

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2024 at 7:30pm at The Ellendune Community Centre, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW

- Present** Cllr D Archer
Cllr G Cook
Cllr L Gough (Committee Chair)
Cllr J Hewer
Cllr B Keetch (Committee Vice-Chair)
- Clerk** Cathy Martyn (Deputy Clerk)
- Public** 3
- PH/111** **Apologies**
Apologies were received from Cllr N McMahon and Cllr H Woodward.
- PH/112** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
- PH/113** **Public Questions**
A member of the public attended to update the Parish Council that she had accompanied a representative from the Road Safety Partnership whilst he had carried out a 4 hour inspection of Brimble Hill/ Marlborough Road, during which time he had almost been hit by a passing transit van. They had put together a list of proposals which would be circulated when finalised, with actions which could be carried out immediately and those which could be done over a longer period of time. The PCC was also heavily involved. Cllr Hewer asked if a copy could be sent to the Parish Council. The member of the public referred to 2 previous reports by highways consultants on the issues on this road and pointed out that whilst residents had been consulted, the questionnaires did not ask whether anyone had ever seen an HGV mounting the pavement.
- Another member of the public provided a copy of a diagram which had been provided to her by Swindon Borough Council (SBC), showing the site of an accident on Marlborough Road/ Brimble Hill which had involved her husband. She had still not been given an explanation by SBC as to why the diagram was inaccurate, why it had not been checked before it had been given to her, and who had provided the incorrect information in the first place. Under planning law there should be free flowing traffic.
- Cllr Hewer thanked the residents for attending and providing the updates.
- PH/114** **Minutes**
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2024, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A.
- PH/115** **Chairs Report**
None.

PH/116 Planning Applications Examination

PH/116.1 Application Number: S/HOU/24/0020

Location: 45 High Street, Wroughton.
Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension.
Comment: **Members RESOLVED to raise no objections.**

PH/116.2 Application Number: S/HOU/24/0034

Location: Marlborough House, 35 Marlborough Road, Wroughton.
Proposal: Erection of a single storey side and two storey rear extension.
Comment: **Members RESOLVED to raise no objections.**

PH/116.3 Application Number: S/RES/23/1573

Location: Parcel 11, Land east of Scott Way, Wichelstowe.
Proposal: Reserved Matters Application for details of the layout, scale, appearance, landscaping and access in relation to Residential Parcel 11 within The Orchards, Wichelstowe, in accordance with Condition 4 of the outline planning consent (S/13/1524/SAC). An environmental statement was submitted to support the application.
Comment: **Cllr hewer read out the following information received from the Wichelstowe JV Team:**
Affordable Housing: At every 800 units, we are required to review the affordable housing percentage on Wichelstowe. The number of units on Parcel 11 has triggered the next scheduled review at 1600 units, so we have provided the LPA with the necessary viability assessment. This contains commercial information so is P&C but it concludes that the proportion of affordable homes should stay the same (ie should not be increased above the current 15%). Subject to that position being agreed with the LPA, we would continue to deliver 15% until the next review scheduled at 2400 units.
Play Areas: It would be good to have a separate conversation with you on this once the JV and SBC have developed their respective strategies a bit more for delivery of play areas across the site. Some play areas will be delivered by the developer and others by SBC (funded by S106). We will be starting to look into this in a bit more detail over the coming months so suggest you leave it with us for the moment and then we can pick it up with you when the time is right if that's ok.
Members RESOLVED to raise no objections.

PH/116.4 Application number: S/24/0069 & S/LBC/24/0070

Location: Fairwater Stables, High Street, Wroughton.
Proposal: Erection of 2no. dwellings (Class C3) to rear and associated works.
Comment: **Members NOTED the objections from neighbours and their concerns about possible pollution.**

Members RESOLVED to object on the grounds of overdevelopment, lack of amenity space, not in keeping with the area. Also there was no mention of construction management including the single lane access, and the removal of parking spaces which would inevitably lead to displacement on-road elsewhere.

- PH/117** **Planning Decisions.**
Members **NOTED** the planning decisions which had been made by Swindon Borough Council.
- PH/118** **Public Notices**
None.
- PH/119** **Ridgeway Hospital Update**
Members NOTED that Ridgeway Hospital will be commencing the 2 single-storey extensions to expand the outpatient department and provide a new reception/atrium at the rear entrance, in February 2024. During these works the land will be prepared and used as a temporary building compound and access for works vehicles. They continue to work with SBC on the Planning Application to provide additional car parking space.
- PH/120** **S116 Highways Act 1980: Application for Stopping Up of Land at Foxham Way, Wichelstowe.**
Members NOTED that the area of highway to be stopped up is a small area at the junction of Foxham Way and Blackhorse Way. A private road will remain through that area to enable access to the proposed compound for the Wiltshire & Berkshire Canal Trust and foul water pumping station, and that any costs associated with the project will be met by Wichelstowe LLP. There are no plans to develop the stopped up area of public highway.
- PH/121** **School Safe Environment Zone, Inverary Road.**
To note the responses from SBC to the questions raised on behalf of residents following the previous committee meeting, and that these have been sent to the resident concerned for information. Please see responses attached as Appendix B.

The meeting closed at 19.50.

Signed.....

Date.....

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