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Minutes of the **Planning & Highways Committee** of Haydon Wick Parish Council held on **Tuesday 23rd June 2026** at 7.00pm in the Parish Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Swindon, SN25 1QQ.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS: Councillors A John (Chair), C Chikezie-Morris (Vice Chair), I Edwards, R Heath, J Ireland, L Jackson, B Patrick-Okoh, C Skinner.

OFFICERS: Georgina Morgan-Denn, Chief Officer/Clerk and RFO
Julie McMorrow, Meetings & HR Administrator

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor A Hughes and Councillor N Bradley

PH 012 APOLOGIES
Apologies were received from Councillor R Hailstone (Personal Commitments).

PH 013 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were none.

PH 014 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
There were none.

PH 015 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT
Nothing to report.

PH 016 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
Members reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee on Tuesday 26th May 2026 and agreed that they were a true record.
Proposed: Councillor L Jackson **Seconded: Councillor J Ireland**
Vote: Agreed with one (1) Abstention.
RESOLVED: Members confirmed as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on 26th May 2026.

Councillor C Skinner joined the meeting at 7.03pm

PH 017 CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT
Nothing to report.

PH 018 COUNCILLOR REPORTS
All Councillors had nothing to report.

PH 019	PLANNING APPLICATIONS		
	The Committee considered the following applications:		
PH 019.1	19.1 S/26/0692	Land at Orbital Shopping Park, North Swindon District Centre, Abbey Meads, Swindon	Application for the placement of a structure to be used as staff welfare structure. (Sui Generis).
	HWPC Comments: No Objection.		
PH 019.2	19.2 S/HOU/26/0718	19 The Brow, Haydon Wick, Swindon, SN25 1HT	Erection of single storey rear extension, front porch and detached rear garden room.

Initials: _____

	HWPC Comments: No Objection.			
PH 020	GRANTS, REFUSALS, WITHDRAWALS, LAWFUL DEVELOPMENTS AND PRIOR APPROVALS			
PH 020.1	020.1 <u>S/HOU/26/0429</u>	5 Holmleigh, Haydon Wick, Swindon, SN25 1RH	Extension to detached garage	GRANT
	HWPC Comments: No Objection			
PH 020.2	020.2 <u>S/HOU/26/0472</u>	39 March Close, Abbey Meads, Swindon, SN25 4XU	Erection of single storey rear extension and detached garden room/summer room.	GRANT

PH 021

COLD HARBOUR JUNCTION

A verbal update was given on the communications put to the North Swindon MP and a recent communication to Ward Councillors. The issue has been ongoing for some years and has become worse due to the new homes in St Andrews East (Stadium) and Blunsdon, the Ward Councillor advised they are aware of the holding objections by National Highways but it would seem they have circumvented for way of small developments. The Parish Council will continue to push for further updates.

PH 022

PLANNING COMMITTEES AND THE NATIONAL SCHEME OF DELEGATION FOR PLANNING FUNCTIONS.

Committee received an update on proposed national planning reforms, which would introduce a National Scheme of Delegation and reduce the number of applications decided by planning committees. Members noted that, under the proposals, parish councils would lose call-in powers, and routine applications would increasingly be determined by officers at Swindon Borough Council. Committee recognised the potential need to change the current Planning & Highways Committee into a Working Party in due course but were not ready to make that decision until later in the year. Committee concluded that the Parish Council has always considered planning applications with its residents in mind and reported any of their concerns to SBC quickly and effectively. Members were keen to ensure that residents are kept informed of any changes, and that this is supported by robust parish council communications. After a thorough debate, Committee unanimously agreed that no immediate decision should be taken, and that the matter should be deferred until closer to October 2026. The Committee would, however, raise the issue at Full Council this evening so that all Members' views on the matter can be considered.

Proposed: Councillor A John

Seconded: Councillor C Skinner

Vote: Agreed Unanimously.

RESOLVED: To defer any decision on changing the Planning & Highways Committee to a Working Party until closer to October 2026. The matter will be referred to Full Council this evening, so Full Council can give their views on the matter too. Agreed that residents must be kept informed of any changes.

PH 023

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

To be sent to the Chief Officer in advance of the next meeting on 28th July 2026.

The meeting closed at: 7.27 pm

Chairman _____

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