



Parish Council

Central Swindon North Parish Council

Moredon Sporting Hub,

Cheney Manor

Industrial Estate

SWINDON SN2 2QJ

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 7th January 2026 18.00hrs

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr Paul Exell (Chair)
Cllr Paul Park (Vice Chair)
Cllr Dave Patey
Cllr Javes Rodrigues - virtually
Cllr James Yeowell

Clerk:

Mr Andy Reeves

Officers:

Miss Rachel Westcott - virtually
Mr Matt Gleed - virtually

Members of the Public Present: None

Apologies

Cllr Joy Grotzinger

Min Ref	Minutes	Action
EP518	AG1 - Declarations of Interests. None.	
EP519	AG2 – Public Question Time & Correspondence. None.	

PME

	AG3 – Planning Applications to be Examined.	
EP520	AG3.1 S/HOU/25/1624 – Erection of brick piers exceeding 1m height, timber gate across driveway and timber pedestrian gate adjacent to the highway (Retrospective). 29 Fairford Crescent Penhill Swindon SN25 3AB Councillors discussed the application and the impact the appearance has on the neighbourhood. Cllr P Exell proposed objecting due to it being out of keeping with the street scene. RESOLVED – OBJECTION	
EP521	AG3.2 S/TWC/25/1472 – Works to Tree within Conservation Area. 117 Churchward Avenue Rodbourne Cheney Swindon SN2 1NW Councillors discussed the application and the impact on the tree that is in a conservation area. Councillors agreed that trimming the branches over hanging the applicants garden would be acceptable, but removing the tree was not acceptable. Mr A Reeves mentioned he would check the land registry. Cllr P Exell proposed to object to the removal of the tree but are happy to support the trimming of branches encroaching on the applicants property. RESOLVED – OBJECTION	
EP522	AG4 – Update on previously examined applications RESOLVED – NOTED	
EP523	AG5 – Grass Verges Cllr P Exell explained that Mr A Briggs is in the process of sourcing the sarsen stones to include delivery and placement due to the Parish not having access to equipment capable of moving them. This could incur an additional fee which Mr A Briggs will inform Councillors of.	

	Mr A Reeves asked if this would be within the £3,000.00 budget. Cllr D Patey enquired if the Parish was still considering moving stones placed at other locations. Mr A Reeves explained that the cost to move the stones can be as much as the cost to buy them. RESOLVED – NOTED	
EP524	AG6 – Parking Related Issues • Swindon Local Cycling and Walking Plan Cllr P Exell presented a verbal update on the Swindon Local Cycling and Walking Plan. He explained that there are a few alterations to cycle and walking routes to improve access for cyclists and walkers. Cllr P Park mentioned he is extremely happy to see the improvements being put forward. Councillors agreed the improvements were very positive. Cllr P Exell proposed he would fill in the questionnaire with positive feedback from the Parish. RESOLVED - NOTED • Akers Way Road Safety Mr A Reeves presented a verbal update on Akers Way road safety. He explained the measures being suggested by Swindon Borough Council (SBC). Mr A Reeves mentioned that several parents are now using the new footpath connected to the school and dropping children off in the Moredon Sporting Hub (MSH) car park. This removes the need to use Akers Way at all. Infrastructure will need to be in place to include signage and improvements to the junction before the school and parents can receive the suggestion of using this consistently, and it would be prudent to wait for the completion of the houses. Cllr D Patey enquired if the timings for drop offs and pick ups would interfere with activities taking place at MSH. Mr A Reeves explained that the 7-9am and 3-4pm timeslots are the quietest times at MSH, and it shouldn't interfere with activities taking place at MSH. Cllr J Yeowell asked about a footbridge over Akers Way.	

	Cllr P Exell mentioned that a previous footbridge wasn't tall enough, and lorries used to collide with it. Cllr P Park noted that Akers Way is a main thoroughfare now and the cost required to design, build and maintain a new bridge are unsustainable at this time. Cllr J Yeowell suggested installing zebra crossings to slow traffic down. Cllr P Exell explained that due to the way children travelling to school use zebra crossings there would be a constant stream of people using the crossing and the cars would not be able to move, creating gridlock. A pedestrian crossing would be an option as it supports traffic flow and pedestrian safety. RESOLVED - NOTED	
EP525	AG7 – CIL Cllr P Exell updated Councillors on the approval at FGP of the transfer of £10,845.16 from reserves to be placed in EMR's for spending in the next six months by the relevant Ward Councillors. Mr A Reeves asked if Councillors would be happy to allow the funds to roll over to next year. RESOLVED - NOTED	
EP526	AG9 – Budget Review • 25/26 Budget Review Cllr P Exell queried if it had been possible to gain access to Mannington for bailing. Mr A Reeves explained that access was still an issue and that a community solution may be the best move going forward. He noted the biodiversity on the site is improving year on year. RESOLVED – NOTED • 26/27 Budget Proposals Cllr P Exell explained that the committees' proposals (EP500) from the 03/12/2025 Environment & Planning Committee meeting were approved at the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting on the 06/01/2026. RESOLVED - NOTED	
EP527	AG10 – Actions Log Review • EP294 – completed • EP515 – completed • EP517 – funding to be sourced	Mr A Reeves to investigate the Tiverton Road tree.

	RESOLVED – NOTED	
	Meeting Closed 18:31	

Signed.......... Date..... 28-1-26

Chair of E & P

