WROUGHTON & WICHELSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday 14 October 2026**

Present
Cllr Holly Woodward
Cllr Matthew Smith
Cllr John Hewer
Cllr Diane Archer
Cllr Stan Pajak
Cllr Mark Trigg

Emma Freemantle (Clerk)

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PH/143 **Apologies**
Cllr Martin Barrett

PH/144 **Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation**
None.

PH/145 **Public Questions (Maximum of 10 minutes)**
The Chair suspended the Standing Orders and moved to the item relating to the Langton Park application appeal.

Residents said they were happy that Swindon Borough Council CEO Sam Mowbray visited the site to aid her understanding of the application, and that SBC's planning enforcement team is involved.

Residents said they pay fees as part of their residents' association, and that the landowner is asking them to pay for road improvements that need to be carried out. But residents feel they shouldn't have to pay because the landowner has damaged the land.

The committee heard that Cllr Matty Courtliff tried to speak to the landowner but the conversation was not productive.

Members agreed to resubmit the committee's initial objections to the planning application and to reiterate Point 3 in the refusal notice, which relates to the species survey.

Cllr MS asked residents to resubmit their initial objections.

ACTION: The Deputy Clerk will draft a response to the appeal based on previous comments and wording contained in the refusal notice.

The Chair continued to suspend the Standing Orders and moved to the item relating to roadworks being carried out on Bakers Road.

Cllr HW gave the committee some background information on the matter and said that flood prevention work that had been carried out recently by SBC at Perry's Lane and The Pitchens ahead of the Bakers Road visit. She welcomed the facts that SBC appeared to be taking action.

She raised concerns about the Environment Agency, Thames Water and SBC possessing out of date maps and said an updated mapping survey needs to be carried out.

She said the Bakers Road work had revealed that 80% of the drain was blocked. She added that the cost of the day's work due to traffic management fees was around £4,500, and confirmed that the Environment Agency is responsible for maintaining the stream on Bakers Road.

In relation to the flooding issues at Perry's Lane, Cllr HW said the problem was the angle of the water and, because of this, SBC had not identified any specific flood prevention measures.

The committee agreed that SBC's Cabinet member for Highways, Cllr Nick Gardner, should be involved in future flood related discussions.

The Chair reinstated the Standing Orders.

PH/146 **Minutes**

The committee **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 30 September 2026. All Agreed.

PH/147 **Updates from the Committee Chair**

Cllr HW informed the committee about the upcoming meeting with the Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership on Tuesday 3 November and said that SBC will be relooking at the Brimble Hill wall in the coming weeks through the appointment of a new project manager.

PH/148 **Actions from the Previous Meeting**

To **NOTE** that the following actions from the previous meeting have been completed:

6.1 TH to speak to Swindon Borough Council and the Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership to explore alternative anti-speeding measures for the parish.

6.2 TH to write to the Ridgeway School, Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Police to flag the continuing problems with parking outside the school and ask that enforcement action be undertaken.

PH/149 **Planning Applications to be Examined**

Planning Ref:	**S/HOU/26/1171**
Address:	44 Coronation Road, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9AS
Proposal:	Erection of single storey side extension.
Deadline:	Tuesday 20 October

Since the Planning & Highways Committee registered 'no objection' to the above planning application (S/HOU/26/1171) at its meeting on 30 September, revised documents have been submitted by the applicant, along with an invitation for further comments.

WWPC Comments: No objection

Planning Ref:	**S/HOU/26/1217**
Address:	14 Priors Hill, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 0RT
Proposal:	Erection of detached garage (retrospective).

Deadline: Wednesday 28 October
WWPC Comments: No objection

PH/150 **Planning Decisions Made by Swindon Borough Council**
None at the time of dispatch.

PH/151 **Tree Works Notifications**

Planning Ref:	**S/TWC/26/1214**
Address:	31 Marlborough Road, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 0RX
Proposal:	Works to trees in a Conservation area. *"Pollard willow tree to 16ft. It is dangerously overgrown and has dead sections falling, dangerous to children and buildings surrounding."*
Deadline:	Not Applicable
	No objection

PH/152 **Notice of Temporary Footpath Closures**
None at the time of agenda dispatch.

PH/153 **Temporary Event Notices**

Reference:	**26/2258/LATENS**
Address:	Ellendune Community Centre, Barrett Way, Wroughton, Swindon, SN4 9LW
Proposal:	Regulated Entertainment
Deadline:	Not Applicable – already taken place.

PH/154 **Swindon Local Plan Regulation 19 Consultation**
The committee agreed to submit a response to the Planning Inspectorate.

ACTION: The Deputy Clerk will circulate a draft response to the committee ahead of the submission deadline on Thursday 12 November.

PH/155 **Notification of Appeal – Land at Langton Park (S/26/0755)**
This item is captured above.

PH/156 **Drainage Works on Bakers Road**
This item is captured above.

PH/157 **P&H Committee Project Tracker**
The committee noted the project tracker.

PH/158 **Future Agenda Items**
Members identified the following future agenda items:

- An update on School Safe Environment Zones
- Ongoing updates on conversations with the Wiltshire and Swindon Road safety Partnership
- Signage for the Ellendune car park

Cllr JH updated members on the Akers land following conversations with developers. He said the parish council is still keen to see a copy of the updated Heads of Terms.

Members also asked if, in future discussions with Ridgeway School over car parking issues, the Sixth Formers would be able to use the overflow car park once OCU Group have left.

Members agreed for the parish council to do some proactive comms to update residents on the Langton Park appeal.

ACTION: The Deputy Clerk will communicate this via the parish council's Facebook page.

The meeting was closed at **8.37pm.**

Signed: ……

Chair of Planning & Highways Committee

Date: ……..