



WROUGHTON & WICHELSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday 16 September 2026**

Present

Cllr Holly Woodward (Chair)
Cllr Matthew Smith (Vice Chair)
Cllr John Hower
Cllr Stan Pajak

Cllr Gayle Cook

Emma Freemantle (Clerk)
Thomas Haworth (Deputy Clerk)

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Apologies

Cllr Diane Archer
Cllr Mark Trigg
Cllr Martin Barrett

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Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Cllr HW informed the committee that one of the tree notifications on the agenda was in close vicinity to her house.

PH/108

Public Questions (Maximum of 10 minutes)

A member of the public enquired as to the latest information on Section 106 conditions for the Amazon data centre. TH said he would look into it.

The Chair suspended the standing orders and moved to the item on speed survey results.

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Minutes

The committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 September 2026.

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Updates from the Committee Chair

None mentioned.

PH/111

Actions from the Previous Meeting

The committee noted that the following actions from the previous meeting have been completed:

TH to speak to SBC's tree works team to explore how the parish council can get sight of these notifications with enough time to comment.

TH said he had not yet received a response from SBC.

PH/112 Planning Applications to be Examined

Planning Ref: **S/LDP/26/1087**

Address: 44 Coronation Road, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9AS

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) for the erection of a single storey side extension

Deadline: Not Applicable

This application had been withdrawn.

PH/113 Planning Decisions Made by Swindon Borough Council

Planning Ref: **S/HOU/26/0910**

Address: The Garden Cottage, Church Hill, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9JS

Proposal: Erection of a single-storey rear extension

Decision: Permission Granted

Application noted.

PH/114 Tree Works Notifications

Planning Ref: **S/TWC/26/0963**

Address: Woodham House East, Bakers Road, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 0RP

Proposal: Works to trees in a Conservation area

Decision: Permission Granted

Application noted.

Planning Ref: **S/TWC/26/1069**

Address: 17 Greens Lane Wroughton Swindon SN4 0RJ

Proposal: Works to trees within a Conservation Area

Deadline: Permission Granted

Application noted.

PH/115 Notice of Temporary Footpath Closures

None at the time of agenda dispatch.

PH/116 Temporary Event Notices

None at the time of agenda dispatch.

PH/117 Plans Submitted for a New Children's Home in Wichelstowe (S/26/1074)

Cllr HW said she felt positive about the application and that it is something she thinks the parish council should be supporting.

Cllr GC agreed, saying more children's homes are needed across the borough in order to save money for Swindon Borough Council BC and to ensure looked after children have somewhere safe to live.

Cllr HW said that she felt initial concerns about car parking have been addressed.

The committee agreed to support the application.

ACTION: TH to send the parish council's supportive comments to SBC.

PH/118 Speed Survey Results: Next Steps

TH and Cllr HW gave an overview of the current situation and stressed the fact that SBC will not support any speed interventions at any of the proposed locations (Wharf Road,

Brimble Hill and Devizes Road) because the results of recent speed surveys indicate that traffic is not travelling fast enough.

A resident questioned SBC's use of mean speeds to judge whether or not interventions are required. He said he had previously spoken to police traffic officers who have said that speeding is a problem on Wharf Road.

EF said it might be worth speaking to the Swindon and Wiltshire Road Safety Partnership to see if any support can be provided by Wiltshire Police.

The committee expressed regret that SBC deemed the locations unsuitable for any speed interventions and were keen to explore community-based solutions.

ACTION: TH to contact the Swindon and Wiltshire Road Safety Partnership to explore options for police assistance to tackle speeding.

The Chair reinstated the standing orders.

PH/119

Update on Wales and West Roadworks on Swindon Road/Moormead Road

TH updated the committee on the roadworks following information that had been supplied earlier in the day by Wales & West.

He said that the final phase of the works (the Moormead Road section) were initially due to commence on Monday 14 September but that that has now been pushed back to Monday 21 September.

The overall scheme will now end on Sunday 11 October rather than Sunday 4 October, due to the one week delay moving to Moormead Road. However, W&W will have to come back for one week next summer (during the school holidays) to finish a part of Swindon Road that they've been unable to complete.

The committee noted that the ongoing works on Brimble Hill that relate to the Amazon data centre are separate to the W&W works and that TH would seek an update on these from SBC.

PH/120

Road Surface Subsidence on Wharf Road

The committee noted the correspondence with SBC and TH said he will push for updates to see if Wharf Road is in the programme of resurfacing works.

The committee noted that the whole of Wharf Road, particularly near Costow, was in need of resurfacing.

PH/121

Neighbourhood Plan Survey Update

TH told the committee that 594 responses have been received to date. Of these, 335 were completed online and 259 physical copies. Against 4,700 households, that gives a response rate of 12.6%.

The committee were pleased to note that the response rate had pushed over the 10% mark and TH was hopeful of hitting 15% by the deadline on Monday 21 September.

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Update on Street Naming Suggestions

TH told the committee that their suggestions– Brian Ford, William Gosling and Brown Jack – have been refused because are already in use. TH has asked SBC for clarification and will update members once more information has been received.

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P&H Committee Project Tracker

The committee noted the project tracker.

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Future Agenda Items

Cllr MS confirmed he's working on the footpaths project.

Cllr GC said she is looking into who owns a piece of land behind Woodland View following a query from a resident.

Cllr HW updated the committee on a meeting with Doug White from Overtown Farm on Biodiversity Net Gain. She said the meeting was positive and hoped that it could be a way to protect green spaces in the parish.

The meeting was closed at 8.07pm.

Signed:

Chair of Planning & Highways Committee

Date: