

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2025 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 L Ramsey Cllr E Shaw Cllr H Woodward (Vice Chair of this Committee)
Clerk	Cathy Martyn (Deputy Clerk)
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PH/240	<u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr N McMahon.
PH/241	<u>Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation</u> None.
PH/242	<u>Public Question Time</u> There were no public questions.
PH/243	<u>Minutes</u> Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 th March 2025. The Chair signed the minutes.
ACTION	Members requested that speeding through Elcombe be added to the agenda for consideration at the next meeting in the light of the Department for Transport Traffic Advisory Leaflet 1/04 January 2004.
PH/244	<u>Chairs Report</u> None.
PH/245	<u>Planning Applications Examination</u>
PH/245.1	Application number: S/HOU/25/0385 Location: 33 Kellsboro Avenue, Wroughton. SN4 9HU Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension. Comments: Members RESOLVED to raise NO OBJECTION and requested that a 75mm gap be maintained between the extension and the boundary.
PH/245.2	Application number: S/ADV/25/0309 Location: Science Museum, Red Barn Lane, Wroughton. SN4 9NS Proposal: Display of 1no. halo illuminated fascia sign. Comments: Members RESOLVED to raise NO OBJECTIONS.

ACTION:	Members requested the Deputy Clerk re-send an invitation to Matt Moore to attend a Full Council meeting or meeting prior to a Planning Committee meeting in order to update Members about the plans for the Science Museum site in Wroughton.		
PH/245.3	Application no:	S/AGRI/25/0304	
	Location:	Chilton Farm, Elcombe.	
	Proposal:	Prior approval application for the installation of a 5 ring slurry tank with cover.	
	Comments:	Members RESOLVED to raise NO OBJECTIONS.	
PH245.4	Application no:	S/24/0069 & S/LBC/24/0070 (REVISED APPLICATIONS)	
	Location:	Fairwater Stables, High Street, Wroughton. SN4 9JX	
	Proposal:	Erection of 2 no. dwellings (Class C3) to rear & associated works.	
	Comments:	Members RESOLVED TO OBJECT on the following grounds:	
		• This proposal still constitutes an overdevelopment of the site. • It is not in keeping with the design and scale of the neighbouring buildings within the conservation area. • This proposal fails to address the lack of amenity space. • This proposal fails to address the concerns regarding the route to site for construction vehicles, in particular the single lane access on a narrow cul-de-sac containing sharp bends. • This proposal fails to address the loss of the existing parking spaces. The resulting number of parking spaces would be inadequate. The proposal would inevitably lead to parking being displaced on-road, potentially causing traffic to queue and back up or to cause obstructions, which would increase the risk of highway safety issues for both vehicles and pedestrians. • The proposal fails to make adequate provision for the collection of refuse from the site. • The proposal would result in a negative impact on neighbouring properties due to overlooking, loss of privacy and overshadowing.	
		Members RESOLVED that the ward councillors should be requested to call this in to be decided by Swindon Borough Council’s Planning Committee if Planning Officers were minded to grant this application.	
PH/245.5	Application no:	S/25/0338	
	Location:	Berkeley Farm House, Swindon Road, Wroughton. SN4 9AQ	
	Proposal:	Erection of 1no. detached dwelling (Class C3) and associated works.	
	Comments:	Members RESOLVED to raise NO OBJECTIONS.	
PH/246	<u>Responses to Swindon Borough Council on planning applications which were agreed by email:</u>		
	Members NOTED there were NONE for this meeting.		
PH/247	<u>Planning Applications notified by Swindon Borough Council for information only:</u>		
	Members NOTED there were NONE for this meeting.		
PH/248	<u>Planning Decisions.</u>		
	Members NOTED the following decisions which had been made by Swindon Borough Council:		
S/AMEND/25/0332	Science Museum Red Barn Lane Wroughton	Non-material amendment from previous application S/23/0375 relating to minor changes to elevations.	MINOR AMEND APPROVED

S/AMEND/25/0275	Wichelstowe Development Area Southern Town Development	Non-material amendment from previous application S/RES/23/1577 to amend Condition 1 (Plans).	MINOR AMEND APPROVED
S/AMEND/25/0273	Land north of Wichel Way, Wichelstowe	Non-material amendment from previous application, S/RES/24/0141 to amend Condition 1 (Plans) and Condition 3.	MINOR AMEND APPROVED
S/LDP/25/0244	11 Moormead Road Wroughton	Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for the erection of rear dormer window & loft conversion.	GRANT
S/ADV/24/1475	Parcel 8B, West Boulevard Mid Wichel District Centre	Display of various illuminated signage including 1no. ground mounted high level totem sign, 5no. wall mounted fascia signs and 1no. ground mounted directional sign.	GRANT
S/LDP/25/0078	Substation, Inverary Road Wroughton.	Certificate of lawfulness (Proposed) for the erection of a new switch house build to house plant & machinery associated with the substation.	APPROVED
S/HOU/24/1508	Salthrop House Bassett Down	Erection of a yoga studio outbuilding & associated works (retrospective)	GRANT

- PH/249** **Decisions by SBC to allow TPO Work**
Members NOTED there were none for this meeting.
- PH/250** **Hills Development – land off Woodland View.**
Members RECEIVED the notes from the recent update meeting with Hills. A copy is attached as Appendix A.
- PH/251** **Wiltshire & Swindon Local Nature Recovery Strategy – Consultation deadline 20th April 2025**
Members RESOLVED to support the proposals in the consultation and that where biodiversity requires to be improved or replaced, this should be done within the locality.
- PH/252** **Planning Updates and Information.**
Members NOTED there were no updates for this meeting.
- PH/253** **Local Plan Update**
Members NOTED there were none for this meeting.
- PH/254** **Neighbourhood Plan Updates**
Members NOTED there was no update to report this meeting.

PH/255

B4005 Brimble Hill/ Marlborough Road

Members RESOLVED the Deputy Clerk respond to both Swindon Borough Council officers and the Cabinet Member to advise:

- Members are extremely disappointed that despite acknowledging that the microasphalt surface on the section of the B4005 Wroughton between the Toll House and Wanshot Close is plating and failing in numerous areas, and despite the length between the Toll House and the 90 degree bend north of Burderop being included within your systems for prioritisation of classified road maintenance works, it has not been designated a high priority and has not been included within the recent LTP Plan 2025 indicative 3 year capital programme to 2027/28.
- The road will therefore continue to deteriorate with no timescale or plan for maintenance to be carried out.
- Members are extremely disappointed that given the recent developments on the B4005 between Chiseldon and Wroughton (58 new homes at Burderop Park together with the redevelopment of the Manor House and walled garden, the new Amazon Data Centre, and 104 new homes at Ridgeway Park) and the consequent additional traffic movements by LGVs, HGVs and construction traffic and machinery, no forward plan was made to resurface the road which has deteriorated more quickly as a result.
- An accident occurred on this road on 2nd April. The Police should be able to provide details.
- There have been numerous accidents in the past, including at least 2 or 3 fatalities on the stretch between Burderop and The Pitches, as well as on the 90 degree bend.
- Given all of the above, Wroughton Parish Council requests the date and a copy of your most recent risk assessment on this road, so Members can be reassured that Swindon Borough Council has fully considered the current risks to drivers/ vehicles and pedestrians using this road and pavement (where a pavement exists).

PH/256

Public Highways Notices for information

Members NOTED there were none for this meeting.

ACTIONS:

Members requested that as the Public Notices for Footpaths were brought to this Committee, the Terms of Reference for the Footpaths Working Party should be amended to report to Planning & Highways Committee.

ACTION:

Cllr Woodward was concerned whether the Parish Council had been sent all the public notices regarding recently closed footpaths in Wichelstowe. The Deputy Clerk asked that details including dates and footpath numbers be emailed to the office so that staff could follow this up.

PH/257

Highways Updates and Information

Members NOTED there were none for this meeting.

PH/258

Flood Working Party

Members NOTED the meeting requested by the Cabinet Member, Cllr Chris Watts, with Wroughton Parish Council's Working Party had been arranged for Monday 12th May 2-5pm in the Ellendune Community Centre.

Members RESOLVED to approve the draft Terms of Reference, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B, and to recommend them to April's Full Council meeting.

PH/259

Strategic Priorities agreed for 2025/26.

Members NOTED that the following projects had been agreed at the Full Council meeting held on 17th March 2025, as projects to be progressed during 2025/26:

- **Revision of the Neighbourhood Plan:** £15,000 budget, to be considered after the consultation by Swindon Borough Council on their draft Local Plan.
- **Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS):** £5,000 budget to purchase 1no. VAS (happy/ sad face showing actual speed) on downward side of Church Hill, just south of the turning into the Church.
- **Public meeting to discuss the report by Wiltshire & Swindon Road Safety Partnership into residents' concerns on B4005 Brimble Hill/ Marlborough Road:** The public meeting had been arranged for **Friday 23rd May 7-8.30pm** in the main hall of the Ellendune Community Centre. This would be publicised online and in the Spring newsletter which would be delivered to every household in the Parish. The report by Wiltshire & Swindon Road Safety Partnership was on the Parish Council's website: <https://wroughton.gov.uk/road-safety-public-meeting/>
- **Wichelstowe Community Sports Hub:** planning applications would come to this committee for consideration. Updates on all other aspects would go to Full Council for consideration.

The meeting closed at 19.58.

Signed

Date

Chair, Planning & Highways Committee