PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE PROJECT TRACKER

Projects	Project Updates	Future Comms Opportunities	Project Completion Blue = complete Green = on track Amber = ongoing but some concern or unpredicability Red = stopped or delayed

PROJECTS COMPLETED

Resident parking issues on the High Street	**P/H 301:** Over the past 12 months, residents have found it increasingly difficult to park their cars. Following a resident complaint, the parish council agreed to speak to the local pubs, Cross Street Garage and the owners of the Co-op to see if a solution could be found that would involve residents parking in the car parks of local businesses. Cllr MC has facilitated a resolution and this has been communicated to affected residents.	Due to this issue only affecting a relatively small number of people, proactive communications are not necessary.	
Press, Media & Social Media Policy in relation to planning applications	**P/H 012:** Members asked the Clerk to draft a paragraph for inclusion in the Press, Media & Social Media Policy regarding the parish council's response to planning applications. The draft paragraph is to be presented for consideration at the next F&GP Meeting. **PH/024:** Members agreed to the draft wording as presented. This has now been incorporated into the policy following approval at Full Council in June 2026.	The item itself refers to the parish council's approach to communications and is therefore not considered a communications item in its own right.	
Wales & West Roadworks on Swindon Road/Marlborough Road	**PH/034:** Information has been provided by SBC about the closure of Marlborough Road. This is has been communicated on the parish council's social media channels. **PH/055:** Members of the public attended the meeting in July to raise their concerns about the closure. The Deputy Clerk agreed to write to SBC and W&W with numerous questions and to invite them to attend the meeting on 29 July. The whole project is now complete, though W&W will be returning to Swindon Road and Moormead Road for one week during the 2027 summer holidays.	The parish council is not responsible for this project and has not been sufficiently informed about it from either Wales & West or SBC. We will therefore be limited in what information we can share about it.	

PROJECTS ON TRACK

Burderop House event licence	**P/H 294:** Once events start, monitor the situation to see how the parish is affected. Work with Chiseldon PC where appropriate.	May need to respond to situations if they arise.	
Neighbourhood Plan 2026-2036	The community survey that will inform the creation of the new Neighbourhood Plan was launched on Monday 17 August 2026. Physical and online surveys were available and residents had unti Monday 21 September to respond. The community survey has now been completed and the Deputy Clerk is in the process of collating the results. We expect the full results to be made public later this autumn. **(NEW INPUT)** A Neighbourhood Plan Working Party meeting was held on Wednesday 18 November and an update will be brought to the committee on Wednesday 25 November.	This is a significant public interest matter. Numerous opportunities will arise as the project continues.	

Legge House Planning Application	**P/H 289:** The parish council objected due to concerns around access to the property negatively affecting the nearby remembrance garden and graves. A call-in application was submitted to SBC by the ward councillors. **P/H 012:** Committee members wanted to ensure that any future communications centred on concerns around construction traffic damaging the nearby garden, rather than on ordinary car traffic if/when the development is complete. The application was heard by SBC's Planning Committee on Tuesday 14 July. The application was granted, subject to conditions to protect the remembrance garden and graves. The parish will keep an eye on the work as it progresses to ensure these conditions are being adhered to. One of the conditions attached to this application is for a Construction and Demolition Method Statement to be submitted to SBC for approval before work starts. This statement has not yet been received by SBC.	Residents share the parish council's concerns about damage being caused to the remembrance garden and graves. Due to the public interest in this application, the parish council will keep residents informed about its progress.	
Former Co-op Site Planning Application	**P/H 289:** The parish council objected due to concerns around insufficient car parking spaces. The application was granted on 22 May 2026. The Deputy Clerk has asked SBC for an update on when work is likely to start.	Ongoing communications throughout the development period where necessary.	
Hills Development and Cricket Pavilion	The Hills development in North Wroughton is currently ongoing.	Some comms opportunties may exist around the cricket pavilion. Matters relating to the ongoing Hills development would likely not be communicated by the parish council unless significant public interest matters arise.	

PROJECTS ONGOING BUT WITH SOME CONCERN

Biodiversity Net Gain	**P/H 295:** Explore the BDNG in more detail where appropriate and monitor South Swindon PC's experiences. The Deputy Clerk has written to landowners to ask if land can be allocated for BNG credits. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk met with one landowner in September 2026 to discuss options for BNG. The landowner was keen to progress and the Deputy Clerk made contact with SBC to see how this could be done. No response has been received yet but the Deputy Clerk will continue to push SBC to maximise BNG options for the parish.	None identified yet.	

Road Safety	**P/H 310:** SBC will not support any speed interventions on Church Hill due to the absence of evidence to suggest speeding is a problem. Members asked about the feasibility of moving the current speed signs on Church Hill and Brimble Hill to more suitable locations and asked for an investigation to take place into siting a SID on Wharf Road, between the junctions of Maunsell Way and Ashen Copse Road. Members also asked to see the speed date for the current SID on Brimble Hill. **P/H 013:** SBC require up to date speed survey data for any location that may require an intervention. The Deputy Clerk will progress with acquiring speed data for potential schemes on Wharf Road, Brimble Hill and Church Hill. SBC charges £103.70 per location for a 7-day survey period, with each additional week charged at £49.78 per location. Members also asked the Deputy Clerk to explore reducing the speed limit on Brimble Hill from 50mph to 40mph to slow traffic on the approach to Wanshot Close. This will also require speed survey data. **PH/032:** The committee agreed for Devizes Road to be included in the speed data survey list. In particular, the section of road on the lead up to the pedestrian crossing near Barratt Way. **PH/098:** The results of the speed survey show that traffic is not travelling fast enough at those locations (Wharf Road, Brimble Hill and Devizes Road) for SBC to support the installation of a SID. Discussions are ongoing on how to proceed. At a meeting of the Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership on 3 November 2026, Perry Payne (partnership lead) suggested that the parish council could run a communications campaign on social media to help improve road safety in the parish. **(NEW INPUT) PH/190:** The committee requested that a communications campaign be developed to raise awareness of road safety issues. The Deputy Clerk is in the process of putting a campaign together and abn update will be brought to a future meeting.	Numerous opportunities to communicate the results of investogatory work to residents. Comms if/when SIDs are installed.	
Speeding on Marlborough Road and Brimble Hill	**P/H 014:** The Deputy Clerk will speak to SBC (Philip Martlew and Cllr Nick Gardiner) to check if there is any existing GPS data available which the parish council can have access too and use. Further work to tackle speeding at this location will be progressed once we have up to date survey data. This data has been received and shared with the committee. It shows that speeds at this location are below the threshold for an intervention, and so SBC will not support any speed reduction proposals.	It's important that the parish council keeps people up to date with this work as it's a significant public interest concern. However, because speeds are lower than initially thought, there will unlikley be any interventions that SBC will approve.	
Flooding	A meeting of the Flood Working Party took place on Tuesday 7 September at 2pm. Members heard that SBC intends to publish its Flood Prevention Strategy for consultation later this year. SBC confirmed that Wroughton will have its own standalone strategy document. The next Flood WP meeting will take place on Monday 2 November at 2pm. **(NEW INPUT)** A site visit is being arranged to enable members of the Flood Working Party to meet up with a local resident to better understand the flooding issues at The Pitchens. An update following this site visit will be brought to a future committee meeting.	Opportunities will exist for the parish council to engage the public over various matters relating to flooding.	
M4 Bridge Works, North Wroughton	**P/H 006:** Chris Hilldrup from National Highways attended the meeting on 3 June 2026 to update members. Due to engineering and funding difficulties, the bridge is likely to remain with its current arrangements in place for the next few years. In the meantime, efforts should be made to explore how making small changes to mitigate the worst aspects of the design can be implemented. The Deputy Clerk will liaise with National Highways, Swindon Borough Council and South Swindon Parish Council to see if an arrangement can be made to tidy up the bridge in the interim period. The Deputy Clerk will also work with National Highways to explore mitigation solutions and changes to the current signage. These conversations have been initiated but responses have yet to be received.	The advice from National Highways is for updates on the bridge to be communicated through word-of-mouth rather than via official channels.	
Changes to National Planning Rules	**PH/030:** The committee expressed disappointment at the proposed changes. The Deputy Clerk has written to SBC to request a meeting to understand how the new arrangements will work going forward. SBC has declined the meeting but noted the parish council's interest in the matter. **(NEW INPUT)** An update on this matter will be brought before the committee on 25 November.	While this is a significant public interest matter, it is out of the parish council's control and we should therefore be cautious about how we communicate it, if at all.	

Artis Farm Planning Application	**PH/044:** Members resolved to object to the 185 home application. The parish council published its objections online and encouraged residents to submit their own objections.	While there is enormous public interest in this application, the limited scope for direct parish council involvement will reduce the opportunities for organic communications. The parish council will seek to keep the community informed of key developments but as mere stutory consultees, the parish is unlikely to have access to information that is not already in the public domain.	
New Children's Home in Wichelstowe	**CAOS/30:** This item was initially brought to CA&OS but will hereafter be the responsibility of P&H. At a meeting in July, members heard from Cllr Kate Tomlinson, the SBC Cabinet Member for Children's Services, about the borough's initial plans. A pre-planning application is likely to be submitted at some point during the summer. Members will then decide whether or not to support the application. A formal planning application has now been submitted to SBC. The committee agreed to support the planning application and to communicate their support to the public. The planning application has been approved and the parish council communicated its support.	This is a significant public interest matter and it will likely be necessary for the parish council to update the public on progres. However, this is an SBC scheme and keeping residents informed is the responsibility of the borough.	
Moormead Road Allotments/Akers Site	The parish council is working to secure the freehold of the allotment site in light of the Akers land appearing in the new Swindon Local Plan. This work is ongoing and progress updates will be shared with the P&H Committee at appropriate times.	This is a significant public interest matter and it will likely be necessary for the parish council to update the public on progres.	
Car Parking Outside Ridgeway School	PH/137: A resident attended a meeting on 30 September to raise concerns about parents blocking residents' drives and generally parking irresponsibly and illegaly at school pick up and drop off times. The Deputy Clerk has written to SBC and Ridgeway School to explore possible solutions. Conversations are ongoing.	There may be scope for communications if there is positive news to report, and any messages would need to be communicated in partnership with key stakeholders.	

PROJECTS STOPPED OR DELAYED

New Wichelstowe Medical Facility	Planning permission has been granted but the ICB is not moving forward. The parish will continue to liaise with stakeholders to explore options.	Opportunities may exist if any significant developments occur.	
Cycling Infrastructure	To explore opportunities to enhance cycling infrastructure at suitable places around the parish. A suggestion from Cllr Mark Trigg.	TBC	N/A