



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Pinetree's Community Centre,

The Circle,

SWINDON SN2 1QR

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 19th March 2025 18.00hrs

Present: This Meeting was held in person instead of on teams.

Councillors: Cllr P Park (Chair)
Cllr J Yeowell (Vice Chair)
Cllr V Bentley (virtually)
Cllr J Grotzinger
Cllr R Patel
Cllr D Patey

Officers: Mr. A Reeves
Mrs. J.A Williams

Members of the Public Present: None

Min Ref	Minutes	Action
EP256	AG1 - Apologies and Declarations of Interests. Apologies received from Cllr Paul Exell. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the apologies. None	

	Cllr Paul Park declared an interest in Agenda items 3.1, 3.2 & 3.3 as a Councillor of Penhill Ward. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the declarations of interest.	
EP257	AG2 – Public Question Time & Correspondence. None.	

	AG3 – Planning Applications to be Examined.	
EP258	AG3.1 S/OUT/24/1426 – Outline application for multi-storey residential development of up to 707 no. apartments to include car parking, associated public and residential amenity space, cycle parking facilities and outdoor play facilities, along with associated engineering and site clearance. (Access not Reserved) The Oasis Leisure Centre, Hawksworth Way, Swindon. SN2 1EP. Cllr D Patey voiced a concern about the land being used for residential purposes when it is industrial land. Cllr J Yeowell noted residents have contacted him worried about residential properties being built on the land. Cllr R Patel also voiced a concern about excess traffic and lack of parking. Councillors agreed previous comments and decisions on this request stand including insufficient mitigation compartment. RESOLVED – OBJECTION	
EP259	AG3.2 S/OUT/24/1427 – Outline application for employment units (Use Class B8 (including Data Centres), B2 and or E (g)(iii)), along with all associated engineering and site clearance. (Access not Restricted). The Oasis Leisure Centre, Hawksworth Way, Swindon.	

	SN2 1EP. Cllr D Patey reminded Councillors that The Parish have no objections to this, with a request to move the warehouse plans back slightly would be nice to allow the canal to be reinstated in the future. RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP260	AG3.3 S/24/1431 – The re-ordering, demolition in part and construction of building elements of The Oasis Leisure Centre including the associated site clearance, engineering works. The Oasis Leisure Centre Hawksworth Way, Swindon. SN2 1EP. Cllr R Patel mentioned that as with this application previously he is concerned about parking and traffic issues. Cllr J Yeowell noted that The Parish has no issue with works being done to fix the building to bring it up to standards for use. The Parish has issue with the housing and parking on the site. Cllr D Patey explained that as a planning issue the knocking down of the hall is acceptable, even if as a private resident I may disagree. Mr A Reeves expanded that a request to have The Oasis Leisure Centre listed as a Community Asset of Value has been placed with Swindon Borough Council The Parish is awaiting a decision. Councillors discussed which parts of The Oasis Leisure Centre were staying and what was being removed. Cllr J Yeowell again expressed a concern about the lack of parking. Councillors discussed traffic issues. RESOLVED – OBJECTION	
EP261	AG3.4 S/25/0111 – Erection of perimeter fencing and vehicular entrance gates. Roofbase, Hawksworth Trading Estate,	

	Unit 11 Newcombe Drive, Swindon. SN2 1EA. RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP262	AG3.5 S/HOU/25/0172 – Extension to garage to provide secure parking for modern size vehicle. 2 Kembrey Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon. SN2 8AZ RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP263	AG3.6 S/25/0205 – Erection of a two-storey extension providing ancillary offices and staff welfare facilities. Unit B, James Watt Close, Hawksworth Industrial Estate, Swindon. SN2 1EL. Cllr P Park noted a response had been received from the Contaminated Land Officer that the land underneath will need checking before works commence due to the land being old railway line land. RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP264	AG3.7 S/HOU/25/0260 – Erection of single storey rear/side extension. 19 Watling Close, Rodbourn, Swindon. SN2 2BU. RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP265	AG3.8 S/HOU/25/0272 – Construction of hardstanding (Retrospective) and proposed kerb for vehicle crossing. 485 Cricklade Road, Swindon. SN2 1AQ.	

	RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP266	AG3.9 S/HOU/25/0277 – Erection of single-storey rear extension and conversion of garage into habitable space. 1 Manor Gardens, Ferndale, Swindon. SN2 2ND. Cllr J Yeowell was concerned it was an over-development. RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP267	A G3.10 S/HOU/25/0280 – Erection of single storey rear, two storey side extensions and associated works. 34 Church Walk South, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon. SN2 2JE. Councillors discussed the proposal. Cllr D Patey proposed objecting due to over-development and lack of parking. RESOLVED – OBJECTION.	
EP268	AG4 Application to Modify Definitive Map by Addition of a Public Footpath. Mr A Reeves presented an update on the application. Mr A Reeves explained that apart from maintaining the land there would be no additional costs to The Parish. RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP269	AG5 Street Furniture Bins – Councillors reviewed Mr A Briggs update. Cllr D Patey proposed replacing the three high usage ones with the bins in stock, and then revisiting this once The Parish receives the usage information about all bins from Idverde. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED the replacing of the	

	three high usage bins with the ones in stock and revisiting once The Parish has received more information from Idverde. Councillors discussed Rodbourne Cheney/Blair Parade. Cllr P Park explained residents are asking for another bin to be placed outside Londis. Mr A Reeves explained that the capacity of the newer bins positioned there is less, and this could be the cause of the excess rubbish. Cllr R Patel queried if it should be Londis responsibility to place and manage bins outside their premises. Cllr D Patey proposed that one of the smaller bins be replaced by a larger bin, and that Londis be asked to provide and manage a bin outside their premises. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED replacing one of the smaller bins with a larger bin, and Londis be asked to provide and manage a bin outside their premises. Benches – No Requests.	
EP270	AG6 Floral (Bulb Planting) Councillors reviewed Mr A Briggs update. Councillors discussed positioning of a sitting planter. Cllr R Patel discussed the idea of using his Ward Allowance to help towards the cost of replacing the old bus shelter. Cllr J Yeowell asked how much money was in EMR360 Community Planters. Mr A Reeves said £2,916.01. Mr A Reeves explained that it would be prudent to move it back from the highway a little so as not to block any line of sight. Cllr R Patel proposed placing by the design line, near the path. RESOLVED Councillors APPROVED a sitting bench. Cllr D Patey asked that Officers research 2 St Mary's Grove as building works are in progress at the property and he was unable to find any planning requests on the SBC portal about it.	
	Meeting Closed 19:42	

Signed.......... Date.....28/5/25.....
Chair of E & P