

## **CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6.00pm at 32 The Circle

**Present** Cllr P Exell (Chair)  
Cllr John Ballman (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr D Patey  
Cllr S Thompson  
Cllr J Yeowell

Cllr M Lucas (Non-committee member)

**Officers** H Morgan (Deputy Clerk)

**Public** Three

**Public Session** 1 member of public queried the status of the lease for HBUF Land and was informed that this fell under the remit of the Leisure & Amenities Committee and that the Parish Clerk would have further information re: lease and details within.

Cllr P Exell suggested agenda items 7 & 8 be presented together brought forward ahead of other agenda items and Standing Orders suspended to allow for members of the public present to comment.

All agreed.

**RESOLVED** that agenda items 7 & 8 be presented together and taken ahead of other agenda items and Standing Orders be suspended

**274** **Apologies**  
Cllr J Rodrigues

**275** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**  
Cllr P Exell stated that all should declare an interest in agenda item 3.10 as the application concerned had been submitted by Nationwide who the Parish Council hold an account with.

Cllrs J Ballman and S Thompson also declared an interest in agenda item 3.10 as they also held accounts with Nationwide.

Cllr D Patey declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 3.3 and 3.7.

**276** **Verge Parking Consultation – Whitworth Road & Grass Verges - Issues**  
It was confirmed that nothing further had been received from Swindon Borough Council (SBC) re: the grass verges on Whitworth Road.

One member of the public, Pauline Hendy (PH), mentioned the state of the grass verges on Cheney Manor Road and how this cause problems for entering and leaving driveways. She added that the parking of White vans on the verges was contributing to the problems.

Cllr P Exell explained that the Parish Council had allocated funds in their budget to complete works on the grass verges on Whitworth Road but weren't able to complete any works until approval had been received from Swindon Borough Council.

PH informed the Committee that large holes in the verges near the Moonrakers Public House were periodically filled with soil, but the remedial works did not last long.

Cllr P Exell explained that the Parish Council were looking to install grass crete on the

verges on the Moonrakers end of Whitworth Road in the first instance and, depending on the results of these works, would then look at other areas. He added that the Parish Council had been trying to get the pilot project completed for almost 2 years.

It was stated that a dedicated Parish Council Highways officer had been employed by SBC and that the Parish Council would try get the pilot project on Whitworth Road completed via the new Highways Officer.

Cllr P Exell confirmed that the Parish Council wanted to complete works on grass verges across the whole parish area and would continue to chase SBC to get the initial works completed.

One member of the public, Richard Kimber (RK), stated that the verges at Mulberry Grove were in a very bad condition and this was mostly caused by residents due to the width of the road.

Cllr P Exell responded that issues with residents parking on verges could be taken up with SBC Cllrs who can ask SBC to enforce orders to prevent this.

It was confirmed that highways were the responsibility of SBC and the Parish Council maintain the grass verges in terms of mowing and maintaining.

RK mentioned frustrations with getting in touch and having conversations with SBC as they encouraged people to communicate with them electronically. He added that he was hoping to meet with Cllr J Grant.

PH agreed that communicating electronically was difficult.

<b>277</b>	<b><u>Planning Applications to be examined</u></b>	
<b>277.1</b>	<b>S/LBC/19/1431</b> Swindon Railway Station Station Road Swindon SN1 1DQ	Installation of 1 no. wall mounted 75" Digital screen.  <b>No objection</b>
<b>277.2</b>	<b>S/19/1418</b> Beta Building Star West West Mead Drive Westmead Industrial Estate Swindon SN5 7SW	Change of use from (use classes B1(c), B2 & B8) to cross fit facility (use class D2) - Retrospective.  <b>The Parish Council support the comments made by neighbouring units with regards to noise. Should the application be granted, and it felt necessary, the Parish Council would like to see conditions applied to prevent any noise disturbance.</b>
<b>277.3</b>	<b>S/HOU/19/1400</b> 52 Oaksey Road Penhill Swindon SN2 5BT	Conversion of existing extension to 1 no. dwelling (retrospective).  <b>The Parish Comment has no comment to make given that the application is retrospective.</b>
<b>277.4</b>	<b>S/HOU/19/1478</b> 5 Pasture Close Swindon SN2 2UH	Erection of a single storey rear extension  <b>No objection</b>

<b>277.5</b>	<b>S/19/1321</b> 136-142 Cricklade Road Swindon SN2 8AG	Change of use of first floor to 2no. flats, and erection of 4no. flats to rear and associated works.  <b>The Parish Council wish to object to the application due to the lack of parking provision and over development of the site.</b>
<b>277.6</b>	<b>S/HOU/19/1251</b> 47 & 49 Edinburgh Street Gorse Hill Swindon SN2 8DD	Erection of two storey rear extensions, rear dormer window to no. 47 and single-storey rear extension to no. 49.  <b>No objection</b>
<b>277.7</b>	<b>S/HOU/19/1475</b> 111 Southbrook Street Rodbourne Cheney Swindon SN2 1HJ	Erection of single storey front and rear extensions and two storey side extension.  <b>No objection</b>
<b>277.8</b>	<b>S/19/1472</b> Unit 1 Argyle Commercial Centre Argyle Street Gorse Hill Swindon SN2 8AR	Change of use from garden centre Class (A1) to motor garage Class (B2)  <b>The Parish Council are withholding commenting on the application until Cllr J Ballman has spoken with Swindon Borough Council Planning Officers re: the application.</b>
<b>277.9</b>	<b>S/HOU/19/1502</b> 39 Bourne Road Moredon Swindon SN2 2JN	Erection of a single storey rear extension and two storey side extension.  <b>No objection</b>
<b>277.10</b>	<b>S/19/1479</b> Ramsbury House Kembrey Business Park Upper Stratton Swindon SN2 8DF	Alterations to external elevations including formation of new entrance, new car park exit road, new doorways, window panels and entrance ramp.  <b>No objection</b>
<b>277.11</b>	<b>S/ADV/19/1514</b> 77-83 Cricklade Road Swindon SN2 1AB	Retention of illuminated ATM Signage  <b>No objection</b>
<b>277.12</b>	<b>S/19/1513</b> 77-83 Cricklade Road Swindon SN2 1AB	Retention of ATM to shop frontage.  <b>No objection</b>
<b>277.13</b>	<b>S/19/1507</b> 12 River Ray Estate Barnfield Road Rodbourne	Installation of 12no. air conditioning units, 3no. extraction vents and associated works.  <b>No objection</b>

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**Cllr J Yeowell arrived at 6.41pm**

- 277.14**     **S/HOU/19/1539**  
154 Whitworth Road  
Swindon  
SN25 3BJ
- Erection of extension to existing roof.
- No objection**
- Cllr J Ballman queried whether the proposed development would deem the property an HMO.**
- Cllr M Lucas arrived at 6.44pm**
- 277.15**     **S/19/1623**  
187 Ferndale Road  
Swindon  
SN2 1BX
- Conversion of 3no flats (Class C3) to 2 no flats and a single storey rear extension.
- No objection**
- 277.16**     **S/PHOU/19/1599**  
15 Tydeman Street  
Gorse Hill  
Swindon  
SN2 8AX
- Erection of a single storey rear extension.
- N/A – Prior approval notification**
- 277.17**     **S/TPO/19/1580**  
Ramsbury House  
Kembrey Business Park  
Upper Stratton  
Swindon  
SN2 8DF
- Works to trees within BOS TPO No 12 2005.
- N/A – No documents available.**
- The Deputy Clerk is seeking clarity as to whether the Parish Council is regarded as a consultee for TPOs.**

**278**     **Update on applications examined previously**

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

Cllr P Exell referred to planning application S/19/0946 which was due to be considered by the next meeting of the Swindon Borough Council (SBC) Planning Committee taking place the following Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

As the Parish Council had objected to the planning application concerned, they had the opportunity to speak at the Planning Committee meeting.

Cllrs were asked if anyone wished to speak on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr P Exell informed the Committee that he would be attending the meeting so was happy to speak on behalf of the Parish Council.

All agreed that Cllr P Exell speaks to planning application S/19/0946 at the SBC Planning Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr P Exell speaks to planning application S/19/0946 on behalf of the Parish Council at the SBC Planning Committee meeting taking place Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**279**     **Noticeboards**

The Deputy Clerk informed the Committee that Highways approval had been received for the noticeboard to be installed outside Farmfoods and the new board had been ordered and paid for.

The Estates Manager is awaiting a quote from Swindon Borough Council (SBC) for the installation of the installation of the noticeboards at Pinetrees Community Centre, outside John Moulton Hall and outside Farmfoods.

**280 Dangerous Parking at St Andrews Church, Moredon Road**

This item will be carried forward and covered at the next meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee.

**281 S106 & Funds**

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that work was continuing to update the finance system with S106 & CIL receipts received and spend to date and a report on available funds would be available at a future meeting.

**282 Development Brief for Residential Development at Land at Moredon Recreation Ground**

No further updates.

**283 SHELAA (Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment)**

It was confirmed that there was nothing further to report.

**284 Barnfield Close Resident Impact – Hotel, Retail Units & Drive Through**

It was confirmed that a fence had been installed by the Parish Council to mitigate noise and light disturbances caused by the new development to residents of Barnfield Close.

**285 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group had taken place and a meeting schedule was to be put together based on the availability of the Consultant.

Cllr S Thompson informed the Deputy Clerk that he was a member of the Working Group but had not received any communications re: meetings etc.

The Deputy Clerk apologised and confirmed Cllr S Thompson would be included on future mailings regarding the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

The meeting closed at 6.53pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Planning & Environment Committee