

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2018 at 7.00pm at Pinetrees Community Centre

Present	Cllr P Exell Cllr J Ballman Cllr M Lucas Cllr J Rodrigues Cllr J Yeowell	(Chair) (Vice-Chair)
	Cllr R Ballman Cllr S Exell Cllr D Moffatt	(Non-committee Member) (Non-committee Member) (Non-committee Member)
Officers	A Reeves	(Parish Manager)
Public	None	
408	<u>Apologies</u> None	
409	<u>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation</u> None	
410	<u>Planning Applications to be examined</u>	
410.1	S/HOU/18/0351 2 Oak Tree Avenue Swindon SN2 1SH	Erection of a two storey rear and single storey side extension. No Objection
410.2	S/LHOU/18/0354 26 Wiltshire Avenue Rodbourne Cheney Swindon SN2 1NX	Erection of a detached garage. No Objection
410.3	S/HOU/18/0331 38 Percy Street Swindon SN2 2AZ	Erection of single storey rear extensions and detached garage to rear. No Objection
410.4	S/HOU/18/0409 91 The Street Moredon Swindon SN25 3HJ	Erection of a two storey rear and single storey side extension No Objection
410.5	S/HOU/18/0416 24 Somerset Road Rodbourne Cheney Swindon SN2 1NF	Erection of a first floor side and single storey rear extension No Objection

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| <p>410.6 S/18/0380
 Morris Street Club
 20-22 Morris Street
 Rodbourne
 Swindon
 SN2 2HU</p> | <p>Proposed conversion and adaptation of existing social club to form 6 no. 1 bedroom flats</p> <p>The Parish Council supports the comments made by Swindon Borough Council (SBC) Highways re: lack of parking available. Serious concerns about the ability of the area to handle additional cars/street parking.</p> |
| <p>410.7 S/HOU/18/0395
 38 Collett Avenue
 Rodbourne Cheney
 Swindon
 SN2 1NG</p> | <p>Erection of a single storey side/ rear extension</p> <p>No Objection</p> |
| <p>410.8 S/18/0339
 125 Cricklade Road
 Swindon
 SN2 1AD</p> | <p>Erection of a single storey rear extension to provide 2no. flats.</p> <p>Objection based on and in support of comments made by Highways re: parking, pedestrian traffic and lack of facilities and inadequate provision of cycle parking.</p> |
| <p>410.9 S/HOU/18/0328
 3 Vicarage Road
 Swindon
 SN2 1JH</p> | <p>Erection of a first floor rear extension.</p> <p>The Parish Council have concerns over loss of privacy for neighbours and if application is approved would question whether a condition should be put in place re: a requirement for the installation of obscured windows.</p> |
| <p>410.10 S/HOU/18/0362
 1 Bourne Road
 Moredon
 Swindon
 SN2 2JH</p> | <p>Erection of a two storey side/ single storey rear extension.</p> <p>No Objection</p> |
| <p>410.11 S/LDP/18/0468
 25 Walkinshaw Road
 Swindon
 SN2 2FJ</p> | <p>Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) for the erection of a single storey rear extension.</p> <p>No Objection</p> |
| <p>410.12 S/PRIORH/18/0400
 66 Poplar Avenue
 Pinehurst
 Swindon
 SN2 1RP</p> | <p>Prior Approval Notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension measuring 6m (from original rear wall), 2.75m (maximum height) and 2.55m (height to eaves).</p> <p>No comments offered due to no documents being available to view online.
 Cllr J Ballman to follow up with SBC Planning.</p> |
| <p>410.13 S/RES/18/0202
 Land At North Star (Phase 1)
 North Star Avenue
 Swindon</p> | <p>Erection of indoor ski, cinema, bowling and trampoline facilities (Class D2), A1 - A4 (retail), parking, landscaping, access and associated works - Reserved Matters from previous outline application S/OUT/15/0943.</p> <p>The Parish Council feel they can't offer any comments until the Traffic Model and Traffic Impact Assessment are completed and made available.</p> |

411 Update on applications examined previously

The update provided was noted, a copy of which can be found as Annex A in the Minute Book.

412 Noticeboards

The Parish Manager confirmed that the noticeboards ordered are due to be delivered around the 12th April 2018.

Planning permission for free-standing boards is still being sought.

413 Backways

Cllr D Moffatt confirmed that there was no update and it is thought that it's unlikely any progress will be made with SBC in the near future.

414 Grass Verges

The Parish Manager stated that a written report with details of options and related costings would be provided at a future committee meeting.

Priority areas would need to be identified and confirmed.

Grasscrete costs approx. £277 per 20 sqm. An average verge is 15m x 1.5m which would cost approx. £475 to grasscrete.

The approx. cost to grasscrete along Whitworth Avenue would be £15-20k

The Parish Manager informed Cllrs that the grasscrete along Beech Avenue had been in place for over 20 years.

The Parish Council have recently received a complaint from Les White, the former chair of the Rodbourne Cheney Residents Association, re: the tracks worn into grass verges and the detrimental effect it has on the environment. Les doesn't support the use of grasscrete and would prefer to see bollards installed or verges tarmacked.

Cllr J Ballman stated that bollards make it difficult for grass mowers which has a knock-on effect in terms of costs.

Cllr P Exell stated that a previous Full Council meeting the Planning & Environment Committee had been tasked with completing a consultation along Whitworth Road to gather residents' views on the grass verges.

It was asked that the scope of and questions for a consultation be drafted and brought back to a future committee meeting. It would have to be made clear that the Parish Council can not fix any issues but can collate responses from a consultation and forward these views onto SBC who are responsible for grass verges.

RESOLVED that the Parish Officers draft questions for and the scope of a consultation on grass verges along Whitworth road to be brought to a future Planning & Environment Committee meeting.

Cllr P Exell stated that carrying out a consultation was a good way of introducing the Parish Council to and raising its profile with residents.

415 S106 & Funds

The Parish Manager informed Cllrs that the Churchward Park funds were still to be found and transferred by SBC.

A S106 Declaration had been signed and returned to SBC.

Cllr J Ballman stated that the meeting held about the North Star Development suggested there is or will be S106 agreement with SBC and asked for further information re: this to be obtained. The Parish Manager agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.52pm

Signed.....

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Chair of the Council