

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE



Minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2025 at 7:30pm at The Ellendune Community Centre, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW

Present

Cllr J Hewer
Cllr W McGregor
Cllr N McMahon
Cllr E Shaw

Cathy Martyn (Deputy Clerk)

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Election of a Chair for this meeting and Apologies for absence.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Committee, Members RESOLVED to elect Cllr John Hewer to chair this meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs D Archer, H Woodward, B Keetch, and L Ramsay.

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Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None.

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Public Question Time

A question was raised about the lack of publicity by Swindon Borough Council about the Open Spaces Consultation which finished at the end of the week. Members advised Wroughton Parish Council had promoted the survey on social media.

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Minutes

Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th April 2025. The Chair signed the minutes.

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Updates for noting.

Possible Lidl in Wroughton:

Members NOTED:

- Lidl had published a list of a planned 140 new stores. Wroughton was on the list but there was no specific information on the location. Wroughton was site 36 in region 10.
<https://view.ceros.com/rhapsody/lidl-site-requirements-brochure-1/p/11>
- A resident had emailed to advise they had contacted Lidl for an update on their proposal for a store in Wroughton and received the following response - the site referred to was the old barns opposite the Lister roundabout, next to Wroughton Business Centre.
"Thank you for your email. I'm afraid we currently have no firm plans for a new store in Wroughton. The inclusion of the town within our Site Requirements brochure is simply stating our desire to secure a site within the village should a suitable site be available and viable. We are aware of the site you refer to amongst others and will continue to explore all options within the area."

PH/284 PH/284.1	<u>Planning Applications Examination</u> Application number: S/HOU/25/0491 Location: 12 Kerrs Way, Wroughton. SN4 9EH Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear and side extension, garage conversion and side porch. Comments: Members RESOLVED to raise NO OBJECTION.
PH/284.2	Application number: S/HOU/25/0487 Location: 31 Berkeley Road, Wroughton. SN4 9BN Proposal: Erection of a two storey side/ rear extension and single storey rear/ front extension. Comments: Members RESOLVED to raise NO OBJECTION.
PH 284.3	Application number: PL/2025/ 02425 – Wiltshire Council was the Local Planning Authority Location: Land north east of junction 17 of the M4, Chippenham. Proposal: Outline planning application (main access from Scotland Hill and highways works on A429, not reserved) for phased commercial industrial/ logistics development (use Classes B2 and B8) with ancillary offices, green infrastructure and associated works (including site clearance and demolition works). Comments: Members NOTED that Wroughton Parish Council had been notified of this application by Chiseldon Parish Council which had been concerned at the potential impact on local roads, particularly the B4005 through Wroughton and Chiseldon. Members RESOLVED to make no comment.
PH/285	<u>Planning Applications notified by Swindon Borough Council for information only:</u> Members NOTED the following planning applications which had been notified by Swindon Borough Council for information only: Application no: S/DEM/25/0531 Location: Science Museum, Red Barn Lane, Wroughton. SN4 9NS Proposal: Prior approval for the demolition of the Parachute building Determination deadline: 22.05.25 Application no: S/LDP/25/0490 Location: 12 Kerrs Way, Wroughton. Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for the erection of rear dormer window with loft conversion. Determination deadline: 09.06.25
PH/286	<u>Responses to Swindon Borough Council on planning applications which were agreed by email:</u> Members NOTED there were NONE for this meeting.

PH/287 **Planning Decisions.**

Members NOTED the following decisions which had been made by Swindon Borough Council:

- S/HOU/25/0239 28 Boness Road, Wroughton Erection of a single storey rear extension and side porch GRANT
- S/ADV/25/0309 Science Museum Display of 1no. halo illuminated fascia sign. GRANT
Red Barn Lane, Wroughton

PH/288 **Decisions by SBC to allow TPO Work**

Members NOTED the following decision made by Swindon Borough Council:

- S/TWC/24/0484 32 Priors Hill, Wroughton Mature ash tree – fell to ground level GRANT
- S/TWC/25/0253 Quantock House Malis x domestica (apple): Reduction
12 Greens Lane, Wroughton by approx. 1metre. Reduce canopy weight and create an even crown, due to lower basal cavity forming. GRANT
Acer pseudopantas: Tree to be felled by section, dismantle with an eco plus to prevent regeneration.

PH/289 **Planning Updates and Information.**

Members received the updated NALC/ CPRE guide: 'How to respond to planning applications March 2025': <https://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/how-to-respond-to-planning-applications/>
A paper copy would be available in the office and the link would be added to the website.

PH/290 **Local Plan Update**

The Chair advised he and Councillor Woodward had attended a drop-in event for Parish Council earlier that day. Swindon Borough Council (SBC) had advised that the housing needs at 1,205 homes per year for 20 years, required 24,100 new homes, and with 17,144 in the pipeline, this left a balance of 6,956 new homes to be built. SBC intended to use a strategic transport route to improve access into the town centre, and build 4,500 homes in the town centre, with a possible additional 800 homes in Wroughton and 900 homes along Pipers Way, with the remaining homes on sites elsewhere in the Borough. The 5 year housing land supply had also been discussed as SBC did not own or control most of the land in the town centre. SBC was discussing potential town centre sites with developers. There were 'amber' sites in Wroughton along the eastern boundary of Swindon Road between the M4 and Ridgeway Hospital. Land on Wharf Road had been put forward by landowners but had been considered too large for housing, and discounted for commercial development as the Panattoni site was considered large enough for the commercial land required under the Plan. The Chair had requested that SBC hold a public consultation event for residents in Wroughton and Wichelstowe Parish.

PH/291 **Neighbourhood Plan Updates**

Members NOTED there was no update to report this meeting.

PH/292 Public Highways Notices for information

Members NOTED the following notice:

- Woodland View, Wroughton Notice of Temporary Road Closure 5th May 2025 for 12 months
Outside nos 19-11 and restriction on parking It was anticipated restrictions would only be required until 01.01.2026

PH/293 Highways Updates and Information

Members NOTED there were none for this meeting.

PH/294 Flood Working Party

Members NOTED the Flood Working Party would be meeting with the Cabinet Member, Cllr Chris Watts, on Monday 12th May 2-5pm in the Ellendune Community Centre.

PH/295 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 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) for A4361 Church Hill, on north side (downhill) just after junction of the minor road to the church.
- **Public meeting regarding report by Wiltshire & Swindon Road Safety Partnership into residents' concerns on B4005 Brimble Hill/ Marlborough Road:** A public meeting had been arranged for 7pm on Friday 23rd May in the Ellendune Community Centre. Information had been published in the Summer newsletter delivered to every home in the parish, as well as on the website, the Wroughton Monthly magazine and on local facebook groups. Residents had been directed to the report online, and paper copies were available from the library and the Parish Council office.
- **Wichelstowe Community Sports Hub:** Members NOTED that formal planning applications would come to this committee for consideration. Updates on all other aspects would continue to go to Full Council for consideration.

The meeting closed at 19.53.

Signed

Date

Chair, Planning & Highways Committee