

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2024 at 7:30pm
at The Ellendune Community Centre, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW**

Present	Cllr D Archer Cllr G Cook Cllr J Hewer Cllr B Keetch (Committee Vice-Chair & Chair of this meeting) Cllr N McMahon Cllr E Shaw Cllr H Woodward
Clerk	Cathy Martyn (Deputy Clerk)
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PH/52	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs L Gough and L Ramsey. Members RESOLVED that Cllr Keetch would chair the meeting in his capacity as Vice-Chair of the Planning & Highways Committee.
PH/53	<u>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation</u> None.
PH/54	<u>Public Questions</u> None.
PH/55	<u>Minutes</u> Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 th July 2024. The Chair signed the minutes.
PH/56	<u>Chairs Report</u> None.
PH/57	<u>Planning Applications Examination</u>
PH/57.1	Application number: S/DEM/24/0967 Location: 3&4 Southleaze Cottages, Wichelstowe. Proposal: Prior approval for the demolition of 3&4 Southleaze Cottages. Comments: Members RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTIONS.
PH/57.2	Application number: S/HOU/24/1025 Location: 7 Old Bakery Road, Ridgeway Park. Proposal: Erection of rear conservatory. Comments: Members RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTIONS.

PH/57.3 **Application number:** S/PHOU/24/1042
Location: 113 Swindon Road, Wroughton.
Proposal: Prior approval for the erection of a single storey rear extension measuring 4.3m (from original rear wall) 2.89m (maximum height) and 2.89m (height to eaves).
Comments: Members **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTIONS**.

PH/58 **Responses to Swindon Borough Council on planning applications which were agreed by email:**
Members RESOLVED to approve retrospectively the responses on the following planning applications which were agreed by email due to the statutory deadlines – copies of which are attached as Appendix A:

- S/24/0758 21A Marlborough Road Erection of 2 storey front extensions, first floor side extension, single storey side & rear extensions and rear dormer window. **TBC**
- S/24/0978 Land to the south of 53 Woodland View Erection of new drainage mound **NO OBJECTIONS**
- S/HOU/24/0968 70 Coronation Road. Erection of 2m fence **NO OBJECTIONS**
- S/HOU/24/0917 9 Manor Close. Erection of a single storey side and rear extension **NO OBJECTIONS**
- S/24/0830 12 Falklands Road. Conversion of existing garage into habitable room. **NO OBJECTIONS**
- S/HOU/24/0826 5 Charterhouse Rd. Erection of single storey side & rear extensions. **NO OBJECTIONS**
WPC asks that the extension leaves a 75cm gap to the boundary.

PH/59 **Planning Decisions.**
Members **NOTED** the planning decisions which had been made by Swindon Borough Council.

PH/60 **Decisions by SBC to allow TPO Work**
None.

PH/61 **Public Notices**
Members **NOTED** the following public notices:

- Notice of Temporary Footpath Closure PROW WR20 & WR21 Wroughton Clouts Wood 19.08.24 for 21 days
- Notice of Temporary Footpath Closure PROW WR20 & WR21 Wroughton Clouts Wood 09.09.24 for 6 months but should be completed by 22.10.24
- Notice of Temporary Footpath Closure PROW 9 Wroughton Foxham Way to Mill Lane 26.08.24 – 26.02.25 or upon completion of the works, whichever is sooner

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Wichelstowe

Members NOTED the update meeting had been held immediately prior to this Planning & Highways Committee meeting.

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Radar Speed Signs

Members NOTED Swindon Borough Council's advice that they had not had many speed surveys during the past couple of years and anything during covid would not be typical. The Deputy Clerk had requested whether new speed surveys could be carried out by Community Speedwatch for free, or if not, who would bear the costs of commissioning up-to-date speed surveys.

Members NOTED that Vehicle Activated Speed Signs already exist on Moormead Road and Wharf Road.

Members NOTED that the Police carried out Traffic Surveys on Moormead Road in March, April, June and July 2024, as a result of which 29 speed awareness courses were issued, 3 vehicles were given points and/ or fines, and zero proceeded straight to court.

Members NOTED that the Police had already received complaints about Wharf Road and had set up a site for speed enforcement officers to attend in the future.

Members RESOLVED to request that Police enforcement officers carry out traffic surveys on the other roads for which the Committee is considering the installation of radar speed signs – ie: Brimble Hill/ Marlborough Road, High Street/ Church Hill and Priors Hill.

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Government's open consultation on Proposed Reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the Planning System.

Members RESOLVED not to submit a response but to await the outcome.

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Neighbourhood Plan

Members NOTED and ACKNOWLEDGED receipt of the SLCC's presentation: 'Thinking of reviewing your Neighbourhood Plan'.

Members NOTED that following advice from Localities, the Deputy Clerk had contacted SBC to ask for feedback to evaluate how the NP's policies are being implemented in practice, to help identify any necessary refinements to achieve desired community outcomes, especially with the lack of a 5 year housing land supply and recent decision lost at appeal, and to note their response via Cllr G Cook ref: MEM006647, copy attached.

Members NOTED that the Deputy Clerk has also requested whether SBC can advise when the review of their assets will be started and completed, and whether SBC has graded the quality of the borough-owned farmland in this parish; and also whether SBC can provide any information on sites which have been, or are likely to be, allocated within SBC's revised draft Local Plan.

Members RESOLVED that in view of the lack of information from Swindon Borough Council (SBC) on site allocations for the SBC Local Plan, and the likelihood consultation will now not be until late 2025/ 2026, the Deputy Clerk apply for funding from Localities for a Technical Support Package.

Members NOTED the Government's advice: '*A neighbourhood plan must be in general conformity with, and plan positively to support, the strategic policies of the development plan.*' <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2#the-role-of-the-local-planning-authority-in-neighbourhood-planning>

Planning Update

Members NOTED the update from ‘Homes For Nature’ that 21 homebuilders, who build more than 90,000 homes a year, have already signed up to the voluntary commitment to install a bird-nesting brick or box for every new home built, as well as hedgehog highways as standard on every new development taken through planning from September 2024 for participating companies.
https://www.futurehomes.org.uk/homes-for-nature?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Members NOTED the update on the Planning Advisory Service website on Biodiversity Net Gain
<https://www.local.gov.uk/pas/environment/biodiversity-net-gain-bng-local-planning-authorities>
and the link to their You Tube presentation:
<https://www.local.gov.uk/pas/topics/environment/biodiversity-net-gain-local-authorities/biodiversity-net-gain-essentials>

Members NOTED the Government’s National Design Guide which sets out the principles of good design:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-design-guide/national-design-guide-accessible-version#part-1-the-purpose-of-the-national-design-guide>

Strategic Priorities for 2025-26.

To consider the Committee’s strategic priorities for 2025-26, with a view to making a recommendation to the F&GP Committee, prior to budget setting in Autumn 2024.
Possible priorities already suggested and to be investigated further:
Radar Speed signs on the main roads in and out of Wroughton, as well as Priors Hill

The meeting closed at 20.02

Signed.....

Date.....

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