

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th December 2017 at
7:30pm at the South Marston Village Hall**

Council Members present	
Mr C McEwen (CM) – Chair Mr D Roberts (DR) Mr K Millard (KM)	Mrs S Brown (SB) – Vice Chair Mr S Young (SY) Mr T Leathart (TL)
Clerk & Responsible Officer:	Mrs C Penny (Clerk)
Members of the public present:	Mrs A Featherstone

Acronyms used in these minutes:

SBC – Swindon Borough Council, PC – Parish Council, NP – Neighbourhood Plan, NPC – Neighbourhood Planning Committee, SMRA – South Marston Recreation Association, OPWG – Open Spaces Working Group, SM website – www.SouthMarston.org.uk,

Minutes:

Agenda item & minute number	Summary	Action	Supporting information
Open 10 minutes 133/17	No questions	None	None
Apologies 134/17	Mr B Thunder (BT)	None	None
Declarations of interest 135/17	Members are reminded that any conflict of interest should be declared at the start of the meeting or item or, if not previously foreseeable, during any discussion of the matter concerned. None reported	None	See South Marston website
To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 21 st November 2017 136/17	Proposed: DR Seconded: TL Agreed: All	None	See South Marston website
Review of actions 137/17	Review of actions currently outstanding. Hotel demolition: Clerk confirmed that a response has been received today from SBC. Response states that SBC attempted to resolve issues but have limited powers to do so. PC discussion about the need for conditions to be added to planning permissions to prevent a repeat. SB to raise with SBC.	Existing actions updated on the action sheet. SB to action	Actions
Review of Parish Council Calendar 138/17	The PC reviewed progress: Finance meeting: Clerk to arrange for late April, beginning of May	Clerk to arrange	Calendar
Clerks Report	Clerks report discussed:		Report

139/17	Cable installation: PC discussed that opportunity has passed to take advantage of ducting as work has now begun at the edge of the village. Clerk to clarify whether pavement or road and which side of the road and will try to get full re-instatement of footpaths and re-surfacing of full width as compensation for village inconvenience	Clerk to clarify details	
Correspondence Report 140/17	Correspondence report discussed Communication consultation: PC discussion. PC decline to attend due to workload but clerk to respond with comments that communication standards are mixed.	Clerk to respond	Report
Planning applications 141/17	To discuss planning applications: S/HOU/17/1883 – ‘Erection of single storey front and rear extensions at 1 Church Farm Lane Deadline date: 11th December (Extension given to 20.12.17) Application was previously approved in March 2014 but expired. PC have no adverse comment S/HOU/17/1916 – ‘Erection of a two-storey side/rear extension at 5 Fuller Gardens, South Marston’ Deadline date: 14th December 2017 (Extension given to 20.12.17) No objection S/HOU/17/1985 – ‘Erection of a single storey rear extension porch to front elevation, and first floor extension above existing garage at 13 Manor Park, South Marston Deadline date: 4th January 2017 No objection	Clerk to respond Clerk to respond Clerk to respond	SBC planning website
To review and approve the recommended response to Local Plan consultation 142/17	PC discussed submission. TL proposed PC accept with addition of comment and cycleway SY seconded. All accepted. CM & SB submit to SBC	CM & SB submit to SBC	None
To review and approve the recommended response to Transport Requirements for Development consultation 143/17	PC discussion on content. PC approved CM & SY to respond to SBC.	CM & SY to respond to SBC	None
To approve and sign the updated Memorandum of	PC discussion about services being paid for on behalf of SMRA. SB propose that we continue to pay for those services to		None

<p>Understanding between SMPC & SMRA (including funding of additional services) 144/17</p>	<p>relieve SMRA having to find more volunteers. DR second. All approved Updated MOU reviewed and approved. Clerk to pass copies to SMRA for signature.</p>	<p>Clerk to pass copies to SMRA for signature</p>	
<p>Reports from Working Groups 145/17</p>	<p>Communications Working Group: Verbal report from SB. Work continuing on January edition of Community News. Working Group due to meet after New Year</p> <p>Open Spaces Working Group: WWT: SB raised that WWT have been in touch with regards future of green space within the NEV. SB to arrange meeting and report back. Action will remain with Strategic Planning Working Group but will keep Open Spaces aware of developments Footbridge work: Now in progress. Clerk in contact with site manager.</p> <p>Allotments Working Group: Noted</p>	<p>None</p> <p>SB to arrange meeting.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>Report</p> <p>Report</p>
<p>Reports relating to expansion 146/17</p>	<p>Strategic Planning Working Group: Noted</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Report</p>
<p>Other reports 147/17</p>	<p>SMRA: Verbal report from SB. SMRA thanks SMPC for attendance at meeting. Discussed issues with roof, seeking new members to join management committee. SMRA will charge the PC the village rate from January.</p> <p>Swindon Area Committee: No report. PC discussion on items on the agenda at the SAC meeting.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Report</p>
<p>Finance 148/17</p>	<p>Approved and signed by SY, KM & SB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance statement • Payments <p>To approve and sign the contracts for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • grass cutting 2018-19 • grass cutting in the Orchard Meadow 2018-19 • hedge cutting 2018-19 • waste management 2018-19 <p>Contracts reviewed and approved by the PC. Signed by CM.</p> <p>To review the draft budget and precept recommendation for 2018-19: PC discussed and approved.</p> <p>To approve the cancellation of uncashed cheque 0106 (2016/17) PC approved. Clerk to remove from uncashed cheques and stop at bank.</p>	<p>Clerk to remove from uncashed cheques and stop at bank.</p>	<p>Finance statement</p>
<p>Matters brought forward by or with</p>	<p>Clerk stated that a letter has been received about an appeal to application S/17/0975</p>	<p>Clerk to respond</p>	

the consent of the Chair 149/17	to convert the car wash at the Servis station on the A420 into a Greggs bakery. PC discussion about the application and reasons for refusal. Clerk to reiterate original PC comments and add note about observations on traffic impact and delays.		
Meeting closure:	9:00pm		

Actions:

ACTIONS					
PC Meeting & minute no	Area	Action	Progress update	Owner	Deadline
May 17 23/17	Transfer of Services	Clerk to look at War memorial refurbishment.	Passed to OSWG under Village Garden work.	Clerk	Completed
Jun 17 41/17	Recreation Ground grant	Clerk to work with SB & SMRA to action	In progress	Clerk	16/1/18
Jun 17 42/17	Business cards	Communications Working Group to order business cards.	In progress	CWG	16/1/18
Jun 17 42/17	Signage	Communications Working Group to finalise signage.	In progress	CWG	16/1/18
Sep 17 86/17	Waste bin contract	Clerk to action when required		Clerk	31/3/18
Sep 17 87/17	Transport	Strategic Planning Working Group to contact Transport Team for meeting		Strategic Planning Working Group	Completed
Sep 17 90/17	Asset register	BT to give list of Open Spaces equipment to Clerk.		BT	16/1/18
Sep 17 91/17	Risk assessment	Clerk to document procedures	Will not have time to complete currently. To be reviewed at Annual meeting.	Clerk	Completed
Sep 17 92/17	General Data Protection Regulations	Clerk to action		Clerk	Completed
Oct 17 104/17	Electronic storage	Clerk to action storage increase	Awaiting response from account manager	Clerk	16/1/18
Oct 17 104/17	Annual calendar	Clerk to update calendar process		Clerk	Completed
Oct 17 105/17	Covingham Flood Group	OSWG to action.	In progress	OSWG	16/1/18
Oct 17 113/17	Transfer of services	CM to chase deed	Deed received and returned	Clerk	Completed
Nov 17 119/17	Hotel demolition email	Clerk to chase SBC		Clerk	Completed
Nov 17 122/17	Cable installation	Clerk to email SBC Liaison		Clerk	Completed
Nov 17 123/17	Otters	Clerk to forward		Clerk	Completed
Nov 17 125/17	Standing orders	Clerk to update		Clerk	Completed
Nov 17 126/17	Transport Requirements	SY to circulate notes		SY	Completed

	for Development consultation				
Nov 17 126/17	Transport Requirements for Development consultation	Clerk to add to December agenda		Clerk	Completed
Nov 17 127/17	Tree survey	Clerk to instruct tree surgeons		Clerk	Completed
Nov 17 127/17	Tree survey	Clerk to notify SMRA		Clerk	Completed
Nov 17 127/17	Community Payback	OSWG to draft agreement	In progress	Clerk	16/1/18
Nov 17 127/17	Allotment contracts	AWG to update contracts	In progress	AWG	16/1/18
Nov 17 127/17	Allotment software	AWG to purchase.	In progress	AWG	16/1/18
Nov 17 128/17	HHT summary	Clerk to add to website		Clerk	Completed
Nov 17 130/17	Tenders	Clerk to action		Clerk	Completed
Nov 17 130/17	Tenders	Clerk to draft contracts		Clerk	Completed
Nov 17 130/17	Tenders	Clerk to add to agenda for December		Clerk	Completed
Actions added at this meeting:					
Dec 17 137/17	Hotel – planning conditions	SB to speak to SBC about burning planning conditions		SB	16/1/18
Dec 17 138/17	Finance meeting	Clerk to arrange for late April, beginning of May		Clerk	16/1/18
Dec 17 139/17	Cable installation	Clerk to clarify details		Clerk	16/1/18
Dec 17 140/17	SBC communications	Clerk to respond		Clerk	16/1/18
Dec 17 142/17	Local Plan consultation	CM & SB submit to SBC		CM & SB	20/12/17
Dec 17 143/17	Transport Requirements for Development consultation	CM & SY to respond to SBC		CM & SY	31/12/17
Dec 17 144/17	SMRA MOU	Clerk to pass copies to SMRA for signature.		Clerk	16/1/18
Dec 17 145/17	WWT & NEV	SB to arrange meeting		SB	16/1/18
Dec 17 147/17	S/HOU/17/1883 1 Church Farm Lane	Clerk to respond		Clerk	20/12/17
Dec 17 147/17	S/HOU/17/1916 5 Fuller Gardens	Clerk to respond		Clerk	20/12/17
Dec 17 147/17	S/HOU/17/1985 13 Manor Park	Clerk to respond		Clerk	20/12/17

Dec 17 148/17	Uncashed cheque	Clerk to remove from uncashed cheques and stop at bank.		Clerk	16/1/18
Dec 17 149/17	S/17/0975 – Servis	Clerk to respond		Clerk	1/1/18/17

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Calendar actions:

NOVEMBER

Main tasks:	Supplier contracts; Issue Community News	
Area:	Actions:	Progress made
Budget	Hold meeting of Finance Working Group to review quarter reports and assess budget requirements	Done
Supplier contracts	Review supplier contracts and seek replacement if required	Done
Community News	Issue November edition	Done
Items for this month's agenda:	Finance items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss and approve contractor services from tender/procurement/renewal process 	

DECEMBER

Main tasks:	Set precept amount and budget; Draft and approve supplier contracts; Produce Community News	
Area:	Actions:	Progress made
Budget	Hold meeting of Finance Working Group to review quarter reports and set budget and precept	Done
Budget	Set date for January Finance working group	Will be done if needed
Precept	Review and propose precept amount	At this meeting
Supplier contracts	Clerk to draft contracts to new contractor services	Done
Supplier contracts	Clerk to circulate draft contracts to all parties for approval	Done
Community News	Produce January edition of Community News	In progress
Items for this month's agenda:	Finance items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of supplier contracts Review and approve budget and precept recommendations 	

JANUARY

Main tasks:	Allotment new year tasks; Confirm precept amount to SBC; 3 rd quarter report; Supplier contracts; Issue Community News	
Area:	Actions:	Progress made
Allotments	Send Honda payment for allotment rent	In contact with Honda
Allotments	Send New Year email/letter to tenants	
Audit	Confirm appointment and date for internal auditor	Timings confirmed
Budget	Produce 3rd quarter budget report	

Budget	Hold meeting of Finance Working Group to review 3 rd quarter report and assess potential changes to budget	January meeting not needed. Clerk to arrange for late April, beginning of May
Community News	Issue January edition of Community News	In progress
Grants report	Update grants report	
Precept	Notify SBC of precept amount	
Supplier contracts	Issue contracts to suppliers	In progress
Items for this month's agenda:	Finance items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and approve precept amount and paperwork • Review and approve 3rd quarter budget report and financial statement • Review and sign new supplier contracts 	

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Clerks Report

Report details	
Report Date:	15 th December 2017
Report written by:	Claire Penny, Clerk
Working Group meeting date:	N/A
Inclusion in PC meeting:	<i>December 2017</i>
Agenda item number:	<i>7</i>
Public or confidential:	<i>Public</i>
Overview	
<p>Work has been steady this month with the main focus being on open spaces – finalising contract details and the new Working Group arrangements. Work has also continued on clearing outstanding lower priority tasks to enter the new year with a clearer to do list.</p>	
Item	Progress/activity update
Workload management	Email volume has been reduced and manageable allowing me time to tackle outstanding lower priority tasks.
Training	Work is continuing on my CiLCA and I hope to have completed by the end of January.
Cable installation	<p>Recent communication from the agents shows that they will be excavating across Supermarine Road and Stirling Road on the following weekends: 6th – 7th January 2018 and 23th -14th January 2018. Both roads will still be open although they will have a lane closure in place. This has been posted on the village website and will be included in Community News in January.</p> <p>I have also raised queries with the agent about the future uses (if any) of the ducting, dates for arriving in the village and the possible options for resurfacing the pavements once work is complete.</p>
Christmas opening	The Parish Council office will close on Friday 22 nd December and will reopen on Tuesday 2 nd January.
Actions or queries for consideration by the Council at PC meeting	
None	

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Correspondence Report

Report details

Report Date:	15 th December 2017
Inclusion in PC meeting: Agenda item number:	December 8

Item number	From	Date	Reference	Contents summary
1	School	11 th December 2017	Admissions	School and pre-school admissions policy

Image/Text

Dear Clare

Please find attached our 2019-20 admissions policy for consultation. Could you publicise this on your website, etc please? Any feedback should be emailed to me at admin@southmarstonprimary.co.uk

Many thanks

Clerks note: This has been publicised on the village website.

Item number	From	Date	Reference	Contents summary
2	Communications, SBC	5 th December 2017	Invitation	Invitation to feedback on SBC communications

Image/Text

Dear Clerk/ Chairperson,

The Swindon Borough Council communications team has undergone a number of changes over the past year.

A year into this journey we have decided to invite the Local Government Association in to deliver a 'health check' for our comms team. The purpose of this is for the LGA to give objective feedback on how the team is performing within the wider Council so that we can make further improvements to the way we operate. The LGA team will be coming in for 2 days on the 8/9 January and will be hosting a number of interviews and focus groups with people from across the Council, local media and communities.

The LGA have requested to speak to the parish councils in Swindon borough so we would like to invite you to be a part of the peer review and give your feedback on communications from SBC. Your position as leaders in your local communities puts you in a great place to give us and the LGA insight into how the Council interacts with residents and your opinions will be highly valued. We would be happy for either a councillor or the clerk to attend the meeting on behalf of your parish council.

We have created an eventbrite invitation so if you can send someone to take part please sign up using the link below. Could you please limit your number of representatives to one from each council so that as many councils as possible have a chance to take part. There are a limited number of spaces so it will be first come first served.

The session will be 5pm for 1 hour on the 8 January at the Civic Offices.

[Web address given](#)

Can you please forward this invite on to your councillors and if you can encourage attendance it would be greatly appreciated.

	Thank you			
Item number	From	Date	Reference	Contents summary
3	Vicki Yull, SBC	13 th November 2017	Standards	Invitation to comment on SBC codes and protocols
Image/text	<p>Dear colleagues,</p> <p>The Standards Committee regularly reviews the Borough Council's Codes and Protocols to ensure that these remain appropriate and up to date. As part of its adopted review process, the Committee agreed at its meeting on 6th November 2017 that the Parish and Town Councils within Swindon be consulted on the documents.</p> <p>In accordance with the Committee's resolution, it would therefore be appreciated if your Council could consider the attached Codes and Protocols please, and let me have any comments or suggested amendments. I do appreciate that not all of the Codes and Protocols will be directly relevant to your Council, but any views on how the Codes and Protocols might be improved will be considered. Comments would also be appreciated on how the promotion of the Codes and Protocols might best be progressed, and on any training that might be helpful for yourself, councillors, or any other interested parties.</p> <p>The Standards Committee is scheduled to consider the review of the Codes and Protocols at its next meeting on 15th January 2018. It would be helpful if I could please have your comments by Tuesday 2nd January 2018 in order that these can be included in the agenda papers for the meeting. Thank you in anticipation of your assistance on this matter.</p> <p>Kind regards <i>Clerk note: Copies of all documents can be forwarded on request</i></p>			

General correspondence received:

Title	Produced by	Key points to note
School admissions policy	South Marston Primary School	Copies of the revised admission policy for the school and pre-school are open for comment. They have been posted on the village website.

All general correspondence is stored electronically for Councillors to view on the internal Parish Council google drive in the PC Meeting Folders, in the folder for that year's meetings.

Newsletters received:

Title	Produced by	Key points to note
Members Bulletin	SBC	23.11.17 – None 30.11.17 – None 7.12.17 – None 14.12.17 – None
Newsletter	WALC	November 2017 – none

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Open Spaces Working Group report:

Report details	
Report Date:	14 th December 2017
Report written by:	Claire Penny & Barry Thunder
Working Group meeting date:	1 st December 2017
Inclusion in Parish Council meeting:	<i>December 2017</i>
Agenda item number:	13
Public or confidential:	<i>Public</i>
Overview	
Planning for 2018 and summary of December tasks. We welcome Anne Featherstone, Chris Brook and Claire Penny into the newly established Working Group.	
Item	Progress/activity update
Working Group	The expanded working group met formally and appointed Chris Brooks as Chair and Anne Featherstone as Vice Chair. The group have reviewed and understood the terms of reference and made good progress on planning future activities. They also reviewed the budget planning submitted to the Finance Working Group and feel confident that the Parish Council are in a position to meet their open spaces commitments.
Oak Tree Corner	On Working Group agenda for 2018
St Julians Community Woodland and The Orchard	The meeting with WWT took place on November 28 th . The PC proposal to continue with general maintenance (with the exception of high level and fallen tree maintenance) and to include in that the grass cutting was discussed and agreed by all. WWT agreed to put together a draft MOU that will detail the management structure, who is responsible for what and importantly what SMPC is able to do without reference to WWT. It was agreed to review this arrangement annually in October.
Parish Council tree report	A contractor has been engaged and the scope of the report extended to include trees on the recreation ground in light of the nearby village centre development. Clerk is co-ordinating and will present report to Working Group for recommendations to PC once ready.
Sevor Solar Farm	Trying to establish contact with the PR replacement- No change to date
Oxleaze Woods	Following the completion of the MOU for St Julians contact will be made with SBC to complete a similar document for Oxleaze Wood
Parish Policy for Open Spaces	The newly established working group will expand on the existing draft and hopes to present this to the PC before the end of the current financial year.
Volunteers	There are no volunteer days planned until February
Rights of Way	No news on the footbridge construction that was due to commence in November. Anne Featherstone will

	report to the Working Group on the December ROW meeting with SBC and other parishes.
Community Payback Teams	Work for the groups will include regular grass cutting at Oxleaze and St Julian woods and the Village Garden. A revised MOU will be in place for the new financial year.
Village Garden	Initial research work has begun on a project to revitalise the village garden, with the focus on creating a space for villagers to relax and enjoy. Currently the project aims to be completed in time for the village fete and will use the Community payback teams for labour. We will be speaking to relevant local groups about ideas and will put something in the next edition of Community News.
Actions or queries for consideration by the Council at PC meeting	
The PC to note changes to the group and increased usage of Community Payback teams.	

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Allotments Working Group report:

Report details	
Report Date:	14 th December 2017
Report written by:	Claire Penny & Barry Thunder
Working Group meeting date:	N/A
Inclusion in Parish Council meeting:	<i>December 2017</i>
Agenda item number:	13
Public or confidential:	<i>Public</i>
Overview	
Item	Progress/activity update
Plans for 2018	Focus. Plans for 2018 are under-way to update our record and accounting system and preparation for self maintenance on site.
Secure tool storage	The secure tool store is nearly completed thanks to two volunteers utilising old garage doors donated by Swindon Door Services.
Lawn mower	Plans for the purchase of a second hand ride on mower are moving forward
Plots	All vacant plots let under the newly approved £50 deposit tenancy contract.
Leaves	The new "leaves" compound is being well utilised by residents. The waiting list has been cleared
Software	The new accounting software should be in place during January and will be ready for the April invoicing run.
Actions or queries for consideration by the Council at PC meeting	
There are no approvals required from this meeting.	

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Expansion report:

Report details	
Report Date:	16 th December 2017

Report written by:	Colin McEwen
Working Group meeting date:	N/A
Inclusion in Parish Council meeting: Agenda item number: Public or confidential:	<i>December 2017</i> <i>14</i> <i>Public</i>
Overview	
Following the grant of Outline Permission on the major HHT development application, the more detailed work on the s.106c etc. is gathering pace.	
Item	Progress/activity update
SBC liaison	Updating meeting planned for Monday 18th Dec. Supplementary written or verbal report to follow.
School	CM attended a meeting of all parties that established that Academy Trust DBAT will commission SBC to expand the school. Further work now taking place to establish the appropriate legal framework and footprint based on previous scheme and desire to best fit in the expanded village plans.
HHT	HHT outline permission granted subject to more conditions to be worked through than normal. In particular the s. 106 schedule has yet to be finalised. Meeting with HHT planned for the New Year
Village Centre	SBC NEV team have drafted a brief for a design consultant. Evolving Hotel site and school plans will influence this.
Revision to Local Plan	Draft response accompanies this report
Junction upgrades	A flyer from the local Labour Party and petition opposed to the "closure of Ermine Street" have been brought to our attention. We have advised that any such proposal would be part of the much-needed upgrade to the White Hart junction and would be subject to further public consultation.
NEV	The Lotmead appeal decision is awaited. The Great Stall East outline proposal has been submitted.
Actions or queries for consideration by the Council at PC meeting	
Approval of Local Plan submission. Continued liaison with SBC and developers.	

Note on the NEV – SMPC SPWG Meeting 18.12.2017

Present: SBC: Sam Howell; Catherine Blow; Martin Trehwella; Ed Snook; Rob Rossiter. SMPC: Colin McEwen

1. Responsibility for Early Years care provision and how this will be delivered. Particularly, its proposed relationship with the Village Hall and s.106 funding. *NEV: One half will be within the expanded school. One half to be within the new Village Hall complex, the design for which should be sufficiently flexible to accommodate this use. This will be part of the Design Brief for the consultant. PC expresses reservations about multi-use function being practical for the range of age groups.*

2. Road access into and through the Hotel site in relation to:
 - i. Access from the development parcels to the south. Is vehicular access across the bridleway using s.237 procedure possible or the best answer? How can we ensure a strong cycle/pedestrian link?

NEV: Vehicular access S/N through the site is not a practical possibility. Not required in the permission. Very likely to be opposed by developer. Pedestrian/cycle access would be part of village centre design brief.

- ii. Access onto the central “waist” road/cycleway network in accordance with the NP. Is this best achieved by upgrading the bridleway?
NEV: No such access is currently planned. Access onto OVL only. Link onto “waist” road would increase car traffic in centre of village
PC: This is contrary to NP. Better route for hotel site residents is via “waist road”, possibly via upgrade to bridleway.
NEV: Will consider

3. Clarify SUDs provision at the west of the hotel site. Will water exit a balancing pond onto HHT land and thence through a culverted drain under the bridleway?

NEV: Share PC concern and have asked developer for plans.

4. Village Centre design. MT’s recent concept drawing. If agreed in principle, then can the draft design brief be usefully simplified? PC consultation process to be considered.

NEV: Brief should be left as is. Initial meeting with PC will provide consultant with background information from public consultations and wider setting

5. School update

Positive meeting on the 5th inst. Clarified that DBAT will commission SBC.

6. PC/HHT meeting? Andy Birch says that all HHT members would attend. AB to ring SH.

NEV: Agree HHT meeting date should take place if possible. SH to liaise with AB

7. We are preparing our input into the Local Plan revision. Does the NEV team have any views on:

- i. Reserving land for a Parkway railway station in the area where the track is level with the ground

NEV: Feasibility report prepared for previous HHT application. Not possible within Swindon boundary, but a longer term possibility.

- ii. Providing a link road from Acorn Bridge to Common Head roughly along the line currently reserved for the canal, possibly financed by further residential development.

NEV: “Priority” route within NEV being considered. John Seddon looking at options.

- iii. We may be floating the idea of a high tech. development park to link Swindon’s cheap land with Oxford university’s increasing emphasis on commercialising innovations. Would there be land for this?

NEV: Within current thinking. Do not dispute that warehousing is of lesser value.

- iv. How much of a barrier is the County border?

Cross border development is favoured by national government. Part of the Borough’s expansion to the west is on Wiltshire land. Oxfordshire are less willing.

8. A recent Labour Party leaflet pushed for the Green Bridge to be open to all traffic and backed a campaign for Ermine Street to retain its link onto the White Hart junction. It made no mention of the proposed junction improvements. How far developed are these ideas?

NEV have seen the petition. There are no plans for permanent closure of Ermine Street. The junction will need to be modified as part of the upgrade to the White Hart. The current closure of the bridge is temporary and not related to any longer term plans.

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SMRA report:

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