

CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held virtually (via Zoom) on 21st July 2021 at 6.00pm

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

Andy Reeves (Parish Clerk) Attended Virtually via Zoom. Joined the meeting at 18.12pm

Officers N. Abrahamson (Meeting Officer)

Also Present Ben Bell (Keep Swindon Tidy via speaker phone)

Public
None

Due to increased levels of Covid-19 and subsequent isolation within the Parish Council Officers and Members, the meeting was held virtually. All decisions are delegated to the Clerk in accordance with Terms of Reference and Standing Orders. All delegated decisions will be approved at the next physical Full Council meeting.

EP047 **Apologies**
None received

EP048 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
Cllr Patey declared an interest in application S/HOU/21/1055 due to living in close proximity
Cllr Yeowell declared an interest in application S/PO2R/21/1162 due to living in close proximity

Committee members agreed to move Agenda item 4.1) e) Oasis Bins to accommodate the participation of Ben Bell from Keep Swindon Tidy.

4.1) e) Oasis Bins

EP049 The meeting officer shared their screen to show members photographs provided prior to the meeting of the area surrounding the Oasis, including photographs of an overflowing bin, excess litter build up and a large uncovered manhole hidden within long uncut grass.

Ben informs the committee that he has been trying to make contact with Swindon Borough Council about the open manhole and other queries since March 22nd but has only just received a response with no actual outcome and asked if the Parish are able to assist in anyway? The Chair explained that the Parish do not have responsibility for this area but can assist in chasing it and task the Parish Clerk to pursue with the Ward Councillors and Swindon Borough Councillors to increase the profile of the situation.

ACTION: The Parish Clerk to pursue agenda item 4.1) e) with Ward Councillors and Swindon Borough Councillors.

Ben has submitted a formal requested to Cllr Yeowell that bins be installed either within or around the land surrounding the Oasis and has produced a map of ideal places for the bins to

be located. The Chair suggests an approach me made to Swindon Borough Council and Severn Capital to seek permission for the installation of bins on the site. If the request in denied then to consideration for placing bins around the surrounding area.

Planning Applications to be examined

EP050	S/21/0919 45 Cricklade Road SN2 1AA	Change of use of upper floor from flat (class c) to restaurant class (a3) RESOLVED: No objection subject to Highways confirming that the local area is able to absorb the extra parking required
EP051	S/21/0923 Land at Barnfield Close SN2 SDL	Erection of an electric vehicle charging station 10no.charging bays and associated electrical substation RESOLVED: The Parish have no objection to this application but do have concerns regarding the height of the ancillary equipment being installed being larger than the surrounding fence, impacting on the neighbours amenity depending on the profile and colour
EP052	S/21/0931 TK Maxx Unit Great Western Way SN2 IUS	Erection of a customer entrance/exit lobby, continued use of unit for retail sales including the retail sale of food and drink (class e), comprehensive refurbishment including new cladding, external display area, alterations to car park and associated works RESOLVED: No objection
EP053	S/HOU/21/0934 24 Bessemer Road West Rodbourne Cheney SN2 1ND	Erection of a two storey side extension RESOLVED: The Parish wish to object to this application due to it being an overdevelopment of the site, concerns over the ability of the site to take three cars with the loss of the garage and concerns over the loss of the grass verge should an application be made to extend their dropped kerb
EP054	S/HOU/21/0927 3 Harbour Close Moredon SN25 3DL	Erection of a two storey side extension and new window to first floor bathroom RESOLVED: No objection
EP055	S/HOU/21/1055 52 Ipswich Street Gorse Hill SN2 1DB	Erection of a single storey rear extension RESOLVED: No objection

EP056 **S/PO2R/21/1162**
The Shaftsbury Centre
Percy Street

Prior Approval Notification for the change of use from offices (class b1a) to 77no.residential flats (class c3)

RESOLVED: The Parish wish to object to this application due to it being an overdevelopment of the site, insufficient parking provision given the number of proposed occupants and the lack of light amenity for flats without windows on to the external walls of the property

Street Furniture

EP057 **Noticeboards**

Cllr Yeowell informed members that the Manager of Western Community Centre had expressed an interest in installing a noticeboard. The chair requested that the Parish Clerk and Estates Manager make contact to discuss the use of the large remaining noticeboard.

ACTION: The Parish Clerk and Estates Manger to contact the Manager of Western Community Centre to discuss the use of the large noticeboard.

EP058 **Litter Bins**

a) The removal of a dog bin to be replaced by a full bin located on the corner of Southbrook & Hbuf.

The Chair informs members that the Estates manager has confirmed that this request meets the required criteria and has provided the following costs:

Free standing bin - £324+vat

Slimline free standing bin - £254+vat

Delivery - £60

Installation - £80

On going revenue costs - £98 (per annum)

Committee votes: The vote was unanimous subject to funding being ascertained

b) The frequency in which the bins are emptied at St Marks Recreation Ground

The chair informs members of the costings around increasing the frequency in which the bins are collected, there are 6 bins located at St Marks:

Additional collection - £1.83 per bin per collection

212 additional collections - £ 570 (per annum) – (Entirely revenue)

ACTION: That the Parish Clerk and Chair of Leisure & Recreation to consider this item at the next meeting held with a view to either rescheduling or increasing the frequency to resolve the fact that at certain times it is often overflowing.

c) The installation of a replacement bin on Whitehouse Road located just before the bridge

The Chair informs the committee that the bridge is the boundary for the Parish and Highways. A suitable location would need to be looked into.

Committee votes: The vote was unanimous providing a suitable position can be sighted.

ACTION: That the Vice Chair, Estates Manger and Idverde attend the site to seek a safe and suitable location for a bin to be installed.

d) The installation of a new bin located at the Pinehurst Road end of the Cycle track running between Gorse Hill & Pinehurst

The Chair informs members that the Estates Manager agrees that this request falls within the criteria and that the existing bin that is due to be replaced from HBUF could be re located here

e) Oasis Bins

The Chair informs the committee that the Estates Manager has visited the site and confirms that it does meet the required criteria for bin installation and has also provided the cost of the purchase, installation and collections. The site is currently owned by Severn Capital and would need to seek permission for these to be installed.

It is agreed that there are two areas to be ascertained:

- 1) Where the bins can be installed legally
- 2) Funding - Ward allowance or Parish spend?

The Committee votes: The vote was unanimous with the provision that the above can be ascertained

EP059

Benches

No requests received

EP060

Grass Verges

The Chair asks the Parish Clerk about Bates Way. The Clerk informs members that Swindon Borough Council have picked this up as an enforcement issue.

The meeting closed at : 18.59pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair of the Environment & Planning Committee