



### MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (PLANNING) MEETING 5 JANUARY 2021

#### PRESENT

Councillor (Miss) J Murphy (In the Chair)

Councillors: (Mrs) K Barber  
(Mrs) J H Bishop  
A Bishop  
G Evans  
N Gardiner  
(Mrs) M Penny  
P Newton-Smith  
K Smith  
K Saunders  
(Mrs) L Vardy  
S Weisinger  
R Williams  
S Wolfensohn

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Five Members of the Public

#### APOLOGIES

50. Councillor G Olley



## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

51. Councillor S Wolfensohn declared that he wished to make a general comment on a Planning Application situated close to his home. There is no pecuniary interest and so he participated in the debate.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

52. None.

## CORRESPONDENCE

53. a. An email was received from a resident of Redlands Close regarding the flashing 30mph signs on the A361 and the speed of traffic on that road. This was dealt with by Councillor (Mrs) M Penny who liaised with a number of Officers at Swindon Borough Council (SBC) before responding to the residents directly, advising them of the Community Speedwatch group at Redlands.
- b. An email has been received from the Police and Crime Commissioners Office. It is to be forwarded to all Councillors to enable them to view the video link and Public Consultation Survey link.

## MINUTES OF MEETINGS

54. **RESOLVED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL (PLANNING) MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2020 BE ADOPTED AND SIGNED.** (The Minutes are to be duly signed).

## MATTERS ARISING

55. None.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN WORKING PARTY (NPWP) REPORT

56. A NPWP Meeting was held this morning. Items considered were:-
- The need to establish a Communications Strategy to engage with residents of the Town. This is to include how we inform residents of the Neighbourhood Plan and how the Plan can be shaped in the future.
  - The current Neighbourhood Plan is being reviewed to assess what information can be carried forward and what needs updating or amending and any new content that is relevant. What defines an updated Plan or a new Plan depends on how much of the content is updated, this can be confirmed with Phil Smith once this exercise has been completed.
  - Working towards implementing improvements to Swindon Street, which is an aspiration in the current Neighbourhood Plan, particularly funding options.
  - A 'scoping exercise' for headings for the Plan.
  - The possibility of inviting other residents to join the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.
  - Funding opportunities are being explored.

The Minutes are to be distributed to Councillors as are the Terms of Reference.

Councillors agreed it is important to keep the Neighbourhood Plan current and up to date and that the current Neighbourhood Plan Review should continue. The scoping information can be used when a new Neighbourhood Plan is written. Councillors also asked that Phil Smith be invited to a future Council Meeting to clarify what constitutes updating the Plan as opposed to a new Plan.

## RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE NPWP TO INVITE MORE NON-COUNCILLORS TO JOIN THE GROUP

57. This Resolution was deferred.

## PLANNING PERMISSIONS AND REFUSALS

### PLANNING PERMISSIONS

58. a. S/HOU/20/1109 RACH Installation of a roof window on the front elevation, raise the roof height and replace tiles on existing garage. Shamba, 20 Eastrop, Highworth.
- b. S/LDP/20/1147 RACH Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) for the erection of a single storey rear extension. 28 Edencroft, Highworth.
- c. S/PHOU/20/1221 PEKO Prior approval is not required for the erection of a single storey rear extension measuring 6.0m (from original rear wall), 2.65m (maximum height), and 2.35m (height to eaves). 3 North View, Highworth.

### PLANNING REFUSALS

59. a. S/20/1184 RACH Erection of 1 no. dwelling and associated works. Land at 10 Oak Drive, Highworth. Councillors recommended refusal.
- b. S/OUT/20/0732 TB Outline planning application for the erection of 5no. dwellings (Access, Layout and Scale not reserved). Barn Cottage, Swindon Road, Highworth. Councillors strongly recommended refusal.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

60. a. [S/20/1424](#) RACH Change of use from Storage & Delivery of Portable Toilets (Use class B2) to vehicle recovery and storage (Use class B8) and associated works – Retrospective. Cotswold Vehicle Recovery, Swindon Ltd, Tesla Park, Blackworth Industrial Estate, Highworth, SN6 7NA. **Councillors recommend acceptance** but expressed disappointment that this application is retrospective.
- b. [S/20/1531](#) PEEG Regularisation of Access/Driveway and associated works – Retrospective. Farm Buildings, Eastrop Farm, Highworth. **Councillors recommend acceptance.** but expressed disappointment that this application is retrospective.
- c. [S/HOU/20/1496](#) PEKO Erection of a detached garage. 40 Park Avenue, Highworth, SN6 7AW. **Councillors recommend acceptance.** Please note that the boundary shown in the block plan encompasses land owned by Swindon Borough Council.

d. [S/HOU/20/1519](#) EMMI Installation of Full Height First Floor side window (clear glass) to bedroom. 1 Westhill Close, Highworth, SN6 7BY. **Councillors defer to officers.**

e. [S/RES/20/1140](#) TOBU Application for approval of reserved matters in relation to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale from previous Outline Planning Application S/OUT/18/1067 – Erection of 3no. bungalows and associated works. 2 Swindon Road, Highworth, SN6 7SJ. The application is not for bungalows and therefore **Councillors recommend refusal.**

## **MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

61. a. Councillor (Miss) J Murphy. She informed Councillors that she has been asked to attend a Meeting with the SBC Highways Officer at Shrivenham Road in her capacity as a Governor of Warneford School regarding the safety of the school children. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny has also been asked to attend.
- b. Councillor (Mrs) M Penny. She informed Councillors that the Outline Application for the erection of a new dwelling at 17 The Lodge, Swindon Road, is to be considered at the SBC Planning Committee Meeting to be held on 12 January 2021.

**Meeting closed 8.30 pm**

### **Action Points: -**

Planning letter to be sent to SBC