

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE



Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 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 the Planning & Highways Committee)
Cllr L Ramsay
Cllr E Shaw
Cllr H Woodward

Cathy Martyn (Deputy Clerk)

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PH/1

Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cllr L Coady, W McGregor and N McMahon..

PH/2

Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None.

PH/3

Public Question Time

All 3 members of the public attended to ask what the comment was that the Parish Council had sent to Swindon Borough Council in relation to the request to the Traffic Commissioner by NJ Gosling and Partners at Berkeley Farm Dairy. The Chair summarised the objections which had been sent to Swindon Borough Council. The residents explained how some residents of Berkeley Road and Baileys Way were already directly affected by traffic movements in and out of the Dairy: the yard was very congested, with a large number of articulated HGVs arriving every day. Residents estimated that up to 95% of milk was brought in, which meant in their opinion the operation was not agricultural but industrial. HGVs parked on the road or pavement of Swindon Road, or in Berkeley Road, which obstructed their access to their homes. They were also concerned about road safety. HGVs often reversed in and/ or out and most of the time they did not use a banksman, all of which contravened the conditions of their existing license. Residents believed the situation was dangerous already and any additional vehicles or trailers would increase the risk. The residents confirmed they had sent their comments to Councillor Courtliff (Swindon Borough Council) who had forwarded them onto Swindon Borough Council's Highways Officer. The officer had acknowledged receipt and was waiting to hear back from the applicant. Residents felt the Parish Council had done all it could.

PH/4

Minutes

Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2025. The Chair signed the minutes.

PH/5

Updates for noting.

Members NOTED there were none for this meeting.

PH/6

Members NOTED there were none for this meeting.

PH/7

Members NOTED the following planning application which had been notified by Swindon Borough Council for information only:

- Application no: S/LDP/25/0586
Location: Three Ways, Marlborough Road, Wroughton. SN4 0RX
Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for the use of land for siting of a mobile home for ancillary use.
Determination deadline: 07.07.25

PH/8

Members NOTED there were NONE for this meeting.

PH/9

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

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| • S/HOU/25/0288 | 36 Ellingdon Road | Erection of a single storey side and rear extension. | GRANT |
| • S/LDP/25/0490 | 12 Kerrs Way
Wroughton | Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for the erection of rear dormer window with loft Conversion. | GRANT |

PH/10

Members NOTED there were none for this meeting.

PH/11

Members RESOLVED to agree retrospectively the objections which had been agreed by email and forwarded to Swindon Borough Council, in response to the Application to the Traffic Commissioner from Nicholas John Gosling & Partners, Berkeley Farm Dairy, Swindon Road, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9AQ as an operating centre, to increase the authorisation to 5 vehicles and 4 trailers (from 3 vehicles and 4 trailers). Operator License Number; OH1140897 (application publication dated 1 May 2025) – a copy of the objections is attached to these Minutes as Appendix A.

Members NOTED the following reply had been received from Swindon Borough Council:
I have written to the applicant regarding various concerns that have been raised and am awaiting his response. The Borough Council has until 22 May 2025 to lodge an objection with the licensing authority if we are not satisfied with the response. We will lodge a holding objection if necessary due to the timescales involved. I will let the Parish know of developments.

PH/12

Members NOTED there were none for this meeting.

PH/13

Members NOTED there was no update to report for this meeting.

PH/14 Neighbourhood Plan Updates

Members NOTED there was no update to report for this meeting.

PH/15 Public Highways Notices for information

Members NOTED there was no update to report for this meeting.

PH/16 Request to Swindon Borough Council to resurface the B4005 Brimble Hill/ Marlborough Road, Wroughton.

Members NOTED the following response received from Swindon Borough Council's Highway Asset & Maintenance Engineer:

Thank you once again for your follow up enquiry and I apologise that it has taken a little while for me to respond fully. As mentioned, I have discussed your comments and this response with our Interim Head of Highways & Transport.

Within the current SBC highway capital works prioritisation systems, such issues are captured from network level road condition surveys for 50m sections of road and from historical injury accident data. This, along with a number of other factors such as road hierarchy, speed and heavy vehicle usage (along with an Engineer's judgement on managing carriageway asset life and potential treatments) are used to rank each site. The risks of intermittent defects on the carriageway are managed day-to-day by our Highway Operations team with routine maintenance service levels, and so are not a specific part of the ranking system; similarly our Traffic team manage the accident data and investigations of the potential causes. For information, it is rare that road condition is noted as a factor in accident records, with the exception being wet-skidding resistance which is captured in the current ranking system.

Regarding your concern that there is no maintenance plan and the road will continue to deteriorate with no maintenance. I can advise that whilst the road is not currently within the 3-year capital programme for major works, priorities are typically reviewed every year as factors may change. In any interim period the Highway Operations team will continue to undertake routine inspection and repair in line with their current service criteria.

Finally, I cannot personally comment on the impacts of the recent developments you raise and any developer obligations/ remedials agreed as part of these developments, but from a maintenance perspective we have obviously observed the accelerated deterioration you have mentioned along the wider B4005 route, hence the significant investments that have been made recently on the B4005 Hodson Road and New Road as these sites became higher priorities due to the type of carriageway deterioration.

I hope this helps give the Parish a better understanding of the current status of the route.

PH/17 Street Names: The Hills development site at Woodland View

Members NOTED:

- This Committee had already resolved to request that a road on the Hills development site at be named after Brian Ford; Hills had already confirmed their agreement to this in principle.
- The Wroughton Branch of the Royal British Legion had requested that at least one road on the Hills development should also commemorate William Gosling VC.
- Swindon Borough Council made the decision on street names.

- Any additional suggestions agreed by this Committee would be forwarded to Hills for their agreement in principle. Those supported by Hills would then be forwarded to Swindon Borough Council with a request that these be used on the Hills site.

Members RESOLVED to request that Hills and Swindon Borough Council name a road on the Hills 'Gosling' to commemorate William Gosling VC.

Councillor Diane Archer suggested that a road on the Hills site also be named to commemorate the name of the hero who had saved the young boy from drowning in the pond on the Hills site. She would investigate and forward details to the Deputy Clerk.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to put this on the agenda for consideration at June's Committee meeting.

The Committee agreed to consider naming roads on any future development after the famous race horses, or in association with them.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to add this to Priority List for 2026-27.

PH/18 Highways Updates and Information

Members NOTED there were none for this meeting.

PH/19 Flood Working Party

Members RECEIVED the notes from the Flood Working Party meeting with Swindon Borough Council and the Environment Agency held on Monday 12th May 2025. A copy of those notes is attached to these Minutes as Appendix B.

PH/20 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 SBC on their draft Local Plan. Swindon Borough Council's Local Plan s18 consultation scheduled for July 2025.
- Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS):** £5,000 budget to purchase 1 VAS (happy/ sad face + showing actual speed) for A4361 Church Hill, on north side (downhill) just after junction of minor road to the church.
- Public meeting regarding report by Wiltshire & Swindon Road Safety Partnership into residents' concerns on B4005 Brimble Hill/ Marlborough Road:** public meeting arranged for 7pm on 23rd May.
- Wichelstowe Community Sports Hub:** planning applications will come to this committee for consideration. Updates on all other aspects will go to Full Council for consideration.

PH/21 Strategic Priorities to consider for 2025/26.

- To consider naming roads on any future development after, and in connection with, Wroughton's famous race horses.

The meeting closed at 19.56.

Signed

Date

Chair, Planning & Highways Committee