

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2024 at 7:30pm at The Ellendune Community Centre, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW

Present	Cllr D Archer Cllr G Cook Cllr L Gough (Chair of the Planning & Highways Committee) Cllr J Hewer Cllr H Woodward
Clerk	Cathy Martyn (Deputy Clerk)
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PH/133	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received from Cllr B Keetch and Cllr N McMahon.
PH/134	<u>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation</u> None.
PH/135 PH/69.1	<u>Public Questions</u> A resident emailed their objection to Application Number: S/23/0892
PH/136	<u>Minutes</u> Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21 st February 2024, a copy of which is attached.
PH/137	<u>Chairs Report</u> None.
PH/138	<u>Planning Applications Examination</u>
PH/139.1	Application Number: S/23/0892 Location: Ridgeway Hospital, Moormead Road, Wroughton. Proposal: Car park extension within land to the rear (east) of the hospital site; and associated works. Comment: Members RESOLVED to OBJECT for the following reasons: • Acknowledge the car park is needed, however have concerns regarding the flooding. • Asked that Swindon Borough Council reconsider the types of trees planned for the site and use trees which are better suited to wet conditions, such as willow trees. • Request a site survey, particularly in view of the fact that Ridgeway Park has been developed very recently. The land which is affected by the flooding was previously used for animal grazing, and some of it was used for growing watercress in the past as it was so wet. The Parish Council notes the comments that the area is not flooded and can confirm the comments from the residents at 3 Saxon Close that this area is known to be extremely wet.

- If the application is granted, Members asked that it be conditioned that a drainage swale should be built into the south west boundary as the existing drainage solution is not acceptable and water from the site already floods gardens in the adjacent road – Saxon Close. In addition a balancing pond should be installed to alleviate the drainage issues. Members requested that the car park lights should have timers so that they are not on longer than required, and in order not to cause light pollution for neighbouring residents or bats.
- In view of the serious concerns over the flooding caused to neighbouring garden(s), Members **RESOLVED** that if Officers are minded to grant planning permission, then this application should be called in to be decided by SBC's Planning Committee.

PH/139 Planning Decisions.

Members **NOTED** the planning decisions which had been made by Swindon Borough Council.

PH/140 Decisions by SBC to allow TPO Work

Members **NOTED** the decisions by Swindon Borough Council to allow works to trees with Tree Protection Orders on BOS TPO-12-2010 Church Hill (work to T1) and and BOS TPO No.6 2002 Comet Way (work to 26 trees, many of which have ash die-back).

PH/141 Public Notices

None.

PH/142 School Safe Environment Zone (SSEZ)

Members **NOTED** the email update from Swindon Borough Council.

PH/143 Speed limit on Swindon Road near the junction with Woodland View.

Members **RESOLVED** to support the residents of Woodland View in their request to Swindon Borough Council that:

- the 30mph speed limit on Swindon Road before the junction with Woodland View be made permanent.
- that the bridge remain single lane for motorised vehicles, with the second lane being allocated for cyclists.
- these requests should be considered in conjunction with any extant planning application for the 'Wroughton Park & Ride' and/ or any changes which may be made to the temporary restrictions currently in place on the bridge over the M4 between Swindon Road and the junctions with Pipers Way and East Wichel Way.

On the basis that the temporary restrictions have worked well to slow down motorists as they leave/ come into Wroughton, they have been shown not to cause additional traffic queues and they have functioned very well as a traffic management scheme.

The meeting closed at 20.45

Signed.....

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