

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held virtually (via Zoom) on 4th November 2020 at 6.00pm

Present Cllr P Exell (Chair)
Cllr D Patey (Vice-Chair)
Cllr J Yeowell

Cllr S Henderson (Non-committee member, Chair of the Council)

Officers H Morgan (Meeting Officer)

Public One

Public Session The member of the public present had no specific questions or comments for the Committee.

262 **Apologies**
None

263 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
Cllr D Patey declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4.9 as it's located near to his parents' home.

264 **Plastic Free Swindon**
A representative, Ben, from 'Plastic Free Swindon' joined the meeting to give Cllrs an overview of the scheme and what was being asked of the Parish Council.

Ben explained that Plastic Free Swindon were engaged and working with Keep Swindon Tidy and were contacting councils and schools about the scheme.

The idea being worked on was derived from Sweden; Plastic Free Swindon are looking to trial the installation of signs designed by young people informing the public that the area in which they are displayed had been cleaned/cleared by the local Community.
The proposed signs would hopefully encourage people to think about waste and discourage littering.
Plastic Free Swindon were hoping to follow up the project with education in schools.

Ben explained that Plastic Free Swindon were asking Parish Councils if they would be interested in getting involved in the suggested scheme and would be willing to place signs within Parish areas.

Ben confirmed that the suggested signs would be created by young people within local schools.

Cllr P Exell stated that he was very supportive of the idea presented. He explained that the Parish Council had facilitated several litter picks within Cllrs wards where the local community were invited to join.

Cllr J Yeowell stated that he was supportive of idea and asked about the costs involved. Ben responded that there could possibly be a cost involved to install signs. He explained that Plastic Free Swindon were facilitating the project and would try to obtain funding if Parish Council wanted to support the scheme but didn't have any funds available.

Cllr P Exell suggested Plastic Free Swindon apply to the Parish Council for grant and gave details of the grant application process.

Cllr J Yeowell queried how long signs would stay in place for as areas would not stay clear unless they were tended to regularly.

Ben responded that areas prone to littering change. He went on to say that another Parish Council had suggested having signs that could be moved and changed. He added that it was hoped there would be plenty of designs available which would help keep people engaged.

Cllr S Henderson joined the meeting at 6.13pm.

Cllr P Exell confirmed that the Environment & Planning Committee were very supportive of the suggested scheme and would support Plastic Free Swindon through any Parish processes to enable the project to go ahead.

Cllr P Exell thank Ben for attending the meeting to speak to the Committee.

Ben left the meeting at the end of this item.

265 Planning Applications to be examined

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| 265.1 | S/20/1070
Unit 30
Westmead Drive
Westmead Industrial
Estate
Swindon
SN5 | Change of use from storage/ warehouse and offices (use class B1) to gym studio (use class D2).

RESOLVED: The Parish Council wish to object to the application due to the lack of parking and the additional impact it will have on the existing excessive on road parking in the area.

Cllr J Yeowell commented on the Mead Way closure. |
| 265.2 | S/HOU/20/1275
91 Northern Road
Rodbourne Cheney
Swindon
SN2 1PJ | Erection of a single storey side extension.

RESOLVED: Whilst the Parish Council have no objection to the proposed extension, they would ask that should Swindon Borough Council be minded to approve the application they address the concerns of a neighbour re: a party wall prior to approving. |
| 265.3 | S/HOU/20/1277
24 Morris Street
Rodbourne
Swindon
SN2 2HU | Erection of a side conservatory.

RESOLVED: No objection |
| 265.4 | S/HOU/20/1241
38 Churchward Avenue
Rodbourne Cheney
Swindon
SN2 1NH | Erection of a detached annexe to rear.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council object to the application on the basis of the proposed annexe being an overdevelopment of the site. |
| 265.5 | S/HOU/20/1330
23 Liddington Street
Pinehurst
Swindon
SN2 1SF | Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions.

RESOLVED: No objection |

- 265.6** **S/20/0973**
123 Pinehurst Road
Swindon
SN2 1QP
- Change of use from 5 no. bed HMO to 7 no. bed HMO and two storey/single storey rear extension.
- RESOLVED:** The Parish Council object to the application for the following reasons: overdevelopment and lack of parking provision.
- 265.7** **S/20/1329**
3 Moredon Road
Moredon
Swindon
SN25 3DQ
- Erection of a first floor rear extension and external staircase to facilitate change of use to 2no. flats and erection of 1no. detached bungalow to rear and associated works.
- RESOLVED:** The Parish Council object to the application for the following reasons: overdevelopment, back land development, lack of amenity space, the proposed bungalow is not subordinate to the existing property.
If Swindon Borough Council are minded to approve the application, the Parish Council would want to 'call it in' to the Planning Committee
- 265.8** **S/HOU/20/1304**
111 Cheney Manor Road
Swindon
SN2 2NX
- Extension to existing dropped kerb.
- RESOLVED:** No objection
- 265.9** **S/HOU/20/1298**
109 Pinehurst Road
Swindon
SN2 1QF
- Erection of a detached annexe to rear and associated works.
- RESOLVED:** Whilst the Parish Council has no objection to the application in principal, they would query the future use of the proposed annexe and whether sufficient parking would be provided given the increase in the number of rooms on site.
- 265.10** **S/20/0526**
Former Telephone
Exchange
Fire Fly Avenue
Swindon
- Change of use of Former Telephone Exchange (Sui Generis) to 7 no. Apartments (Class C3) and associated works.
- RESOLVED:** The Parish Council would object to the application on the same basis as the application put in for the same site previously, S/19/0946: Objection due to the lack of parking provision and overdevelopment with a high number of flats being proposed for a small space.
If Swindon Borough Council are minded to approve the application the Parish Council wish to 'Call in' the application.
- 266** **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 since the previous meeting.
- The update was noted.

267 **Parking Related Issues**

Morris Street/Mannington Rec signage – The Meeting Clerk informed members that the Parish Clerk was waiting for draft signage from One Vision.

Mannington Park – The Meeting Clerk read out an update received from the Estates Manager.

268 **Noticeboards**

The Meeting Clerk confirmed that the doors on the noticeboard installed outside John Moulton Hall had been swapped to lockable cabinets.

The wall mounted noticeboard to be installed at Moredon Community Centre had been received and installation was to be arranged.

269 **Grass Verges**

Cllr P Exell gave details of an issue discussed at a previous Committee meeting re: 175 Whitworth Road. It was confirmed that a letter had been sent to the resident of the property concerned and a response received.

Cllr P Exell stated that if it became apparent that the resident of 175 Whitworth Road was gaining access to the rear of their property over an existing green space, the Parish Council could consider installing bollards to prevent access.

270 **S106 & Funds**

The Meeting Clerk confirmed that funds expected in October 2020 had not been received.

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

Cllr P Exell commented that there was no further update, and it would be sometime until any developments took place.

272 **Parish Environment Policy**

The Meeting Clerk informed members that no work had been completed on this item to date. It was agreed that the item be deferred until a future Committee meeting.

273 **Consultation on the ‘Swindon Railway Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan’ (CAAMP)**

Cllr P Exell explained that the Consultation on the draft CAAMP had ended but the Parish Council had been granted an extension to provide their comments.

It was explained that the pages 1-91 of the CAAMP gave background details to the plan and Page 92 onwards gave details of the recommendations.

Cllr P Exell summarised the main aspects of the CAAMP and gave details of the 7 themes referred to in the document.

Cllr P Exell referred to a statement given on page 92 of the plan; ‘Proposals for extension, alteration and new development will only be approved where they would preserve or enhance the special interest of the Conservation Area, or where the public benefits would outweigh any harm.’

Cllr P Exell expressed concerns over the statement and queried who would have the authority to determine what out ways harm. He commented that the statement negates the whole document.

Cllr P Exell suggest the Parish Council respond to the consultation and are supportive of the CAAMP but communicate strong concerns about the caveat in the statement discussed. It was suggested the Parish Council ask which it would be defined what the public benefits

would be and who would make judgement on these.

Cllr J Yeowell commented on the frequent use of the term 'high quality' with in the draft CAAMP. It was queried who would determine what could be considered 'high quality'.

It was agreed that the Meeting Clerk would draft a response to the consultation and send to Cllrs for comment.

Cllr P Exell thanks the member of the public present for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.58pm

Signed.....

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Chair of the Environment & Planning Committee