

HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee of Haydon Wick Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Swindon, SN25 1QQ.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS: Councillors A John (Chairman), J Fuller (Vice Chair), S Fateru, G Choudhury, R Hailstone, R Ross, A Roupelis

OFFICER: Chief Officer/Clerk & RFO, Georgina Morgan-Denn

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Brown (resident), Cllr V Manro, Cllr J Jackson, Cllr R Worman, Cllr O Munaglala

PH 001 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and noted from Councillor R Hailstone and Councillor A Roupelis (personal commitments).

PH 002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr V Manro will not participate in 7.1 due to a personal interest with the applicant.

PH 003 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were nine members of the public present. Residents spoke of their serious concerns to do with the Arqiva - Thames Waters' subcontractor's application for a Thames Water 12m communications mast in Paddock Close. They stated the company's initial communications had an incorrect postcode which meant many of the affected residents ignored it. The residents had serious concerns about potential collapse, insurance cover, the mast being completely inappropriate to the local surroundings and how the mast could be moved further away from residential housing without any detrimental effect on the signaling. It was also noted that it was not just the mast but the additional white boxes which must be installed next to it becoming a magnet for graffiti and antisocial behaviour. The Committee's attention was also drawn to Arqiva's own policies IN3 and DE1 in their application which state they would protect the amenity whilst being 'situated as far as technically possible from the view of residential receptors'. It was noted that the proposed location was directly in the entrance of Paddock Close and just 8m from one residential property with several others directly affected too. The residents also stated the cabinets would seriously hinder the visibility for drivers turning onto the main road.

Swindon Borough Ward Cllr Stanka Adamcova was in attendance to update the meeting on the Borough Council's view. She explained that she couldn't call in the original application and it would be decided by the Planning Officers. This is because the decision needs to be made within 56 days since the application was received. She is working with the Officers channeling the residents' concerns, together with fellow Ward Councillor, Cllr J Jackson. They have issued a letter to the officers to propose an alternative location where the mast could be sited, and the Planning Officers still need to consult the Highways Team and Arqiva's agent about

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the proposed alternative location to understand if this location is suitable. The determination deadline is 11th July 2023.

The Chairman thanked the residents for attending and explained the item would be discussed in more detail during agenda item 6.

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CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcomed former councillor, Linda Brown who stood down after 17 years at the Parish Council. Linda has offered her experience by attending planning meetings to give some advice; however, she cannot vote on any decisions. Mentioned the summer event on the 15th July and encouraged councillors to assist in the event, where possible.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Tuesday 18th April 2023 and agreed that they were a true record.

Proposed: Councillor R Ross Seconded: Councillor J Fuller

Vote: Agreed unanimously with two (2) abstentions.

RESOLVED: Members confirmed as a true record the minutes with amendments of meetings held on Tuesday 18th April 2023 and the Chairman signed.

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PLANNING APPLICATION S/T/23/0621

The Committee agreed to suspend Standing Orders to receive input from the residents present.

Members discussed the Prior Approval Application for the installation of a 12-metre-high street works pole and associated antenna. The Committee has received significant opposition from residents. Members discussed alternative sites within the parish. It was acknowledged that the Parish Council must provide these alternatives to the Borough Council as soon as possible. Suggestions were the Haydon Wick Parish Council Goodearl allotment site, which would be more secure and resistant to potential vandalism or within Thames Waters' own Greenmeadow pumping station in an equally secure and designated area in the parish.

Councillors agreed to discuss the locations at next week's Full Council meeting and submit their suggestions to Swindon Borough Council on the 28th June 2023.

Members of the public left the meeting.

Proposed: Councillor J Fuller Seconded: Councillor S Fateru

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To discuss the locations at next week's Full Council meeting and submit their suggestions to Swindon Borough Council on the 28th June 2023.

PH 007	PLANNING APPLICATIONS		
	The Committee considered the following applications:		
PH 007.1	S/HOU/23/0305	1 Bryant Road, Swindon	Conversion of garage to office.

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	HWPC Comments: No objection.		
PH 007.2	S/23/0411	11 Cayenne Park, Woodhall Park	Change of use of public open space to domestic garden and erection of 1.75m high fencing.
	HWPC Comments: No Objection. The Committee would like it noted that they were concerned about the loss of trees and natural habitat and request a Planning Condition be included to ensure there will be no permanent structure erected.		
PH 007.3	S/HOU/23/0529	5 Cayenne Park, Woodhall Park	Erection of a single storey rear extension, conversion of garage into living room accommodation and alterations to driveway to provide a level car parking area.
	HWPC Comments: No Objection.		
	S/HOU/23/0539	11 Graythwaite Close, Abbey Meads	Erection of single storey front/side, two storey side and single storey rear extensions.
	HWPC Comments: Objection. Reference to SBC's Residential Extensions & Alterations Supplementary Planning Document. 4.15: Ridge Height Below Existing – the proposed extension contravenes this policy and is dominant and out of scale with the host dwelling.		
	S/HOU/23/0557	54 Capesthorne Drive, Haydon End	Erection of a single storey rear extension
	HWPC Comments: No Objection.		
	S/HOU/23/0602	49 Cloverlands, Haydon Wick	Erection of a single storey side extension.
	HWPC Comments: No Objection.		
PH 008	GRANTS, REFUSALS, WITHDRAWALS, LAWFUL DEVELOPMENTS AND PRIOR APPROVALS		
PH 008.1	S/23/0080	Blunsdon Road Allotment Gardens	Erection of a grounds maintenance facility comprising of workshops, offices and parking, incorporating an area of open space circa 25sqm (Variation of conditions 2 & 7 from Planning Permission S/21/1430)
	HWPC Comments: Not required to comment.		

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PH 008.2	S/TPO/23/0 389	20 Frome Road, Haydon Wick	Works to trees under TPO 2 2016	Granted Consent.
HWPC Comments: Not required to comment.				
PH 008.3	S/TPO/23/0 350	1 Park Farm, Moredon	Works to trees within TPO No 35 2010	Granted Consent.
HWPC Comments: Not required to comment.				
PH 008.4	S/HOU/23/0 407	15 Tees Close, Haydon Wick	Erection of a single storey rear extension.	Approved.
HWPC Comments: No objection.				

PH 009**TRAFFIC ON ELSTREE WAY**

Members noted concerns from a resident regarding traffic management on Elstree Way in Abbey Meads. It was suggested that the resident works with their Ward Councillor to champion the matter at Swindon Borough Council's Highways Department. *Chief Officer to respond to resident.*

PH 010**ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

Members noted the lack of response from Enforcement Officers at Swindon Borough Council. During the recent Swindon Local Council's Forum there were no other live local enforcement issues to collectively progress with. The SBC Officer present at the Forum meeting confirmed that the Department has been under resourced, and the priority has been on the statutory planning applications and hopes to deal with the enforcement issues through conversations prior to legal action.

Outstanding enforcement matters include 1B The Brow and 162 Avonmead – the latter has been ongoing since 2019, as such it was commented how long will it be before it is classed as a permanent structure? *Chief Officer to email SBC.*

PH 011**PLANNING & ENFORCEMENT TRAINING**

Members noted the SBC Planning Training on 19th September 2023. All planning applications will go to Full Council that month as the training clashes with the Planning & Highways Committee date. The training is mandatory for all new Councillors on the Planning & Highways Committee and is useful for returning Councillors to receive refresher training and listen in to questions from other parishes. *Chief Officer to send SBC's invitation to all.*

PH 012**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

To be sent to the Chief Officer in advance of the next meeting on 18th July 2023.

The meeting closed at 1948.

Chairman _____

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