

**South Willlesborough and Newtown Community Council**  
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**Planning and Highways Committee**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**MINUTES**

**In attendance:** - Andy Rogers (AR) (Chair), Paul Bohill (PB), Eric Parkinson (EP) David Mullen (DM) Rob Woods (Clerk).

**39/21 Apologies for absence and approval**

Sarah Evans (Clerk)

Johnny Hunt (JH) absent without apologies – absence not approved

**40/21 Declarations of pecuniary, other significant or voluntary interest**

No declarations were made.

**41/21 To agree Minutes of the last meeting (PH19) and sign**

**Proposed DM Seconded ER**

**Resolved:** Having considered any comments made by full Council, the Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chair

**42/21 To consider responses to Planning applications**

- a) **21/01594/CONE/AS Site M, South Section, Orbital Park** – Discharge of condition 9 – Ecological Enhancement **Resolved:- Agreed by unanimous vote** No objections
- b) **18/584/CONG/AS – Klondyke Housing site – Discharge of conditions 13a, 23 and 24**  
**Resolved:- Agreed by unanimous vote** No objections

**43/21 To consider Wainwright Place parking capacity and other issues**

Members discussed a report of the Clerk circulated in advance

AR confirmed he had requested information from ABC in October 2021 about parking enforcement but had not received a reply

Members discussed a range of interconnected issues and in the absence of any meaningful communication from Ashford Borough Council, expressed key concerns that

1. Ashford Borough Council may have underestimated the additional pressures on parking capacity in the area when new car-owning Klondyke site residents move in
2. With parking numbers close to the problematic, pre Covid levels and the imminent start of the Newtown Works, the area will be overwhelmed initially with contractors' vehicles (as experienced in the Klondyke development) and afterwards with vehicles owned by residents and visitors of the 300 new flats
3. Residents of Wainwright Place are being unfairly and unreasonably targeted by Ashford Borough Council and the Parking Enforcement companies

Members also discussed

1. The designation of parking permits which had resulted in residents of Wainwright Place being fined for parking in the Wainwright Place car park
2. SWAN Community Council's role, if any, in the Section 106 funded controlled parking zone review and the start of that review
3. A lack of communication on the timing of the Crowbridge Road hump bridge improvements.

4. Uncertainty about the degree of collaborative thinking on the impact and timing of the combination Klondyke site, Newtown Railway works, Crowbridge Road bridge improvements and A2070 improvements
5. A lack of clarity on Ashford Borough Council's vision for future parking needs in the area
6. A general confusion about ultimate responsibility for issuing and waiving of parking fines

**Resolved: By unanimous agreement to recommend that SWAN Council writes to Ashford Borough Council's Planning and Parking departments and their respective Portfolio holders to express SWAN Council's concerns, seek assurances and to invite representatives of Ashford Borough Council to attend a future SWAN Council meeting.**

**Action - Clerks/AR to agree the content of the letter/e-mail and submit it to the next Council meeting for discussion and agreement**

**44/21 To consider an e-mail from Kent Police on the means and cost of designing out nuisance motorbikes and agree recommendations**

Members discussed an e-mail from PCSO Welch on the means of designing out motorcycle nuisance on the route between Fairview estate and the Turner Close area and the request to consider a contribution towards the cost

**Resolved: By unanimous agreement to recommend to Council**

- a) to support the plans in principle subject to confirmation of responsibility for ongoing maintenance costs and insurance
- b) to support a funding cap of £2000 subject to a) above and Finance and General Purposes Committee approval

**45/21 To resubmit a report of the Clerk on parking problems on Kings Prospect, consider the impact of recent interventions and agree**

Members agreed to discuss this item in conjunction with 46/21

**46/21 To receive a verbal report of the Clerk on residents' concerns about problem parking in Jacobs Oak during the school run and agree a response**

Members responded to residents' concerns about parking issues in the Fairview estate area and to a report of the Clerk

**Resolved: By unanimous agreement that**

- a) SWAN Council has no legal power to intervene but should write to the estate Management Company, and in the case of Item 46/21, East Stour School to make them aware of residents' concerns and express the Council's concern about constricted access/egress for emergency vehicles
- b) The Council might better use of its social media platforms to highlight parking problems in the area

**Actions**

- a) Clerks to compose letter to the estate management company and send with AR approval
- b) AR to raise issues on use of social media at the next Council meeting

**47/21 To respond to an informal consultation on the design of a bell-mouth entrance with yellow lines to serve a construction vehicle depot on Long Barrow, Orbital Park and agree a response**

Members discussed an e-mail from the KCC Ward Councillor circulated prior to the meeting  
**Resolved: By unanimous agreement to respond to Councillor Campkin expressing SWAN Council's support for the project**

**48 /21 To agree the date of the next meeting as 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and items to be included on the agenda.**

**Meeting date agreed as 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 as Baxendale Court is not available on the above date**

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.07 pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Date \_\_\_\_\_