

SHRIVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL (SPC)

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Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 23rd September 2025 at 9:45 am

In the Council Office at the Memorial Hall

In attendance: Cllr. Richard Bartle (Chair)
Cllr. Bob Sheldon
Cllr. Julia Jones
Cllr. Elaine Ware
Cllr. Bjorn Watson

Staff

Alisha Sorr, Admin
Liza Whitney, Clerk

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. Lucy Brown
2. **Minutes of last meeting: 22nd July 2025:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2025 were signed as a correct record.
3. **Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations:** none
4. **Public participation:** none
5. **Discuss Shrivenham Parish Council's (SPC)'s response to Swindon Borough Council's proposed Local Plan:** 'The Swindon Plan 2025' (the primary planning document for the borough, guiding development through 2026, but a new plan is currently being developed to guide growth to 2043).

Both Oxford County Council (OCC) and SBC have been asked to ensure that there is a response from their respective councils and that SPC have a copy of this response.

The only communication received as of the 23rd September 2025 is confirmation from Vale of White Horse District Council (VoWHDC)'s Cllr. Katherine Foxhall that the Vale is preparing a response.

There are three engagement sessions to discuss the Local Plan: one in Central Swindon, one in Moredon and one in Wroughton.

The main concern of SPC is increase in number of proposed dwellings in the NEV, this was originally 8,000, then 8,900 and is now 10,000.

Highworth is a particular concern as it is already expanding, and SBC may see this as an opportunity to expand Highworth further which has implications for transport and the B4000 and the A240.

Transport is also a concern as since the report has been submitted, a number of changes have been made such as the expansion of South Marsden and the increase in distribution centres which has increased traffic on the A420.

It was agreed that SPC will write a formal response to SBC's Local Plan and both Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)'s Cllr. Emma Markham and VoWHDC's Cllr. Foxhall will be asked if they are prepared to attend one of the engagement sessions in Swindon, and respond as individual Councillors. The response deadline is Monday 13th October 2025.

Cllrs. Bartle and Ware will meet to draft a response to present at SPC's meeting on Wednesday 1st October.

6. a) Applications for Consideration:

- i) **P25/V1109/LDP – 1 Trajan Road.** Erection of UPVC glazed conservatory.
- ii) **P25/V0926/LDP – 15 Fairthorne Way.** Detached garage.

b) Decisions:

- i) **P24/V1867/FUL – Land to the west of Northford Close. New access to golf course for grounds maintenance vehicles.** Awaiting determination.
- i) **P25/V0050/HH – 6 Hicks Close.** Conversion of double garage to an annexe with an office and gym. Granted.
- ii) **P25/V0367/FUL - Smelting Yard Station Road Shrivenham Swindon SN6 8GG.** Partial change of use (75%) of existing agricultural building to light industrial / storage. Awaiting determination.
- iii) **P25/V0260/FUL - Shrivenham Church of England Primary School High Street Shrivenham Swindon SN6 8AA.** Replacement windows and rainwater goods to school listed building; alterations to the school grounds, including new fencing and repairs to a section of the boundary wall; and alterations to two modern unlisted buildings, comprising a replacement canopy and a small reception extension. Awaiting determination.
- iv) **P25/V0261/LB – Shrivenham Church of England Primary School, High Street.** Replacement windows and rainwater goods to school listed building; alterations to the school grounds, including new fencing and repairs to a section of the boundary wall; and alterations to two modern unlisted buildings, comprising a replacement canopy and a small reception extension. Awaiting determination.
- v) **P25/V0620/LDP - 23 Lawrence Avenue Shrivenham Swindon SN6 8FZ.** Loft conversion with dormer window. Granted.
- vi) **P25/V0710/HH – 5 Forrest Close.** Single storey side extension. Granted.

c) Initial review of Neighbourhood Plan

This was discussed at previous Planning Committee meetings. This will be dealt with after response to the Joint Local Plan Consultation.

Neighbourhood Plan will be impacted by the Joint Local Plan Consultation – Clerk to find out deadline and process.

7. AOB, agenda items for next meeting: none.

8. Date of next meeting: TBC

Meeting ended: 10:26

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