

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

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

Officers H Morgan (Meeting Officer)

Public One

Public Session The member of the public present introduced themselves as Bill King (BK) and explained that he would like to speak about grass verges.

Cllr P Exell suggested Agenda Item 7 be brought ahead of all other agenda items, and Standing Orders be suspended to allow the member of public present to speak to the item. All agreed.

315 **Apologies**
None

316 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None

317 **Planning Applications to be examined**

- 317.1** **S/20/1347** Change of use from A1 (retail) to A3/A5 (cafe/takeaway).
74 Cricklade Road
Swindon
SN2 8AF
RESOLVED: Whilst the Parish Council have no formal objection, they support the comments made by the Highways and Environmental Health Departments and the suggested conditions which should be attached to the application should it be approved.
- 317.2** **S/HOU/20/1362** Erection of a two storey side extension.
4 Fir Tree Close
Rodbourne Cheney
Swindon
SN2 1HZ
RESOLVED: No objection
- 317.3** **S/HOU/20/1395** Erection of a single storey side/ rear extension
102 Northern Road
Rodbourne Cheney
Swindon
SN2 1PW
RESOLVED: The Parish Council object to the application on the grounds that the proposed extension is an over development of the site due to the large increase in the building footprint.
- 317.4** **S/HOU/20/1399** Erection of a single storey side extension.
9 Hillary Close
Penhill
Swindon
SN25 3AQ
RESOLVED: The Parish Council have no objection to the proposed extension but would query how vehicles would make use of the 2 car parking spaces included in the drawings via the existing single gate.

- 317.5** **S/HOU/20/1392**
64 Whiteman Street
Gorse Hill
Swindon
SN2 1BW
- Erection of a first floor rear extension.
- RESOLVED: No objection, although Cllrs did query the availability of parking.**
- 317.6** **S/HOU/20/1411**
14 Barbury Close
Moredon
Swindon
SN25 3DR
- Erection of a two/ single storey side extension and porch to front
- RESOLVED: The Parish Council object to the application due to the proposed overdevelopment of the site and close proximity of the extension to the Barbury Close Garages.**
- 317.7** **S/HOU/20/1444**
79 Mulberry Grove
Rodbourne Cheney
Swindon
SN2 1JD
- Erection of single/ two storey side/ rear and single storey rear extensions.
- RESOLVED: No objection**
- 318** **Update on applications examined previously**
The Meeting Officer gave details of the applications decided upon since the previous meeting and confirmed the update displayed on screen would be circulated after the meeting.
- The update was noted.
- 319** **Parking Related Issues**
Morris Street/Mannington Rec signage – The Meeting Clerk informed members that the Parish Clerk had received and approved the draft signage.
- Mannington Park – The Meeting Clerk confirmed there was no further update, and the Parish Councils request would be considered by Swindon Borough Council at their next review which had been delayed.
- 320** **Noticeboards**
The Meeting Clerk confirmed that a wall mounted noticeboard had been installed at Moredon Community Centre.
- 321** **Grass Verges**
- RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended for this item.**
- The member of public present at the meeting was invited to speak.
BK explained that he lived on Whitworth Road and had heard through the media of an intention to install grass crete down Whitworth Road to replace the grass verges. BK commented that the installation of grass crete would encourage parking on the verges which was already an issue.
BK went on to say that he had spoken with residents and it was believed that problems would be created for those trying to get on and off their property drives.
- Cllr P Exell explained the Parish Councils intention to install grass crete in one section of

Whitworth Road and gave details of the project timeline and actions taken to date. BK commented that when residents of Whitworth Road were consulted on the Parish intention to install grass crete the whole length of the road were not consulted.

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322 S106 & Funds

The Meeting Clerk confirmed that there was no further update and no further funds had been received.

323 Development Brief for Residential Development at Land at Moredon Recreation Ground

Cllr P Exell commented that the residential Development would be delayed for 3-5 years due to the drop in house prices caused by the Covid-19 situation.

324 Parish Environment Policy

The Meeting Clerk displayed a draft policy and gave members the opportunity to read through it. Cllr P Exell suggested some amendments to be made and stated draft wording would be sent to the Meeting Clerk.

The Meeting Clerk confirmed that once the suggested amendments had been received and made the policy would be circulated to Cllrs for further comments.

Cllr P Exell explained that once the Committee had approved the policy it would be circulated to all Cllrs and presented at Full Council for approval and adoption.

325 2021/22 Budget

Cllr P Exell explained that himself, the Meeting Clerk and Head of Finance & Governance had met the previous week to discuss the Committee Budget for 2021/22.

The draft budget was displayed, and the Meeting Clerk ran through the individual lines. Cllrs confirmed they were satisfied with the suggested budget.

The meeting closed at 6.53pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Environment & Planning Committee