

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held virtually (via Zoom) on 2nd September 2020 at 6.00pm

- Present** Cllr P Exell (Chair)
Cllr D Patey (Vice-Chair)
Cllr S Thompson
Cllr J Yeowell
- Cllr S Henderson (Non-committee member, Chair of the Council)
- Officers** H Morgan (Meeting Officer)
- Public** None
- 157** Apologies
None
- 158** Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation
None
- 159** Planning Applications to be examined
- 159.1** **S/HOU/20/1038** Construction of vehicle access and erection of a 1.8 metre high fence and gates.
1 Harbour Close
Moreton
Swindon
SN25 3DL
Objection: Cllrs felt the proposed access would be within a turning area and would impinge on users of the hammerhead
- 159.2** **S/PO2R/20/1039** Prior Approval Notification for the change of use of ground, first (part), second (part) and third floors from office space (Use Class B1(a)) to 286no. flats (Use Class C3)
North Star House
North Star Avenue
Swindon
Cllr P Exell explained that as this was a prior approval notification the Council could only comment on the environmental impact of the proposed development.
No objection
- 159.3** **S/HOU/20/1068** Erection of two storey side/ rear and single storey rear extensions.
25 Cherry Tree Grove
Pinehurst
Swindon
SN2 1SD
No objection
- 159.4** **S/20/0993** Erection of 2no. flats and associated works.
Land Adjacent To 143
Penhill Drive
Penhill Drive
Penhill
Swindon
Cllr P Exell informed members of the history of applications for the same address.
Objection: The Council wish to object on the basis that the proposed development would be overbearing and have a harmful impact on the neighbouring amenities and the inadequate parking provision.

160 **Update on applications examined previously**

An updated was circulated prior to the meeting and was displayed on screen.

The Meeting Officer gave details of the applications decided upon.

The update was noted.

161 **Morris Street Parking**

The Meeting Officer confirmed that an update had not been received.

Cllr P Exell reminded members of the issue discussed at the meeting held 5th August 2020.

162 **Noticeboards**

The Meeting Officer informed members that the Estates Manager had obtained costs for a new wall mounted noticeboard which was to be placed outside Moredon Community Centre.

163 **Grass Verges**

Cllr P Exell stated a complaint had been made re: the verges at Whitworth Road and this had been received by Idverde.

Cllr S Henderson informed the Committee that a complaint had been received re: a resident of Beecham Close driving over a grass verge to access their property.

The Committee were informed of a complaint received from a parishioner previously re: repairs Swindon Borough Council had carried out to grass verges.

164 **S106 & Funds**

The Meeting Officer stated that further funds were expected in October 2020.

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

Cllr P Exell informed the Committee that at the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held the previous evening it had been suggested that no progress would be made on the residential development for 3-4 years.

166 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr P Exell explained that at the previous meeting it had been mentioned that new planning laws coming into place would reduce the influence Neighbourhood and Local Plans could have on planning decisions.

At the previous Committee meeting the Parish Clerk had asked for the impact of the new laws to be looked into. The Meeting Officer confirmed that she and the Grants Manager had researched the new laws and had found very little information.

Planning training was mentioned, and it was suggested that if/when Swindon Borough Council run any sessions in the future, the Parish Council ask for some of its Cllrs to attend

The Committee were informed that to date 3 planning application had been received for which the consultation end date was before the next scheduled Committee meeting. It was agreed that an interim meeting take place on the 16th September 2020.

The meeting closed at approx. 6.30pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Environment & Planning Committee