



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetree's Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 05th February 2025 18.00hrs

Councillors: Cllr P Park (Chair)
Cllr J Yeowell (Vice Chair)
Cllr P Exell
Cllr M Khan (virtually)
Cllr R Patel
Cllr D Patey
Cllr J Rodrigues (virtually)

Clerk: Mr. A Reeves

Officers: Mrs. J A Williams

Members of the Public Present: Mr R Kimber
Others Present: Mr M Ware – Idverde (virtually)

Min Ref	Minutes	Action
EP228	AG1 - Apologies and Declarations of Interests. None	
EP229	AG2 – Public Question Time & Correspondence. None	

Standing orders were suspended to allow M Ware to give the committee an update on bin usage as per their request.

M Ware stated that we have 199 bins on the contract, of which sixty-nine are open top / old style or damaged. These ones should be liked at for upgrading.

There are also n large ground based bins that are up against bus stops that are not as heavily utilised as some the other bins – these could potentially be swapped out.

Referring to the bins highlighted in red on the list he feels that they need to be looked at by himself and A Briggs or J Carey and Idverde supervisor for swapping out.

Usage has been shown as high medium and low, the issue that Idverde have at the moment is that if the parish are looking to move bins around now there could be seasonal change so thinks that the data should be studied for a longer period, as there may be an increase in usage moving into spring/summer.

Cllr exell requested that the data is issued on a quarterly basis to study for a year, to then decide on whether the bins are the correct size or if needed at all, and then whether it is felt that there are bins that are placed too close together.

M Ware agreed that there were indeed cases in certain areas, namely Harcourt Road / Western Flyer where bins are close together. Many locations around the contract could be looked at now because it is easily identifiable, but for recs and open spaces they need to be assessed over the year.

The committee agreed regarding usage levels to monitor the data for a longer period before moving or swapping it out, and to look at the bins that are close in proximity now.

Cllr Exell also suggested that A Briggs go through the list of red ones which are in an old, unsafe, or inappropriate state to start formatting what sort of balance of bins the Parish might want to order come the start of the municipal year with the budget.

The Clerk showed the mapping of the parish bins.

Cllr Exell mentioned all the bins at Clive Parade and would personally ask why the businesses are not putting out and emptying their own bins.

M Ware commented that he believed A Briggs was hoping that the older style dog bins and the old Thamesdown bins be removed and replaced with the smaller green bins. He also stated the silver bins installed by contractors during the refurb of the parade are really not fit for purpose. He also mentioned the issue with the Tesco at The Circle Pinehurst.

	The Clerk stated that he had written to the Chief Executive of Tesco and to leave it with himself and A Webb and that they would keep him updated. The Chair stated that he would like to see more engagement from local businesses on bins within the parish. Mr R Kimber mentioned that he and Cllr S Sri Nukana cleaned graffiti in Rodbourne Cheney and asked if he had the backing from the Parish. The Clerk stated that not really as it is the responsibility of the parish, however, he could if it was as a parish volunteer e.g., on a set day arranged by the parish like the litter pick events. Cllr Rodrigues suggested setting up volunteering days so people can engage and help the parish. Having set days throughout the wards as it would help the parish, and people would feel more connected and feel a part of the parish. The Chair said that it needed to go to Community and Development to get some dates scheduled. Cllr Yeowell also mentioned the road signs cleaning and may be volunteering events could include litter picking, sign and graffiti cleaning. The Clerk recommended getting dates set and what Cllrs would like to do and then we could get some schedules out.	
	AG3 - Planning Applications to be Examined.	
EP230	AG3.1 S/PAOTH/24/0025 - Prior approval application for change of use from commercial/business use (Use Class E) to a registered alternative provision for the use of Education for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) (state funded school – Use Class F (a)). Mulberry Kembrey Business Park Upper Stratton Swindon SN2 8UY RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION However, the committee wish to express their concerns about the safety of the students and parents and the interaction with vehicles on the estate.	

EP231	AG3.2 S/25/0064 – Change of use from C3 Dwellings to C2 Residential Children’s Homes. 1 Harbour Close and 17 Medway Road Moreton Swindon SN25 3DL RESOLVED – OBJECTION The Committee object on the basis of it being on a bend and the access to an estate so it is the wrong place for a business.	
EP232	AG3.3 S/LDP/25/0081 - Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) erection of single storey rear extension. 6 Atbara Close Rodbourn Cheney Swindon SN25 3DD RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP233	AG3.4 S/PHOU/25/0087 - Prior Approval Notification for the erection of a single-storey rear extension measuring 4.00m (from original rear wall) 2.90m (maximum height) and 2.90m (height to eaves). 79 Churchward Avenue Rodbourn Cheney Swindon SN2 1EP RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP234	AG3.5 S/ADV/25/0101 - Display of replacement ATM signage. Swindon Railway Station Station Road Swindon SN1 1DQ RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	

EP235	AG3.6 S/HOU/25/0105 - Erection of two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extension and garden room. 101 Southbrook Street Rodbourne Cheney Swindon SN2 1HJ RESOLVED – OBJECTION The committee object on the basis of:- • Are there three workable car parking spaces? • The amenity of the annex. • An overdevelopment.	
EP236	AG4 – Update on Applications Previously Examined RESOLVED - The committee noted SBC'S decisions	
EP237	AG5 – Parking Related Issues RESOLVED NONE RECEIVED The Clerk informed the committee of a meeting he and K Small had with K Nelson S Mowbray and H Robertson. It was about shared costs for projects so we could resurrect the verge EMR, and we could also invest in Grasscrete.	
EP238	AG6 - Grass Verges. RESOLVED – NONE RECEIVED	
EP239	AG7 - S106 & CIL RESOLVED – NO UPDATES	
	Meeting Closed 18.54	

Signed.....

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paul Kelly', written over a dotted line.

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Chair of E & P Committee