

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2024 at 7:30pm
at The Ellendune Community Centre, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW

- Present** Cllr D Archer
Cllr J Hewer
Cllr B Keetch (Chair of this Committee)
Cllr E Shaw
- Clerk** Cathy Martyn (Deputy Clerk)
- Public** 2
- PH/122** **Apologies**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr N McMahon, Cllr L Ramsey and Cllr H Woodward.
- PH/123** **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
Cllr Keetch declared a personal interest in minute 127.1.
- PH/124** **Public Questions**
None.
- PH/125** **Minutes**
Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2024. The Chair signed the minutes.
- PH/126** **Chairs Report**
Proposed Moto Service Station & concerns re: Hay Lane Caravan Site: Members NOTED that Cllr G Cook had raised this with Swindon Borough Council who were dealing direct with the residents.

Traffic vibration monitors: Members NOTED the Deputy Clerk had asked Cllr Cook for an update and was awaiting the outcome.
- PH/127** **Planning Applications Examination**
- PH/127.1** **Application number: S/24/1170**
Location: **The Check Inn, 79 Woodland View, Wroughton.**
Proposal: Change of use from public house to 5no dwellings (Class C3) with the erection of a 2-storey extension and demolition of part of single storey extension with associated works.
Comments: **Members RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTIONS but asked that SBC ensure the following conditions be applied before any more work begins on site**

- A Condition that the developer must keep the right of way open at all times. Reason: Wroughton Parish Council understands there have been discussions around the right of way which goes through the site, and a condition would make clear to all concerned that it must be kept open.
- A Condition requiring the developer to produce an HMMP (Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan) to be agreed with SBC. Reason: much of the planting on site was cleared before a planning application was submitted. An HMMP would ensure that the habitats which remain and those which will be created will be properly managed for the next 30 years.
- A Condition that the Biodiversity Net Gain IS required and must be agreed with SBC. Reason: Much of the planting on site was cleared before a planning application was submitted; this should be replaced before the BNG is calculated and applied.

Members also asked that Planning Officers resolve the following concerns and update Wroughton Parish Council before making a decision:

- The site boundary in red includes the turning head and the end of the highway. Is this acceptable to Highways Officers as it will affect deliveries to the workshop and residents?
- The comments from SBC's Highways Officers were not available on the planning portal and WPC would be interested to see them when they become available.
- Confirmation that the estate boundary is correct as Wroughton Parish Council has been informed it is shown incorrectly.
- The Ecologist advises a CEMP (Construction Environmental Management Plan) must be provided before the site is cleared. The site was cleared before any planning application was submitted. Therefore, the applicant has breached this requirement. Please advise how this will be resolved.

PH/127.2 **Application number:** S/HOU/24/1324
Location: 19 Markham Road, Wroughton.
Proposal: Erection of first floor extension, two storey side extension, single storey rear/side extension and front porch.
Comments: **Members RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTIONS.**

PH/128 **Responses to Swindon Borough Council on planning applications which were agreed by email:**
None.

PH/129 **Planning Decisions.**
Members **NOTED** the planning decisions which had been made by Swindon Borough Council.

PH/130 **Decisions by SBC to allow TPO Work**
Members NOTED the decision to allow the following works:

- S/TPO/24/1036 Works to tree within TPO BOSTPO-88-2009 10 Edgar Row Close, Wroughton

PH/131 **Wichelstowe**
Members RECEIVED a copy of the notes of the Joint Venture Stakeholders' meeting with Wroughton Wranglers Cricket Club which took place on 8th October 2024, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A.

- PH/132** **Proposed base station upgrade at Swindon Karting Ltd, Wroughton Airfield.**
Members RECEIVED a copy letter dated 11th November 2024 from Cornerstone to the Wroughton Ward Councillors regarding the proposed base station upgrade at Swindon Karting Ltd on Wroughton Airfield, and NOTED the contents for information purposes. A copy is attached as Appendix B.
- PH/133** **Planning Updates and Information.**
Members NOTED there was no update to report this meeting.
- PH/134** **Local Plan Update**
Members NOTED there was no update to report this meeting.
- PH/135** **Neighbourhood Plan Updates**
Members NOTED there was no update to report this meeting.
- PH/136** **Public Notices for information**
Members NOTED there were no public notices to be brought to this meeting, yet major works requiring temporary traffic lights were being carried out on Wharf Road by Wales & West without any notice being received.
- ACTION: Members requested that the Deputy Clerk ask SBC why the Parish Council had not been formally notified of these works.**
- PH/137** **Bridge over the M4 at Swindon Road**
Members NOTED:
- the following response from Swindon Borough Council following the Parish Council's request that the single lane layout and the reduced (30mph) speed limit were retained:
Swindon BC Highways do not currently have any plans to change the road layout over the Bridge. This bridge is the responsibility of National Highways and any changes to the Parapet railings or layout of the footways and carriageway would need to be promoted and led by National Highways. The current view of SBC Highways is that a permanent change to the road layout would not be something we are likely to object to, subject to review of any detailed proposals and consideration of impacts on our network.
 - Swindon Borough Council had asked National Highways to provide an update on their intentions for the bridge and associated timescales.
- PH/138** **Welcome to Wroughton signs.**
Members NOTED:
- South Swindon Parish Council had paid £16,035.14 incl VAT to purchase and install 6 'Welcome to South Swindon' signs which equated to £2,672.52 per sign.
 - The main roads in and out of the Parish were: Wharf Road, Brimble Hill, Swindon Road, Church Hill, Peglars Way and Scott Way as a minimum, which would equate to 6 signs.
- Members RESOLVED to recommend to the Finance and General Purposes Committee that £17,000 be included in the draft 2025/26 budget to purchase and install 6 'Welcome to Wroughton & Wichelstowe' signs.**

- PH/139

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

Members NOTED that Chiseldon Parish Council had recently paid £4,520 +VAT to purchase and install 1 vehicle activated speed sign on New Road.

Members RESOLVED to recommend to the Finance and General Purposes Committee that £10,000 be included within the draft 2025/26 budget to purchase 2 vehicle activated speed signs during the next financial year.
- PH/140

Improvements to the safety of Coronation Road following a hit and run.

Members RESOLVED to support the request by a resident to Swindon Borough Council (SBC) that SBC install speed humps or alternative speed restrictions, a speed reduction, and ‘children playing’ warning signs in order to reduce the risk of future accidents.
- PH/141

Highways Updates & Information

Members NOTED no updates had been received.
- PH/142

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:

- Vehicle activated speed signs on the main roads in and out of Wroughton: £10,000 should be included in the draft budget for 2025/26 to enable the Parish Council to purchase 2 vehicle activated signs.
 - Revision of the Neighbourhood Plan: £15,000 should be budgeted in the draft budget for 2025/26 to enable the existing Neighbourhood Plan to be reviewed.
 - Welcome to Wroughton & Wichelstowe signs on the main roads into Wroughton Parish: £17,000 should be budgeted to allow for the purchase of 6 of these signs.

The meeting closed at 19.55

Signed.....

Date.....

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