



**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
9 JANUARY 2019**

PRESENT

Councillor (Mrs) P Webster (In the Chair)

Councillor: R Acres
A Bishop
(Mrs) J Bishop
(Mrs) J Clark
G Edwards
N Gardiner
(Mrs) M Penny
K Smith
(Mrs) L Vardy

IN ATTENDANCE

Ten Members of the Public, Mr R McCabe, Mr C Parker, Pentylands Lane (Briefing) and one Member of the Press.

77. Councillors C Adams, P Adams, (Mrs) A Durrant, (Mrs) A H Livall and S Weisinger



Highworth is a Fair Trade Town



Twinned with Wassenberg



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Councillor (Mrs) P Webster thanked the eleven Councillors who were able to attend, and those who apologised, for their support at the Swindon Borough Council Planning Committee the previous evening, Tuesday 8 January 2019. The Committee approved the application for a new Aldi.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

78. Application **S/18/1916RM** – Erection of a single storey building for Pre-School and a 2.3m high boundary fence. Southfield Junior School, Shrivenham Road, Highworth.

Councillors R Acres, (Mrs) L Vardy and N Gardiner all declared an interest in the above application, took no part in the debate and did not participate in the decision making.

COTSWOLD GATEWAY PARK - PENTYLANDS LANE (BRIEFING)

79. Mr C Parker presented to the Councillors on behalf of Mr R McCabe, information in support of Planning Application **S/18/1822RM**. Change of use from Equestrian Land to Caravan Park and associated works, The Copse, Pentylands.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

80. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARYFULL COUNCIL (PLANNING) MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2018 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** (The Minutes were duly signed).

MATTERS ARISING

81. None

CORRESPONDENCE

82. A letter from Highworth Tennis Club asking permission of Highworth Town Council (HTC) to put in a planning application to install floodlights at the tennis courts. Councillors agreed to allow a Planning Application to be submitted to Swindon Borough Council but asked that consideration be given within the application as to how the floodlighting might affect the neighbouring homes.

An invitation for HTC to make a financial contribution to the cost of the floodlighting is considered to be too early to decide. It was suggested that the Highworth Tennis Club may wish to attend a meeting and share its plans for the future with the Councillors.

HIGHWORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – PROPOSED LETTER TO MP

83. Councillors unanimously agreed that a letter is to be sent to Mr Justin Tomlinson MP to ask him to support the Ten Minute Rule Bill regarding Neighbourhood Plans put forward by John Howell MP.

PLANNING PERMISSIONS/REFUSALS

PERMISSIONS

84. a. **S/HOU/18/1638CHHO** - Erection of a first floor side and single storey rear extension. 32 Brookfield, Highworth. **(Councillors recommended acceptance)**
- b. **S/HOU/18/1647CHHO** - Erection of a first floor rear extension. 17 Lismore Road, Highworth. **(Councillors recommended acceptance)**

REFUSALS

85. a. **S/HOU/18/1597RM** - Retention of a single storey rear extension with raised paving. 34A Stapleton Close, Highworth. **(Councillors recommended refusal)**

Councillors request that SBC be asked what steps are to be taken to ensure compliance with this refusal of a Retrospective Planning Application.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

86. a. **S/18/1822 RM** - Change of use from Equestrian Land to Caravan Park and associated works. The Copse, Pentylands Lane, Highworth. Councillors are aware that the Officers consulted have all recommended refusal and are in agreement with them. **Councillors recommend refusal**

Councillors agreed completely with the objections of the Landscape Officer. The proposed development does not respect the local landscape and would be at odds with safeguarding Pentylands Park from development that would be detrimental to it. Councillors are also in agreement with the findings of the Senior Transport Development Management Engineer – that the proposal has failed to demonstrate safe and suitable access for all, including means of sustainable transport, as such is contrary to policies TR1 and TR2 of the Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026, and the Rights of Way Officer's comments regarding the footpath.

The area is prone to flooding, is adjacent to a watercourse and Councillors are also concerned as to where the sewerage is expected to go. The current application does not address these issues sufficiently.

- b. **S/18/1916 RM** - Erection of a single storey building for Pre-School and a 2.3m high boundary fence. Southfield Junior School, Shrivenham Road, Highworth. **Councillors recommend refusal**

The drawings provided do not show the access (provided since 1983) to Vorda Playgroup so it is not clear if that will remain. They would also like an Archaeological overview of the application site.

The subject of a proposal to provide another Nursery/Pre-school in Highworth is to be considered at the next GP&F meeting.

c. **S/HOU/18/2031LZWI** - Erection of a first floor side extension, single storey rear extension and front and rear dormer windows. 92 The Dormers Highworth Swindon. **Councillors recommend acceptance**

d. **S/18/2069HC** - Erection of 2 no. dwellings and associated works. Land Adjacent To 12 Station Road Highworth. **Councillors recommend acceptance**

MEMBERS' BUSINESS

87. a. **Councillor (Mrs) P Webster**. A letter is to be written to SBC Head of Planning regarding the Swindon Borough Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 8 January 2019. The Chair of Planning is to sign.
- b. **Councillor K Smith**. The Fox sculpture should be ready to install towards the end of February.
- c. **Councillor (Mrs) M Penny**. She informed Councillors that the authority to transfer the Lower Rec to the Town Council on a long lease was signed off on 3 January 2019. She will forward copies of correspondence to the Clerk.
- d. **Councillor (Mrs) L Vardy**. A letter is to be written to the Sue Ryder charity shop to ask if there is any way to reduce and have more frequent collections for the number of Eurobins in use by the shop or to mitigate how they look in the Conservation area.

Meeting closed 8.07pm