

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2024 at 7:30pm at The Ellendune Community Centre, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW

Present	Cllr G Cook Cllr L Gough (Chair of the Planning & Highways Committee) Cllr B Keetch Cllr H Woodward
Clerk	Cathy Martyn (Deputy Clerk)
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PH/156	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received from Cllr D Archer, Cllr J Hewer and Cllr N McMahon.
PH/157	<u>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation</u> None.
PH/158	<u>Public Questions</u> None.
PH/159	<u>Minutes</u> Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 th March 2024, a copy of which is attached.
PH/160	<u>Chairs Report</u> None.
PH/161	<u>Planning Applications Examination</u>
PH/161.1	Application Number: S/HOU/24/0251 Location: 69 Coronation Road, Wroughton. Proposal: Prior approval notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension (measuring 5m from original rear wall, 3m maximum height and 3m height to eaves). Comment: Members NOTED there was very little information available and RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTIONS .
PH/161.2	Application Number: S/HOU/24/0085 Location: 5 Bedford Street, Wroughton. Proposal: Erection of a conservatory Comment: Members RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTIONS .

PH/161.3	Application number: S/24/0195 Location: Wichelstowe Development Area, Southern Town Development, Swindon. Proposal: Variation of Legal Agreement: Request for agreement to change Appendix 7 (Multifunctional Community Facilities Specification) and clarification of Clause 3.25A of Schedule 1 (Developer Obligations) in relation to S/13/1524 dated 1st April 2019. Comment: Members RESOLVED to OBJECT for the following reasons: • The proposal reduces the community centre space by more than 50%. Members raised concerns whether there would be sufficient community space available for Wichelstowe residents when Wichelstowe was completely built out. • Members were surprised at the reference to community facilities at Badbury Park which is neither within easy walking distance, nor is it part, of Wichelstowe. • Suggesting residents could use existing spaces at The Stoweaway or Badbury Park relies on residents being able to walk to The Stoweaway or drive to Badbury Park, as the bus services have been recently reduced and cannot be guaranteed to be running where and when people need them. • The solution of having a significantly reduced community space on the 1st floor is not an appropriate solution. The space which has been designed is neither useful nor capable of being easily let as 2 separate areas, because whilst it may be possible to divide the community space in half, the two halves would need to share a single set of toilets, kitchen area and office space, or share the toilets and kitchen area with the users of the office space - safeguarding would therefore be a significant constraint. • The significantly reduced community space would be inadequate for the longer term needs of the community. • Concerns about difficulty with safeguarding, lone working and renting out the community space with a communal stairway and shared lift servicing the upper floors. • Parking for The Deanery is already an issue.
PH/161.4	Application Number: S/PHOU/24/0336 Location: 6 Baileys Way, Wroughton. Proposal: Prior approval notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension measuring 6m (from original rear wall), 3m (maximum height), and 2.4m (height to eaves). Comment: Members NOTED there is very little information available and RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTIONS.
PH/162	<u>Planning Decisions.</u> Members NOTED the planning decision which had been made by Swindon Borough Council.
PH/163	<u>Decisions by SBC to allow TPO Work</u> None.
PH/164	<u>Public Notices</u> None.
PH/165	<u>Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) – update</u> Members NOTED the update received from the LNRS Officer at Wiltshire Council, and that the email contained a link for anyone to add their comments, also a separate link to join their mailing list to receive updates (copy email attached as Appendix A and presentation attached as Appendix B.)

PH/166 Response to request to make permanent the reduced speed limit and restrictions on bridge over the M4.

Members NOTED the responses received to their request.

Members raised concerns that the barriers/ ramps are acting as a trap for the leaves and mud which is slippery and dangerous when wet, especially in the dark as there is very little lighting.

Members RESOLVED to request a meeting with National Highways, and asked the Deputy Clerk to invite the ward councillors and the relevant SBC officer, for a date following the Local elections on 2nd May.

PH/167 Strategic Priorities for 2025-26.

Possible priorities already suggested:

- Radar Speed signs: information to date assumes each speed sign costs approx. £3,000 + shipping, installation, ongoing maintenance, & data retrieval.
- Cutting back of foliage to ensure road signs are not obscured.
- Neighbourhood Plan – will require preparation starting with a review of the previous NP. Include support of Borough-owned farms. We don't know whether there will be any funding available, but it will require a budget.

Members RESOLVED the following should also be considered as potential Strategic Priorities for 2025-26:

- Being involved in the plans for the pitches/ sports facilities for Mid-Wichel.

ACTION: future agenda item:

- **Feedback on road sweeper in 6 months to clarify whether the whole parish can be swept within 12 months, and also an understanding of the priority list for roads to be swept.**

The meeting closed at 19.58

Signed.....

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