

WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL



PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2025 at 7:30pm **at The Ellendune Community Centre, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW**

Present:

Wroughton Cllr D Archer
Parish Cllr J Hewer
Council Cllr B Keetch (Chair of the Planning & Highways Committee)
Cllr W McGregor
Cllr L Ramsay
Cllr H Woodward

Cathy Martyn (Deputy Clerk)

Cllr M Courtliff (Swindon Borough Council)

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PH/25 **Apologies for absence.**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs L Coady and N McMahon.

PH/26 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None.

PH/27 **Public Question Time**
Six residents attended to raise concerns over the safety of Large Goods Vehicles (LGVs) using Brimble Hill/ Marlborough Road. Their spokesperson gave a brief resume of the work they had carried out during the previous 24 years to try to get safety improvements made on this road. This had led to them contacting the Police and Crime Commissioner, who had requested Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership investigate. The spokesperson asked to be invited to the meeting with the MPs and ward councillors.

Members assured the residents that everyone wanted the same outcome to make the road safer. Wroughton Parish Council was carrying out the outcomes put forward at the public meeting:- Cllr John Hewer had written to the DVSA but no response had been received. A meeting with Danny Kruger MP had been arranged towards the end of August, to which the 3 ward councillors and Cllr Chris Watts (Swindon Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment) had been invited. In accordance with parliamentary protocol, Danny Kruger's office would be inviting Heidi Alexander MP in her capacity as Secretary of State for Transport. In view of concerns about pedestrian safety, the Committee had decided that rather than invite residents to this meeting, they would hold a second public meeting to update all residents after the meeting with the MPs had taken place. Councillor Matty Courtliff advised Cllr Chris Watts had agreed to meet himself and Cllr Gayle Cook to discuss the report by Wiltshire & Swindon Road Safety Partnership. They would ask him to confirm whether he was able to attend the meeting in August.

The residents also asked about the state of the collapsed wall on Brimble Hill/ Marlborough Road. Cllr Matty Courtliff advised that Swindon Borough Council's Head of Legal Services had confirmed this was the subject of legal discussions and it was unlikely to be resolved in the short term. He undertook to raise with Swindon Borough Council's Highways Department whether it would be possible for the Borough Council to repair the wall and then claim back any costs if the responsibility was found to be that of someone other than the Borough Council.

PH/28

Minutes

Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2025. The Chair signed the minutes.

PH/29

Updates and information for noting only.

- a) **Speeding through Elcombe:** Members NOTED the Deputy Clerk had requested Councillor Gayle Cook chase a response from both Wiltshire & Swindon Road Safety Partnership and the Cabinet Member as no substantive responses had been received.
- b) **Speeding on Church Hill:** Members Noted the following update from Swindon Borough Council:
Due to concerns that have been raised, We have listed two locations along Church Hill to lay ATC loops that will capture speeds and classification data. It is planned to have these installed after the schools return so early September 2025. The two locations are as follows , Location 1 at the near the junction that leads to St Johns Baptist church , this will be located in advance of the 30/40mph speed limit change and will capture in bound and outbound traffic. The second location will be located near number 50 High Street where we currently have an existing 30mph VAS , again this will capture inbound and outbound speeds along with classifications. Please note that there will be some difficulties in establishing any new locations for additional VAS, reasons for this, there is limited street lighting through this section of carriageway and therefore there would not be a power source to connect to any new VAS. Solar powered VAS would not be suitable near the Church Hill section due to the heavy canopy's of vegetation. We have attached a copy of the speed order map schedule which will show that the current speeds on Church hill are 30mph and they change to 40mph at the junction leading to St Johns Baptist Church and it remains 40mph to a point 135m south west of the Elcombe junction where it becomes 50mph. [The map has been requested.] Once we have the data in we will provide you with the results that you can share with the Parish Council.
- c) **Proposed streetnames for the Hills housing development site:** Members NOTED Hills had given in principle support for the 3 names suggested by the Committee; the Deputy Clerk had forwarded those to the Gazetteer Custodian at Swindon Borough Council to request their use on the Hills site and was awaiting a response.
- d) **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):** Members NOTED the Deputy Clerk had requested confirmation whether Swindon Borough Council had maintained or withdrawn its objection and was awaiting a response.
- e) **S/25/0692 Land west of Priors Hill, Science Park, Hangar D2 – query on CIL Funds:** Members NOTED that following the query raised by Members at the previous meeting, the Deputy Clerk had requested details and was awaiting a response from Swindon Borough Council.

PH/30	<u>Planning Applications Examination</u>			
	Application no:	S/HOU/25/0770		
	Location:	25 Inverary Road, Wroughton. SN4 9DH		
	Proposal:	Conversion of garage into habitable space		
	Comments:	Members RESOLVED to make NO OBJECTIONS.		
PH/31	<u>Planning Applications notified by Swindon Borough Council for information only:</u>			
	Members NOTED none had been received.			
PH/32	<u>Responses to Swindon Borough Council on planning applications which were agreed by email:</u>			
	Members NOTED there were none for this meeting.			
PH/33	<u>Planning Decisions.</u>			
	Members NOTED the following decisions which had been made by Swindon Borough Council:			
PH/33.1	S/23/0747	Overtown Manor Overtown Lane Wroughton	Demolition of pump house; conversion of stable buildings to form single dwelling; buildings to form single dwelling; Conversion of barn to offices/ meeting space, erection of building to provide domestic storage, associated parking, turning & cycle parking; provision of solar panels to provide sustainable electricity for converted buildings & Overtown Manor.	GRANT
PH/33.2	S/LDP/25/0232	Parcels 7DC & 9DC Wichelstowe	Certificate of lawfulness (proposed) for a legal determination as to whether the development approved under S/RES/22/1632 can be implemented & occupied without compliance with Condition 24 of Outline Permission S/13/1524.	APPLICATION WITHDRAWN/ DELEGATED DECISION
PH/33.3	S/DEM/25/0531	Science Museum Wroughton	Application for demolition of the parachute building.	PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIRED & GIVEN
PH/34	<u>Planning Appeals</u>			
	Members NOTED the following planning appeal had been dismissed:			
	S/24/1065	25 Wharf Road Wroughton	Erection of a detached dwelling & associated works	APPEAL DISMISSED
PH/35	<u>Decisions by SBC to allow TPO Work</u>			
	Members NOTED none had been received.			
PH/36	<u>Planning Updates and Information.</u>			
	Members NOTED there were none for this meeting.			
PH/37	<u>Local Plan Update</u>			
	Members NOTED:			

- Swindon Borough Council's Regulation 18 Consultation was scheduled to go to Swindon Borough Council's Cabinet meeting on 9th July, the agenda and documentation for which had been published on 2nd July.
 - A toolkit was available with a description of the review process: [Local Plan Route Mapper and Toolkit 2025 | Local Government Association](#)
- Cllr Courtliff advised the Ashen Copse site had been removed from the original draft revised Local Plan. He would reiterate the request for a public meeting, together with a detailed plan of the proposed sites in the Parish for residents to inspect.

PH/38 Neighbourhood Plan Updates

Members NOTED there were none for this meeting.

PH/39 Public Highways Notices for information

Members NOTED none had been received.

PH/40 Footpaths

Cllr Woodward advised the 'Annual Walk the Footpaths Day' should take place in September or October, and might include a litter pick. There would be information available at the Carnival.

PH/41 Highways Updates and Information:

Members NOTED none had been received.

PH/42 Flood Working Party

Members NOTED there were no updates. Cllr Wodward had given copies of the notes from the last Flood Working Party meeting to both Chris Fleming and Mark Trigg.

PH/43 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 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:** To progress the outcomes from the public meeting held on 23rd May 2025.
- **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.

PH/24 Strategic Priorities to consider for 2026/27

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

The meeting closed at 20.15.

Signed

Date

Chair, Planning & Highways Committee