	
EP861	AG3.1 S/HOU/23/1486 – Erection of a single storey rear extension. 167 Redcliffe Street Rodbourne Swindon SN2 2DA RESOLVED Objection, the committee supports Swindon Borough's previous decision and object on the basis that the rear extension would extend beyond a wall which fronts a highway.	
EP862	AG3.2 S/HOU/23/1501 – Erection of a first floor side extension with conversion of existing garage into habitable space, two storey rear extension and single storey rear/ side extension and detached outbuilding in rear garden. 23 Bessemer Close Rodbourne Cheney Swindon SN2 1NB RESOLVED No Objection	
EP863	AG3.3 S/PSOLP/23/1578 – Prior Approval application for the installation of roof mounted solar panels. Sainsbury's Unit N Paddington Drive Bridgemead SN5 7AA RESOLVED No Objection	

EP864	AG3.4 S/HOU/24/0009 - Erection of a detached annex to be used ancillary to main dwelling and associated works. 12 Lacock Road Penhill Swindon SN2 5EW RESOLVED Objection The committee objected and reiterated their previous objection on the basis of it:- • Represents a dominant and bulky form due to the sheer scale. • Would be an overbearing and dominant development harmful to the amenity of neighbouring properties ten & fourteen. • Covers nearly half of the plot, in an area where plot sizes and gardens are a key characteristic, the building would be out of keeping with the surrounding area.	
EP865	AG3.5 S/24/0008 - Construction of an all-weather sports pitch with perimeter fencing and flood lighting - Variation of condition twelve from previous permission S/20/1509 to allow the pitch to be used for purposes outside of previously approved plan. Great Western Academy William Morris Way Tadpole Garden Village Swindon SN25 2PP RESOLVED Objection • The committee have raised an economic impact objection, based on the risk to public funds. • Analysing predictions from the FA on 3G AWP supply, a large value of public funds by national funders has been used to underwrite almost £1m of facility Capital in providing a service where there is a deficit. In lifting the covenant there may now not be sufficient supply to support two pitches within such close proximity if the covenant is lifted. The risk of returning revenue on that investment is at risk as the Council and funders made the decision based on the planning covenant agreed by all parties on construction of the GWA. The Council object to this unacceptable variation to a facility as its original intent was to provide	This item is to be brought to full council

	educational services and thus should remain its focus.	
EP866	AG4 - Street Furniture. • Litter Bins - No Updates / Requests • Benches - No Updates / Requests	
EP867	AG6 - Moredon Youth & Community agreement extension. James Reeves had given a verbal update at the Community and Development meeting in regard to the Porta Cabin at Pembroke Gardens Moredon. There was a request put to the environment and planning committee for an extension to the period of siting and a request for an electricity cable. RESOLVED The committee were in favour of the proposal, but the item will need to go to full council.	To be brought to full council.
EP868	AG5 – Wildflower Restoration Buglife have been working with Green the UK to deliver wildflower habitat creation across the UK, made possible by the financial support of corporate sponsors. This is all to aid our B-Lines network, Buglife's answer to habitat connectivity for pollinators. They would like to create one to two hectares of wildlife habitat in Swindon and have reached out to CSNPC. The committee were open to the idea but would need more clarification and to have further consultation.	This item is ongoing and may be brought back to a subsequent meeting.
	Meeting Closed 18.51	

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of E & P