



WROUGHTON & WICHELSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on **Thursday 16 July 2026**

Present

Cllr Holly Woodward (Chair)
Cllr Diane Archer
Cllr John Hower
Cllr Stan Pajak
Cllr Mark Trigg

Emma Freemantle (Clerk)
Thomas Haworth (Deputy Clerk)

Public: 8

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Apologies

Cllr Matthew Smith

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Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

None

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Public Questions (Maximum of 10 minutes)

Members of the public attended to ask questions about the proposed closure of Marlborough Road.

One member of the public asked if HGVs are to be rerouted then that might be a useful long term solution to some of the traffic problems in the area, and questioned why both sides of the road need to be closed.

Cllr HW agreed with the public that the road closure could lead to chaos on the nearby road network, especially with the forthcoming closure of Bakers Road at the same time.

Another member of the public said the closure could mean the road is less safe for pedestrians. Concerns were raised about Priors Hill becoming dangerous with the expected increase in traffic.

Another member of the public thought the TRO approving the road closure should be revoked because it's unsafe.

The public were disappointed that neither Swindon Borough Council nor Wales & West Utilities were able to attend the meeting.

EF and TH said that all the questions and queries raised by residents would be collated and sent to Wales & West, and that both SBC and W&W would be invited to attend a future meeting instead.

Cllr MT said he thought the physical 'road closure' sign was in the wrong place. Being placed too close to the village, he feared that it would be too late for traffic to take an alternative route and that the sign should be placed in Chiseldon to give drivers enough warning.

Cllr HW referred to the traffic problems that occurred the last time Marlborough Road was closed four years ago, and asked if SBC have learned any lessons. She also said the parish should ask SBC what their plan is to ensure the official diversion route is followed.

Cllr JH said the parish will ask that the Brimble Hill wall is fixed while Marlborough Road is closed to ensure that both works can be done at the same time.

Action: TH will collate all the residents' questions and will submit them to SBC and W&W and will ask representatives from both to attend the next Planning & Highways meeting on Wednesday 29 July.

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Minutes

The minutes were approved.

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Updates from the Committee Chair

The Chair had no updates to communicate.

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Actions from the Previous Meeting

The committee noted the following actions from the previous meeting:

An email has been sent to Swindon Borough Council to request some guidance on how the parish council might respond to future Certificate of Lawfulness applications.

TH said a response had been received that explains the process for responding to Certificates of Lawfulness. Applications will feature on SBC's weekly list and the parish council is entitled to return comments.

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Planning Applications to be Examined

Planning Ref: **S/LBC/26/0797**

Address: Seymours Mill, 52 Perrys Lane, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9AP

Proposal: Loft conversion, new staircase, new dormers and Velux.

Deadline: Wednesday 15 July

The committee noted that this application has been withdrawn.

Planning Ref: **S/HOU/26/0824**

Address: 90 and 92 Priors Hill, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 0RW

Proposal: Demolition of existing garages and replacement of garages and store and associated works.

Deadline: Tuesday 28 July

The committee **RESOLVED** to agree with the comments made by the Conservation Officer. Members were aware that the garages need to be replaced but stressed that any changes should be in keeping with the character of the surrounding area.

Planning Ref: **S/HOU/26/0839**

Address: Orchard Cottage, 3 Elcombe, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9QL

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey side extension following the removal of existing single storey extensions & associated works.

Deadline: Thursday 23 July

The committee had no objections to the application.

Planning Ref: **S/HOU/26/0842**

Address: Hunters View, 1 Baileys Way, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9AH

Proposal: Erection of two storey side and rear extensions with new front storm porch, alterations on the roof, and associated works.

Deadline: Thursday 23 July

The committee had no objections to the application.

Planning Ref: **S/26/0793**

Address: Overtown Farm, Overtown Lane, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 0SH

Proposal: A retrospective Change of Use application for farm buildings and associated yard space from agricultural to class B8 use.

Deadline: Wednesday 29 July

The committee had no objections to the application.

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Planning Decisions Made by Swindon Borough Council

Planning Ref: **S/AGRI/26/0688**

Address: Whitehouse Farm Dairy, Wharf Road, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9QJ

Proposal: Prior Approval Application for the erection of a new Agricultural building

Decision: Prior Approval not required/Delegated Decision

Planning Ref: **S/HOU/26/0608**

Address: 36 Wharf Road, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LB

Proposal: Erection of first floor side and front extension to include the raising of the roof height and front dormer window, single storey rear extension, conversion of garage into habitable space, and associated works.

Decision: Granted Permission/Delegated Decision

Planning Ref: **S/HOU/26/0624**

Address: 13 Weirside Avenue, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9AL

Proposal: Erection of an outbuilding.

Decision: Granted Permission/Delegated Decision

Planning Ref: **S/AGRI/26/0686**

Address: Land At Chilton Farm, Chilton Farm Track, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LU

Proposal: Prior Notification Application for the construction of an earth-banked slurry lagoon.

Decision: Prior Approval required and given/Delegated Decision

PH/061

Tree Works Notifications

Planning Ref: **S/TPO/26/0739**

Address: 9 Beranburh Field, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 0QL

Proposal: **Tree T42 Horse Chestnut:** Crown lift to 3m, Prune back from roadway for 1m clearance, Crown thin and topping up to 15%, Remove any dead branches

| **Tree T43 Birch:** Crown lift to 3m, Crown thin and topping up to 15% |

Tree T44 Cherry: Crown reduce by up to 25%, Crown lift to 3m, Prune back from

roadway for 1m clearance | **Tree T45 White Beam:** Crown reduce by 25%, Crown lift to 3m, Removal of suckers

Decision: Application granted

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Notice of Temporary Footpath Closures

None at the time of agenda dispatch.

PH/063 **Temporary Event Notices**
None at the time of agenda dispatch.

PH/064 **Wiltshire Local Plan**
The committee updated members on the new Wiltshire Local Plan. TH said there will likely be little for the parish to do but it would be sensible for us to keep an eye on the Wiltshire Local Plan as it progresses in case we are impacted.

PH/063 **Update on Planning Application for Legge House**
The committee noted that the Legge House application had been granted with conditions to protect the remembrance garden and graves. TH said we should monitor the construction works when they start to ensure the conditions are being adhered to.

EF told members that Cllr Martin Barrett had attended the SBC Planning meeting on Tuesday 14 July to speak at the meeting. She said he had read out the parish council's initial comments and highlighted members' concerns about the garden and graves.

PH/064 **Closure of Marlborough Road**
The committee noted the comments made earlier by members of the public.

Cllr HW asked if we could confirm with Wales & West which houses would be included in their letter drop. She hoped it would be more than just the properties in the immediate vicinity because the road closure will impact the wider area.

PH/065 **P&H Committee Project Tracker**
Members noted the P&H Committee Project Tracker.

PH/066 **Future Agenda Items**
No future agenda items were flagged by the committee.

The meeting was closed at 8.04pm

Signed:

Chair of Planning & Highways Committee

Date: