

Wroughton & Wichelstowe Planning and Highways Annual Parish Meeting **report April 28th, 2025**

Welcome everyone to the annual Parish Council report updates from Chair of P&H – Cllr Bryan Keetch

It's been a busy year on the P&H committee.

We meet twice a month where we review several items not just around planning or highways, to which members of the public are welcome to attend.

Planning Applications– We see on average around 5 planning requests per meeting from small local developments to the sites you see currently being constructed at Wichelstowe and the Hills site. All these applications come to us, before SBC decide whether to support our decisions or make the decisions themselves. Not everything is supported, for example we may suggest that they should be rejected, applications based on many different reasons, but it could then get overturned. We also review a list of decisions made by SBC.

TPO's – We do consider all Tree Protection Orders's received.

Public consultations – We can be involved in, and respond to any of these, such as the Wiltshire & Swindon Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

Strategic Planning – Local plan (not yet published by SBC, expected in the summer of 2025 (date TBC) and neighbourhood plans come to us for consideration also.

Highways – Sometimes we don't get informed of work taking place on our highways, which is frustrating to us as well as the residents, and part of that reason is that they are requiring urgent attention (gas or water mains issues mainly) and we know the disruption these cause to residents. We do keep a close watch on highways concerns etc.

Brimble Hill/Marlborough Road – We have and continue to raise concerns regarding Brimble Hill and the temp traffic lights as well as the condition of the roads towards the Toll House.

Flood working party – This is in the process of being set up so the meetings with all parties inc SBC/EA/TW and residents impacted, are formalised as we have concerns around the conditions of our streams, roads, drainage and waterways.

Strategic Priorities for 25-26 – Some elements we are focussing on include:

- Development of the Neighbourhood plan
- Additional Vehicle activated speed warning signs
- Road safety partnerships – there is a public meeting being arranged later in May. An updated report by Wiltshire & Swindon Road safety partnership is available on the Parish website.
- Wichelstowe community sports hub development plans

Thank you.