

HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee of Haydon Wick Parish Council held on Tuesday 21st March 2023 at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Swindon, SN25 1QQ.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS: Councillors A John (Chairman), J Fuller (Vice Chair), E Baker Lee, L Brown, R Hailstone and R Ross

OFFICER: Deputy Clerk & Services Manager, L Cutter

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors S Callen (Personal Commitments), L Rhys-Jones (Work Commitments) and A Roupelis (Personal Commitments). No apologies were received from Councillor S Fateru.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were two members of the public present.

One member of the public advised that Swindon Borough Council has set the pothole budget at £621,000.00 for pothole repairs and suggests that the Parish Council get requests in as soon as possible.

Questioned if the Parish Council was consulted about the pedestrian crossing at Pen Close/ Thames Avenue? *Members explained that Parish Council was not consulted but when requested 10 – 12 years ago residents objected.* Acknowledged that the criteria for new pedestrian crossings seem to be near cycle routes or shops but do not seem to take in to account local primary schools. *This will be raised with Swindon Borough Council Ward Councillors.*

The other member of public has raised some planning enforcement issues to Swindon Borough Council but is yet to receive a response and queried if this is something that parish councils are experiencing? Members acknowledged two outstanding planning enforcement issues that the Council raised in 2020 and explained that there is only one Enforcement Officer at Swindon Borough Council. This is an item that can be raised at the upcoming Swindon Local Council Forum meeting.

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CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Members reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 28th February 2023 and agreed they were a true record.

Proposed: Councillor L Brown Seconded: Councillor R Ross

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

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RESOLVED: Members confirmed as a true record the minutes with amendments of meetings held on Tuesday 28th February 2023 and the Chairman signed.

PH 112**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered the following applications:

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S/23/0080	Blunsdon Road Allotment Gardens, Blunsdon Road	Erection of a grounds maintenance facility comprising of workshops, offices, and parking, incorporating an area of open space circa 25 sqm (variation of conditions 2 and 7 from Planning Permissions S/21/1430).
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HWPC Comments: Not required to comment.

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S/HOU/23/0180	24 Marigold Close, Woodhall Park	Erection of a single storey side extension.
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HWPC Comments: **No objection.**

PH 113**GRANTS, REFUSALS, WITHDRAWALS, LAWFUL DEVELOPMENTS AND PRIOR APPROVALS.**

S/22/1644	6 Jason Close, Oakhurst	Erection of a detached single storey building for use as a Dog Grooming Parlour.	Withdrawn.
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HWPC Comments: **Objection with Additional Comments.** Committee does not wish to call this into the SBC Planning & Highways Committee. Members had sympathy with issues the residents raised, however, some examples were not material considerations and would not be considered by SBC's Planning Officers. However, the Council agrees with the Highways Officer's comment who declined this application on basis of vehicle movements and unsafe roads. Noise and pollution concerns are for Environmental Health to investigate, and it has asked some more questions. Industrial strength motor in a residential area is a cause for concern and should be investigated as Noise Exposure is a planning consideration as per the Government's guidelines.

S/HOU/22/1733	7 Capesthorpe Drive, Haydon Wick	Erection of two storey side extension and box dormer window to rear roof and rooflight to the front roof.	Granted.
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HWPC Comments: **No Objection.**

S/HOU/22/1768	3 Tarragon Close, Woodhall Park	Erection of a single storey front extension and conversion of garage into living accommodation.	Granted.
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HWPC Comments: **No Objection.**

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S/22/1774	14 Churchfield, Haydon Wick	Change of use from 1 no. dwelling to a home for 5no. looked-after young persons (class C2) and erection of a dormer and change of use of garage to games room.	Granted.
HWPC Comments: No objection with additional comments. The dwelling has seven bedrooms for residents and carers. The Parish Council would like to request that there is a condition regarding the parking, to confine to only use three spaces allocated within the plans.			
S/HOU/22/1822	5 Prospero Way, Haydon End	Raise height of existing roof.	Granted.
HWPC Comments: Did not receive application.			
S/22/1823	Home Ground Pharmacy, Thames Avenue	Installation of a Medpoint Solo prescription collection machine.	Granted.
HWPC Comments: Not required to comment. Members were concerned that as the neighbouring property the Parish Council was not informed of the application.			
S/ADV/22/1824	Home Ground Pharmacy, Thames Avenue	Display of vinyl wrap to the side of the machine with pharmacy name and logo, non-illuminated.	Granted.
HWPC Comments: Not required to comment. Members were concerned that as the neighbouring property the Parish Council was not informed of the application.			
S/HOU/23/0002	30 Cranborne Chase, Taw Hill	Erection of a single storey rear extension.	Granted.
HWPC Comments: No Objection. Additional comments for the attention of the Planning Officer – will this extension result in adequate car parking spaces? There is insufficient information relating to parking in the application documents.			
S/LDP/23/0001	14 Wynwards Road, Abbey Meads	Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) for the erection of a single storey rear extension.	Granted.
HWPC Comments: Not required to comment.			
S/LDP/23/0175	8 Caraway Drive, Woodhall Park	Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) for the conversion of garage into living accommodation.	Refused. HWPC Not Required To Comment.
HWPC Comments: Not required to comment.			

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TREE WORKS

Members noted that Swindon Borough Council has approved works to trees within the Tree Preservation Order 35 – 2010 in Silbury Mews, Moredon.

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PLANNING OBJECTION PROCESS

Members noted a report giving a proposal of marking the objections in low, medium, or high so when questioned by the Planning Officer the Committee will be able to state how strongly it feels about the objections and if there is scope to withdraw objections with further information or guidance from the Planning Officer.

Temporary suspension of standing orders was agreed to allow the member of public to join the discussion, who advised that the tabled document does not make any provision for disability alterations or new builds.

Members explained that Swindon Borough Council's Supplementary Planning Document is a guide only and does not cover legislation. The document is designed to aid Councillors through decision processes. Each application will be reviewed on an individual case by case basis and incorporate Disability Acts where necessary.

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POTHoles AND FADING ROAD MARKINGS

The current process for filling the potholes adopted nationally by Borough, District and County Councils is very temporary and may cause further issues in the winter months. This will result in more spending more funds for future maintenance. Current standards are that potholes up to 30mm will be inspected, but if a pothole is 41mm deep this is considered as dangerous and a priority repair.

Members also discussed faded road markings. Some sites to raise to Swindon Borough Council's Highways Team are:

- The pedestrian crossing outside Morrisons on Thames Avenue
- The mini roundabout on Westfield Way/Thames Avenue
- The mini roundabout on Thames Avenue/ Old Blunsdon Road
- Purton Road
- Tadpole Lane from Oakhurst towards Swindon & Cricklade Railway
- Thamesdown Drive North Bound Purton Road/ Blunsdon Arms
- The Brow

Members will contact the Deputy Clerk with any other sites for inclusion to pass to Swindon Borough Council by Friday 31st March 2023.

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BUS SERVICE UPDATE

Members recalled the consultation work done on behalf of the residents who attended the Planning & Highways Committee last year. A response was received from Swindon Bus Company and Swindon Borough Council that the bus service is temporary and will continue as is. Since then, Swindon Borough Ward Councillors have agreed to investigate this as reports of residents driving on the public footpaths, any enquiries are forwarded to them directly as this is outside of the Parish Council's remit.

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PH 118 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

No response has been received from the Enforcement Team at Swindon Borough Council despite several chases. The last update was a push for recruitment at the beginning of January 2023. Swindon Borough Ward Councillors will be contacted to see if there are any updates.

PH 119 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Enforcement Issues

The meeting closed at 19.32pm

Chairman _____

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