

South Willesborough and Newtown Community Council
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Planning and Highways Committee (PH16)
Wednesday 13th January 2021

MINUTES

Due to Technical issues the meeting opened at 7:18pm

In attendance:- Johnny Hunt (JH), Paul Bohill (PB), David Mullan (DM), Andy Rogers (AR) Eric Parkinson (EP)

Also in attendance Sarah Evans (SE) (Clerk)

1/21 Apologies for absence and approval

No apologies were needed.

2/21 Declarations of pecuniary, other significant or voluntary interest

No declarations were made.

3/21 To agree Minutes of the last meeting (PH15) and sign

Having considered any matters raised at Full Council the Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chair.

4/21 To consider responses to Planning applications

a) **20/01793/AS in respect of Site M North Section Orbital Park, The Long Barrow.**
No objections were made.

b) **20/00591/AS in respect of the Zone A Waterbrook Park, Waterbrook, Sevington.**
Concerns were raised regarding whether the amount of staff parking spaces would be sufficient for the likely demand given the size of the centre and the comparative number of van spaces allocated. This was in light of PPs comments at Full Council. It was considered likely this would significantly impact onto the SWAN area if staff are looking for local free or available parking. Also concerns were raised regarding access to the development as traffic is likely to increase and that this would be yet another further increase alongside the area being used for the MOJO services whilst flooding has prevented the works continuing. Members were concerned about an increased volume of traffic affecting the orbital park roundabout and the orbital area.

Resolved: Actions 1 SE To comment objections on planning portal. 2 SE to contact KCC regarding the lights not being in place on Orbital park as was indicated when MOJO was relocated to Waterbrook.

c) **Any other applications received before the meeting date.**

No further actions were received

5/21 Item referred by Council to Committee for review

The Committee considered a Draft letter to Environment Agency regarding flooding in SWAN area and approved the draft of it.

Further discussions were had on the attached photos and the issues of alleviating the flooding, DM mentioned that some time ago when tree surgery was being undertaken by the ASDA Underpass a

Victorian Soakaway was found it was broken and very damaged. DM had asked the contractors what would happen regarding this and was told that it would be reported but to date nothing seems to have been highlighted.

Members discussed the flooding alleviating measures in place at present, and discussed the wall by ASDA and debated whether it could be replaced by metal fencing to allow water to disperse more easily or whether bricks could be removed from the lower part of the wall and a camber put in to encourage water runoff.

Members also discussed the recent clean up which they requested from the last flooding and PB noted he had walked the underpass at 11pm and found the lights all in working order, the area leaned and deemed it in good working order.

Resolved: Agreed unanimously

- 1) To recommend the letter to Full Council as drafted.
- 2 Subject to reply from the Environmental Agency members agreed to note the measures discussed in the meeting and raise these with the EA.
- 3) Members agreed that subject to the reply they would seek advice from local MP as the flooding was a wider issue than SWAN area and involved multiple agencies.

Agreed: Actions

- 1)SE to send letter to Environment Agency.
- 2)SE to investigate if further information on the hidden Victorian Soakaway near Asda underpass can be found.
- 3)SE to investigate if further information can be found regarding the drainage facilities in the ASDA area.

6/21 To agree the date of the next meeting as 17th February 2021 and items to be included on the agenda.

Date agreed 17.2.2021

Agenda items to be discussed at next meeting reply from EA and any findings on the flooding and drainage situation.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

Signed _____
Chair

Date _____