



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Moredon Sporting Hub,

Cheney Manor

Industrial Estate

SWINDON SN2 2QJ

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 21st May 2025 18.00hrs

Present: This meeting was held on Teams

Councillors: Cllr Paul Park (Chair)
Cllr James Yeowell (Vice Chair)
Cllr Paul Exell
Cllr Joy Grotzinger
Cllr Dave Patey
Cllr Javes Rodrigues

Officers: Mr Andy Reeves
Miss Rachel Westcott

Members of the Public Present: Wayne Dix

Min Ref	Minutes	Action
EP316	AG1 - Apologies and Declarations of Interests. Cllr V Bentley sent her apologies. Cllr P Exell declared an interest in agenda item 3.8 due to	

	being involved with the tender process. Cllr P Park declared an interest in agenda item 3.8 due to being involved with the tender process, and agenda item 3.9 due to his involvement with Severn Capital. RESOLVED Councillors NOTED the apologies and declarations of interest.	
EP317	AG2 – Public Question Time & Correspondence. None	

	AG3 – Planning Applications to be Examined.	
EP318	Cllr P Park proposed moving agenda item 3.10 up. RESOLVED Councillors AGREED to moving agenda item 3.10 up. Cllr P Park proposed suspending standing orders. RESOLVED Councillors AGREED the suspension of standing orders. Mr W Dix presented a verbal explanation of why the residents at Harbour Close, Harbour Meadow and Medway Road oppose the planning application S/25/0064. The residents are concerned about the impact it will have on their homes in terms of noise on a 24 hour basis and traffic congestion. He explained how narrow and congested the roads around the proposed Children's Home are at present, which were originally designed to manage a lower level of vehicle storage and movement. The residents are concerned that an increase in vehicular traffic due to a constant staff turnover and visitors to the business will cause a massive increase in congestion and disruption to the homeowners. Mr W Dix explained that it was unclear the actual usage of both buildings, and the residents he represents would appreciate more clarity. Cllr P Exell explained that from the documents he has seen provided with the application, he understands them to say that the children will be housed and managed at 1 Harbour Close while the staff and offices will be at 17 Medway Road. Mr W Dix mentioned that this had been unclear to the residents and would require further clarity.	

	Cllr P Exell noted that the Parish had previously objected to the application due to it being the wrong location for this business, parking not viable, dangerous location as on a bend in the road, congestion and blocked roads from deliveries, and concerns around road blockages for residents. He explained that due to new documents being submitted the application has appeared again to ask if the Parishes decision still stands. Cllr P Park proposed reinstating standing orders. RESOLVED Councillors AGREED to reinstate standing orders. AG3.10 S/25/0064 – Change of use from C3 Dwellings to C2 Residential Children's Home. 1 Harbour Close and 17 Medway Road Moredon Swindon. SN25 3DL Mr A Reeves explained that with a change to C2 this would mean professional careers providing 24-hour care and a continuous rotation of vehicles on the property from both staff and visitors. There was also president to say that this would cause an over-concentration of similar type businesses within the area. Cllr P Park proposed to confirm the Parishes original objection and to reiterate the concerns over parking, road congestion, location and over-concentration. RESOLVED – OBJECTION	
EP319	AG3.1 S/25/0394 – Erection or poles/creation of pole training area to the rear of the site. Unit K Cheney Manor Industrial Estate Cheney Manor Swindon SN2 2QB RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	

EP320	AG3.2 S/HOU/25/0506 – Erection of a single and two storey rear extension. 27 The Circle Pinehurst Swindon SN2 1QZ Cllr P Exell was concerned about loss of sunlight, privacy, amenity and views for the neighbouring properties and lack of parking provision. He is also concerned it is an overdevelopment. Cllr P Park was also concerned about privacy and parking provision. Cllr P Exell explained that when turning a three-bedroom property into a four bedroom property three parking spaces must be provided. Cllr P Exell proposed that Councillors object due to a lack of parking provision, concerns over privacy issues for neighbours and an overdevelopment of the site. RESOLVED - OBJECTION	
EP321	AG3.3 S/ADV/25/0556 – Installation of 1 no. non-illuminated fascia sign to unit frontage. Unit 5 & 6 Ravenseft Park Cheney Manor Industrial Estate Cheney Manor Swindon SN2 2QP RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP322	AG3.4 S/LDP/25/0562 – Sitting of a 12.2m long x 2.4m wide x 2.6m high shipping container for external storage. Unit 5 & 6 Ravenseft Park Cheney Manor Industrial Estate Cheney Manor Swindon SN2 2QP RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION Mr W Dix left the meeting.	
EP323	AG3.5 S/LDP/25/0572 – Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) for the erection of rear dormer window, loft conversion and	

	insertion of velux style roof windows to the front. 5 Enford Avenue Penhill Swindon SN2 5JE Cllr P Exell and Cllr P Park were concerned over the lack of internal plans. They felt there was insufficient evidence around additional bedrooms once completed which does not allow the Parish to make a correct assessment on parking provision etc. RESOLVED – OBJECTION	
EP324	AG3.6 S/COND/25/0573 – Discharge of Conditions (4) Discharge of Extracted Air (5) Noise Assessment from previous applications S/21/1621 – Erection of a single storey rear extension (retrospective) and existing flue extension (part-retrospective) 74 Cricklade Road Swindon SN2 8AF Cllr P Exell noted that the Parish is not technically competent to interpret the reports. Cllr P Park proposed the Parish is unable to comment due to a lack of technical knowledge. RESOLVED – UNABLE TO COMMENT	
EP325	AG3.7 S/HOU/25/0577 – Erection of single storey rear/side extension. 192 Whitworth Road Swindon SN25 3BL RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP326	AG3.8 S/LDP/25/0582 – Creation of an enclosed play area including hard standing surface, new pieces of play equipment and formation of associated access path. Pembroke Recreation Ground Pembroke Gardens Moreton Swindon	

	RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP327	AG3.9 S/LBC/25/0182 – Re-ordering, demolition in part and construction of new building elements including the associated site clearance, engineering works. The Oasis Leisure Centre Hawksworth Way Swindon SN2 1EP RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP328	AG3.11 S/24/1423 – Change of use of workshop/store building to dwellinghouse, including window/door alterations and car parking space. 260 Ferndale Road Swindon SN2 1HB Cllr P Exell explained that the parish had no objections. Swindon Borough Council were unhappy with the application and refused permission. The applicant has appealed the decision. Councillors discussed Swindon Borough Councils decision. Cllr P Park requested a vote. Five Councillors voted NO OBJECTION, one Councillor voted OBJECTION. RESOLVED – NO OBJECTION	
EP329	AG4 – Street Furniture Resident requests a dog bin around the alleyway between Ferndale Primary School and the road with garages at the bottom of Northbrook Road. Councillors discussed the location and whether the Parish was responsible for providing one on that specific piece of land and the issues with Idverde reaching the bin to empty it. RESOLVED – PERMISSION REFUSED	
EP330	AG5 – Floral (Bulb Planting) Cllr J Rodrigues mentioned placing benches and would they need to come to Environment & Planning Committee. Cllr P Exell confirmed yes. Cllr J Rodrigues asked about tree planting. Mr A Reeves explained this would need to go to Leisure &	

	Recreation Committee. Cllr J Rodrigues asked about bulb planting. Cllr P Exell explained that all bulb planting must be funded from Ward Allowances. RESOLVED – NOTED	
EP331	AG6 – Grass Verges None	
EP314	AG7 – Actions Log Review Mr A Reeves explained he would contact SBC to ask for a response on both correspondence. RESOLVED – NOTED	Mr A Reeves to contact SBC around the responses the Parish is waiting for.
Meeting Closed 19:06		

Signed.......... Date.....24/5/25.....

Chair of E & P